

## **WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**

### **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 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: John Middleton, Lee Johnston and Melissa Dye. Bryan Arteberry, Brian Smith and Brian Stull were absent. With only three trustees being present, President Rosenthal made the quorum.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from November 5, 2024. With no corrections made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Dye to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, Rosenthal and Middleton voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$2,721.37. A motion was made by Middleton and second by Johnston to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, Rosenthal and Dye voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal stated that a representative from Conxxus reached out to the Village and gave us pricing on our internet service and phone. President Rosenthal handed out a packet of papers that included what our current Mediacom plan is and what Conxxus has to offer. There are some of our accounts that we could switch to save some money. President Rosenthal spoke with Spt. Minks about the sewer plant service. Spt. Minks stated that they don't need a phone line out there. President Rosenthal stated that we could save almost \$130.00 a month just by switching the sewer plant. Middleton asked if this was based on promotional pricing. President Rosenthal referred to a sheet in the packet, stating the installation fees go down in price when you sign up for a longer contract. Middleton asked if the \$130 savings is only good for the first 12 months. Treasurer Wolf and President Rosenthal said it was going to be a savings with a 4-year contract. Treasurer Wolf is going to check to see if there would be a cancellation fee with Mediacom if we decided to cancel our service with them.

Treasurer Wolf handed out the Tax Levy for review. A motion made by Dye and second by Johnston to approve the recommended Tax Levy. On roll call vote, Rosenthal and Middleton voted in favor and the motion carried.

Finance Committee – Middleton reviewed their committee meeting that they just had. They discussed 2025 Appropriations vs. the actual and they are planning for the remaining months. They also discussed grant programs.

Streets & Alleys – Nothing at this time.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks met with Matt Hansen last Tuesday to discuss the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Matt stated that they should still have 100% loan forgiveness next year. Spt. Minks stated that some of the timelines may get extended for as far as when the replacement needs to be done by. The start date for this project isn't until April 15, 2027. So, we don't have to do anything until then. President Rosenthal mentioned that Matt Hansen stated that when the time comes to start the planning process the cost to the Village would be about \$10,000 which is basically for the proposal, applications and EPA documents. Matt Hansen quoted \$10,000 but the Village may want to budget for \$20,000 to be on the safe side.

Garbage – The contract is coming up for renewal so the committee will need to set a meeting up soon.

Law & Order – A committee meeting will need to be set up soon.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Johnston stated that the power should have been hooked up with our solar array at the sewer plant. Johnston said they still need to do a few tests on them.

Johnston also stated that they had discussion with Matt Hansen during the Finance meeting about Phase 1 and Phase 2 bids that they received. They are still in the process of going through them. They

have a few questions about the cost of the projects, timing of the projects and the funding of the projects. They will have more information for the next meeting.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

With no other business to come before the board, Dye made a motion to adjourn, Johnston second the motion and on roll call vote, Rosenthal and Middleton voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,  
Village Clerk