

## **WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**

### **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 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 4, 2025. With no corrections made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Dye to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$2,681.78. A motion was 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.

Present for visitors and public comment were Joe and Carol Dietz, Derek Humphry from Midwest Disposal and Eric Farrell who is a resident.

First to speak were Joe and Carol Dietz. They wanted to follow up on the plans for repairs on Industrial Drive. Johnston stated that he reached out and asked about much the depth of base and blacktop was needed for that road. With the heavy equipment on that road we would need 15 inches of base and 5 inches of asphalt. After figuring the width and depth of the road it will cost \$105,000.00 to construct that road. There is still no guarantee that there wouldn't be problems in the spring. Johnston stated that we would not want to shut you guys down from hauling in and out of there but it could cause damage, so then what would the repairs be like. The consensus is to keep it gravel. This year we are going to be strapped with Phase 1 project starting. That is due by August 15<sup>th</sup> and we will have to pull funds from the Streets and Alleys. Carol stated that since last fall it has been well maintained and pleased with how it has been. She hopes that the maintenance can be kept up with it. President Rosenthal stated that yes that is our goal to keep that as smooth as we can. Besides the weather creating potholes and the size of your equipment. We want to keep all parties happy with the solution. We have to be fiscally responsible with all the tax payer money and you guys in business as well. Carl asked if it would get done the next fiscal year? President Rosenthal stated that it will be on their radar every fiscal year to see what possibilities there are.

Eric Farrell was present and asking "due to the chicken and egg crisis, what can be done to change the ordinance to allow chickens in town?" President Rosenthal stated that we would need to go through the Ordinance process which is, Community outreach to get us to change it, reviewing the Ordinance already in place, voting on whether we want to change it or not, and getting it to the attorney. It can be a process, but it is always something we can revisit.

Under Police Department, President Rosenthal stated that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> all Police Departments are required to have body cameras. President Rosenthal showed the board quotes that Officer Roush had received. President Rosenthal stated that there are still funds in the Police Department and recommends ordering the cameras now and getting the Officers up and going. A motion made by Johnston and second by Arteberry to approve the purchase of the body cameras and software. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk Miller gave an update on the water program, stating that there have still been issues with the program. Stull asked if we heard anything back from them yet. Clerk Miller stated that she has finally heard back from the company, but that was after President Rosenthal called. President Rosenthal stated that he has the attorney involved if something needs to happen. Clerk Miller stated that she has contacted other Villages about their water programs. Unfortunately those towns have gWorks as well and are having the same issues. Some of the towns are in the process of switching to a different program. Clerk Miller has already been in contact with other water program companies and has some demos set up.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that he met with contractors and endgineers on Valentines Day to go over everything. They are waiting for the weather to break to get started. Johnston set a committee meeting up for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – The owner from Midwest Disposal was present to discuss his proposal. Derek Humphrey stated that he has been in business for about 4 years now and is based out of Dixon. They service Tampico, Milledgeville, Polo, Franklin Grove and they start July 1<sup>st</sup> in Rock Falls. Stull asked what they do with the recycling. Humphrey stated that they take it back to their facility where it goes into a compactor then gets sent off to Scott County Recycling in Davenport, IA. Spt. Minks asked about trucks breaking down, are there back ups. Humphrey stated yes, they have a back up if needed.

Law & Order – Stull explained that Bureau County stated that we have to start with E-Tickets which County stated that they would pay half of the cost and that it would be approximately \$1,000 for the printers and paper. This would communicate with Bue Comm and the Bureau County Clerks Office.

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, Dye second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,  
Village Clerk