

**WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 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, John Middleton, Lee Johnston and Brian Smith. Melissa Dye was absent.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from March 5, 2024. With none made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Smith to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$6,684.75. A motion made by Stull and second by Smith to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Finance Committee – The committee just had a meeting with the Water and Sewer Committee.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston gave an update on the projects for 2024. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of our Street Light and Sidewalk projects the bids go out in April. The pre-construction meeting is May 1. Construction won't start until after the Fourth of July. The start date is July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Johnston stated McDonald's is going to tear up two portions of Walnut Street. The first portion is starting at Main Street going east 350ft and the second portion is starting at Peru Street going west 425 ft. This will be dug up and repaved. They're also going on Meltzer Street just east of Court Street. They are going to grind it up the road and lay it back down. On Don Marquis Dr. from Centennial Cr. south of Valley View we have an issue going on where the curb is washed out underneath. So they're going to cut roughly 4ft chunk of that. After that is done, the lowest bidder will put down chip and seal on Valley View, Centennial Cr., Don Marquis Dr., Fourth St., Fifth St., Brewer Cr., Jackson St. to Wallis and to Depot St. intersection and also a section on Meltzer St.

We also have the sidewalk on Heaton Street next to the Shed. We are waiting on the Shed for their pad and walls.

Water & Sewer – Stull stated that they just had a committee meeting. The appropriations are looking good for them. Stull said our funds are up. He is hopeful that we won't have to increase the water/sewer bills for this year. The rates will have to be increased over time but we have more funds than we have had. Smith would like to wait on making this decision firm until after we get Wolf's numbers back for the whole budget for the year.

Smith received a good packet from the USDA in Princeton. They do have grants and low interest loans for when we do start on the Forty Project to help the homeowners with their part of the expense.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Nothing at this time.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

At 7:13pm a motion made by Middleton and second by Stull to go into closed session for 5 ILCS (c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:34 pm a motion made by Stull and second by Smith to go back into open session. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion made by Stull and second by Middleton to approve the wages and salaries as discussed in closed session. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Arteberry second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,  
Village Clerk