

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES Tuesday, October 7, 2025

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 7th day of October 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 Brian Smith, Melissa Dye, David Miller and Dean Hulsing.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from September 16, 2025. With no corrections being made, a motion made by Stull and second by Miller to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$31,735.75. 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 discussed the Trick or Treat hours for this year. President Rosenthal's recommendation is to leave it on Halloween which falls on Friday Oct. 31st and to keep the same hours from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. A motion made by Smith and second by Stull to set Trick or Treating hours for Halloween on Friday, October 31st from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next, President Rosenthal discussed moving the October 21st board meeting. He will not be able to make it to that meeting. The first option is to move the meeting to Wednesday, October 22nd or the second option is to appoint a chairman to run the meeting. A motion made by Stull and second by Miller to move the Tuesday, October 21st meeting to Wednesday October 22nd at 7:00pm. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

The next thing on the agenda is a Resolution approving and authorizing financial commitment in the Safe Routes to School Grant Program. Steve Cherry who is the director of the district for IDOT suggested that we apply for the Safe Routes to School Grant again for the ITEP portion. The ITEP portion is from Heaton Street to Walnut Street. Kevin Lindeman has prepared all the pieces for that puzzle. This Resolution would basically help him put the puzzle together.

Senator Erillano called President Rosenthal and stated that the Village of Walnut was approved for an IDOT local funding award for \$117,256 for the multi-use path. So, Kevin Lindeman asked more questions since we are awarded this funding, do we need to go ahead and apply for the Safe Routes to School for this portion? Geoff Smith then ran some numbers to determine the difference and the new difference for the construction only, between the updated ITEP estimate and the local project funding received, is now \$62,900. So, what we can do is continue to go after more funding to try to get this to be \$0 cost on the Village or we can agree to pay somewhere in an estimated amount of \$62,000-\$63,000 for the entire project with the rest being funded by different grants. Stull and Dye both said to apply for another grant, it can't hurt to ask. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing financial commitment in the Safe Routes to School Grant program. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Nothing at this time.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks stated that we have a new company from Polo that will be hauling our sludge.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Spt. Minks stated that they had to fix a few things on the cemetery garage because it was broken into. We will have to do something with the cemetery maps.

Local Improvements – Nothing at this time.

Old Business – Hulsing asked the status on the Police Officer position. President Rosenthal stated the current certified officers that put in an application have not returned his phone calls. 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 7:33 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk