

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 18th day of November 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 November 4, 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 \$27,839.19. A motion was made by Smith 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 86 galvanized lines requiring replacement and the Engineering Proposal from Willett Hofman. The total engineering fee is \$164,000. This will be reimbursed through the IEPA. It is a 100% loan forgiveness for this. A motion made by Middleton and second by Hulsing to approve the Project Engineering Proposal for 86 Galvanized Water Service Lines. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda was to discuss storage containers in Residential Zoning. President Rosenthal and the attorney, Rob LeSage, have talked about this. To be specific, the storage containers are railroad cars or industrial metal containers. Rob is working on an ordinance for us. Rob explained the procedure for doing this because it is a text amendment. It must go through the Village Board first then to the Planning Commission and a public hearing and then back to the Village Board. Rob said that we can deny any permit for those containers right now with our current ordinance, but he is going to make it clearer for everyone to understand.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Spt. Minks stated that he read an article in the newspaper regarding the School Board meeting minutes. By the sound of the article, they want to expand the Bureau Valley School in Manlius. Spt. Minks' concern is that if they keep moving more and more of the Walnut students over to Manlius, are we going to have a school left here in Walnut? What is going to happen with our Safe Routes to School project? Smith read the article as well but could not answer Spt. Minks' questions.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Middleton said he contacted the Park District and asked if they had a place to store the Main Street benches over the winter. The park District said they could be stored under the shelter at the top of the hill by the pool. Middleton was hoping to find a place with more coverage and a little less open to the public. He stated that there are kids that like to go sledding on that hill during the wintertime. There was also a concern about getting the planters off the sidewalks too. Middleton said he talked to the Chamber and the group that does that. They're going to make sure they get them out of the way before we get snow.

Middleton said Matt Hansen got back to him about the speakers for the light poles. Middleton stated that he got that information to the group that was looking to maybe do the speakers. It was a little more money than what they had expected. So now they are looking at different options.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

President Rosenthal wanted to send his condolences to the family of Dennis Grobe. Dennis served over 17 years in different capacities with the Village and it's always a somber moment when you lose somebody of that caliber in a community like this. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Mary Jo, Jacob, Matthew and their families.

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 7:23 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk