

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 3rd day of December 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: Brian Stull, Lee Johnston and Brian Smith. Bryan Arteberry, John Middleton and Melissa Dye 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 19, 2024. With no corrections made, a motion made by Smith and second by Stull to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, Rosenthal and Johnston voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$34,443.78. A motion was made by Stull and second by Johnston to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, Rosenthal and Smith voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal discussed a follow up from the last meeting about the Conxxus internet quotes. Treasurer Wolf did some more research on the quotes. Treasurer Wolf stated that we are currently in a contract with Mediacom. The Village Office is under contract until April 7, 2025. The Public Works Building ends at the end of this year. The pump house and sewer plant do not have contracts. Conxxus offers their best rates and waive all installation cost with a four-year commitment. All the pricing includes a four-year contract. It usually takes around eight weeks to bring fiber up to a building. Conxxus stated that they could get the fiber drop done early and postpone the installation until April for the Village Office. The billing does not start until the installation is complete. The quote for the Village Office and Police Office was for three phone lines and internet bringing it to \$243.00 a month. As of right now we pay \$288.00. This isn't as big of a savings as we thought it would be. The sewer plant's Mediacom bill is \$288.61 a month and we could get that for \$103.00 with Conxxus. The public works building was quoted at \$163.00 a month and we are paying \$161.00 right now. Spt. Minks is also waiting to get some prices back on a cellular alarm dialer for the water plant. We currently pay \$299.00 for the year, and we are paying \$51 a month for the phone line. President Rosenthal asked if Treasurer Wolf would call Mediacom first to see if she can get the price lowered on the sewer plant before we do any switching.

President Rosenthal stated that our next board meeting is on December 17th and that is the night of Bureau Valley's Christmas programs. He asked the board if this meeting could be moved to Monday, December 16th. A motion was made by Smith and second by Johnston to move the next board meeting to Monday, December 16th. On roll call vote, Rosenthal and Stull voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal discussed the Police Department. He stated that he swore in Officer Roush as our interim Police Chief on Friday, November 22, 2024.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – President Rosenthal discussed snow removal from the sidewalks on Main Street. In the past we had someone clear the sidewalks for us. This person is no longer going to do it. According to our ordinance it is the business owner's responsibility to clear the snow in front of their building. Smith asked if the business owners will get a letter notifying them of this change. President Rosenthal stated that we will get a letter sent out to the business owners. Smith asked what was going to happen with the empty buildings. Spt. Minks stated that we get into contact with the owners to let them know of this change.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – The contract is coming due in April 2025

Law & Order – A committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

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, Smith second the motion and on roll call vote, Rosenthal and Johnston voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk