

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 15th day of April 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:, Brian Stull, John Middleton, Lee Johnston and Brian Smith Melissa Dye and Bryan Arteberry were absent.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from April 1, 2025. With no corrections made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Stull to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$22,154.75. A motion was made by Stull and second by Johnston to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal thanked Johnston for his time and hard work over the last four years. Johnston thanked everyone. He stated that it's been a learning experience for him, and it's been a joy to work with everyone.

Rosenthal gave a garbage update. He stated that their pick up on Friday, April 18th with be their last pick up for recycling. Republic will be picking up the recycling cart after it has been dumped. On Friday, April 25th Republic will pick up garbage and pick up carts after they have been dumped as well. If there is a resident that was gone or was missed or didn't put their cans out, Republic will come back through and pick up those carts. For as far as the carts from AM Disposal, they are looking at the delivery to the residents early next week. Continue to use the Republic cans through the 25th and then start using the AM Disposal carts on the 26th.

President Rosenthal has contacted seven candidates for the Police Chief position. The candidates are all interested and willing to relocate and understand that it's a working position.

Spt. Minks is hoping to have the Main Street project done by Thursday or Friday.

Finance Committee – Had a meeting with Water & Sewer. They finished up the appropriations and that was sent out by email for review.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that he had discussed using Motor Fuel Tax for Phase 2 or Phase 3 of our Streetlight and Sidewalk Project. We can if it's an IDOT approved construction job. Matt Hansen took Phase 2 to IDOT for approval. We will also find out the beginning of June if we get a 71% loan forgiveness on the water main project in the Forty.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Smith reviewed a packet that was handed out regarding the solar cost and the rate fluctuations would be.

At 7:20 pm a motion made by Middleton and second by Stull to go into Closed Session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (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 7:26 pm a motion made by Middleton and second by Johnston go back into Open Session. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion made by Middleton and second by Stull to approve the employee wages for FY 25-26 that were discussed in closed session. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion made by Stull and second by Johnston to approve the Appropriations for FY 25-26. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Johnston second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk