

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 4th day of March 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, John Middleton, Lee Johnston, Brian Smith and Melissa Dye.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. With no corrections 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 \$27,947.84. A motion was made by Smith and second by Stull 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 Mathew Wells from AM Disposal, Jim Pozzi from Republic Services and Derek Humphry from Midwest Disposal.

Mathew Wells from AM Disposal reviewed his proposal with the board. The pricing includes, brand new 95-gallon totes for both garbage and recycling, three roll off dumpsters for the 4th of July, the decorative cans downtown will be picked up also and all city buildings will be provide with a dumpster. The starting price is \$12.98 with a 3% increase for each year after that. Stull asked were they are based out of? Wells stated they are from Sterling. Smtih asked how many trucks they have. Wells stated they have four trucks right now. Spt. Minks asked what other towns they are servicing. Wells stated they service Harmon and HOAs. They are a newer company going on three years right now. Dye stated that she asked about the bulk item and that \$12.98 would go up \$0.25 to \$13.23. Dye stated that the other contracts included the bulk item. Middleton asked if it was for a multi-year contract. Wells stated that it was for seven years, but he is flexible on however many years the Village would like to do. President Rosenthal stated that we are looking for a five-year contract. We did have a seven-year contract prior but it seemed to be a little too long. Treasurer Wolf asked what the process is if someone's garbage or a street gets missed. Wells stated that the Village Office would have his direct number, and he would have a driver out within hours of the call if not sooner. Middleton asked where he takes his recycling to. Wells stated there is a facility over in Rock Falls off of Rock Falls Road, from there it gets put into a compactor and hauled to Scott County. Spt. Minks asked if pick-up days would still be Friday. Wells replied that it would stay on Fridays. President Rosenthal ask Wells what his process would be for getting the residents a new tote. Wells stated that the totes would come in a week prior and they would be delivered here in town so he will need to find a lot or a farmer that they can rent some field from for a week or so and it would take around a day to get them all delivered to the residents. The residents would have a tote before service would start. President Rosenthal asked if there were options for a smaller tote for the senior citizens who prefer the smaller ones. Wells stated that it wouldn't be a problem to get those. Arteberry asked about the scheduling for the 4th of July weekend. President Rosenthal explained that our Celebration will fall on Friday and Saturday. With the holiday on the 4th falling on a Friday typically garbage pick up would be moved to Saturday however Saturday is our extremely busy day in town. Would there be an issue with moving that pick up date to a different day. Wells said no that would not be an issue. He said they could do it a day prior or even do it on Sunday which ever day works best for the Village. Middleton asked how the contract reads as far as if were not satisfied with the services and we needed to do an early cancellation. Wells stated that shouldn't be an issue. Wells said he would have to make it work with the amount of money the company is putting up for the totes. Smith asked how many customers they have and Wells stated that he has around 4,000. A motion made by Middleton and second by Stull to table the vote until next meeting. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next to discuss is the purchasing of a new water billing program. Clerk Miller stated that she had 3 demos over the past few weeks. Out of all 3 demos the last one was our favorite. The name of the

program is called Current Software. They can get us up and running within 2 weeks. President Rosenthal stated the reason for a new water program is because gWorks is a terrible program. The girls can't get the financial reports they need. Some of the bills were wrong and there has been no support from customer service. The girls have been working on the gWorks program for 1 month and it's been horrible. We need to switch to a different company. Clerk Miller reviewed the Current Software proposal. It's \$6,500 a year and the one-time implementation fee is \$3,500. That includes an online portal for the residents to log into and view, pay their bill and they can see their usage. The other company, called Locis does not offer that. For Locis we would have to have a card reader for credit cards and that is not linked up directly to the program. The first program that we did a demo with cost \$18,000 for the start up and \$6,600 yearly and that would take 3 months to be up and running. Locis cost \$7,700 for the start up and \$1,941.00 yearly. A motion made by Stull and second by Johnston to approve the purchase of a new water program called Current Software. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal discussed the E-Printer for the Police Dept. The cost for the E-Printer is \$1,015 for both printers. We will buy 1 printer and the County will buy the other printer and we will split the paper with 3 other towns. A motion made by Stull and second by Arteberry to approve the purchase of the E-Printers for the Police Dept. On Roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal wanted to inform the board that we have been getting some resumes in for the Police Chief position.

Finance Committee – Scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00pm.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that he had a meeting prior to our regular board meeting to discuss budget items.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks stated the sidewalk project will get started as soon as the weather breaks. We have to get the fire hydrant moved and do all the water main repairs. Spt. Minks has estimated that project to cost around \$30,000.00 for the next fiscal year. That's with labor, valve insertion and material. Unfortunately, this really needs to be done before this fiscal year is over. It probably won't get started within the next 2 weeks but it's something that we need to figure out.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Stull said the body cameras are here. He had one to show the board members.

Cemetery – Cemetery clean up is coming up.

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 8:10 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk