

## **WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**

### **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 started at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall in the Village of Walnut, IL.

President Rosenthal directed the Clerk to call roll and the following Trustees answered present: Bryan Arteberry, Brian Stull, Lee Johnston, Brian Smith and Melissa Dye. John Middleton was absent.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from February 6, 2024. With none made, a motion made by Arteberry and second by Johnston to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$11,915.76. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

The first thing President Rosenthal had to present was the Fair Housing Proclamation. It's something we do every year. The Fair Housing Proclamation is promoting the fact that our community is an advocate of the right to own real estate without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of any resident of any community. A motion made by Stull and second by Smith to adopt the Fair Housing Proclamation. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Second thing President Rosenthal had to present was a Resolution for renewal of the Municipal Aggregation Contract. The Resolution presented is so we can remain in the electrical municipal aggregation program. This is something that keeps us in a co-op with other municipalities that increases our buying power to get lower municipal electric rates. This is the program for the electric rates that the Village of Walnut uses at our facilities. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the renewal for the Municipal Aggregation Contract. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

The third thing to present is a Resolution regarding our business development grant. The Resolution is Commitment of Local Funds. The amount that we are committing is \$74,600.00 in conjunction with the USDA Rural Business Development Grant for an estimated total of \$173,600.00. This is regarding Phase 3 for the remainder of the street lights. The way this would be funded is over two fiscal years. Spt. Minks asked what all the phases are. Johnston stated Phase 1 and 2 are sidewalk and street lighting for around Liberty Square. It is sidewalk and street lighting from the Café going North. Phase 4 would be for sidewalks that we didn't get to in phase 3 because of the cost of things. A motion made by Smith and second by Arteberry to approve the Resolution for Support and Commitment of Local Funds for Phase 3. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Spt. Minks wanted to remind everyone about Cemetery Clean-Up starting March 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please have everything removed by March 18<sup>th</sup>. People can replace the decorations starting March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Finance Committee – The committee set a time of 6:00 pm for the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that NCICG is looking for our top two projects. Matt Hansen gave NCICG The Forty project and the Safe Route to School project. An application has been submitted for the Safe Route to School for a grant. That grant has not been awarded yet. Spt. Minks is meeting with Pavement Maintenance next Tuesday to go over the streets that we want chipped and sealed. We do have McDonald Trucking quotes in hand. By March 5<sup>th</sup> we should have everything together for the finance meeting. Johnston met with a contractor about the sidewalk on Heaton St. by The Shed. He is going to get a few more bids together for that.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Stull stated that Chief Cox sent out his budget so if anyone has any questions let him know.

Cemetery – Smith met with Spt. Minks at the Cemetery. They have a family wanting to donate some trees for out there.

Local Improvements – Nothing at this time.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Dye second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,  
Village Clerk