

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 20th day of May 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, Brian Smith and Melissa Dye. John Middleton was 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 May 6, 2025. With no corrections made, a motion made by Smith 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 \$12,283.37. A motion was made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal gave an update on Main Street Phase 1. Spt. Minks and President Rosenthal have been in contact with Willett Hofmann and Stenstrom on Phase 1. Stenstrom was going to start pouring curb and gutters this week, but the weather has called them off. So, when the rain stops, they will be getting that done. Following the curb and gutters they will pour the sidewalks. We have been assured that the surface work will be completed by the Fourth of July. The light poles will be shipped on June 20th. If the light poles get here, they will try and install them that week to 10 days before the Fourth. President Rosenthal said our biggest concern is that the surface work is completed. It would be great if the poles were set where we could see them even if they aren't working.

Next, President Rosenthal discussed the IDOT 2024 Local Funding Grant. There is an opportunity to apply for the local funding grant from IDOT. This will include most road projects and surface projects. The funding is 100% covered. Willett Hofmann suggests that we submit the engineering design portion for streets and sidewalks for the Forty Project. Kevin Lindeman suggested that we move it towards the second half of the Safe Routes to School from Walnut Street to the school. President Rosenthal is going to see if we can submit two submissions for 2024 grant money.

President Rosenthal stated that he received a call this afternoon from Senator Arellano and congratulated Walnut for being chosen for the ITEP Grant for the \$371,000 to finish the second half of the Safe Routes to School. President Rosenthal doesn't have a time frame as to when things will get done.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Nothing at this time.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Dye stated that they should make a decision at the next meeting about the garbage prices for the residents. If we move it to \$8.00 that will still give us a cushion so we wouldn't have to borrow any funds to cover garbage. We should also probably discuss increasing the water/sewer rates at that time as well.

Law & Order – The Committee had four interviews set up and only three showed up. One of the candidates just accepted another job. So, we are down to two people for the second round of interviews. A Committee meeting has been set for May 21, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Cemetery – Smith stated that there have been some trees taken down.

Local Improvements – We are starting to have a savings on our electric bill for the sewer plant. Smith sent an email to Dan Maloney about the fencing.

At 7:21 pm a motion made by Stull and second by Dye 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 7:38 pm a motion made by Stull and second by Dye go back into Open Session. 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, Dye second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk