

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, November 4, 2025

At 7:00 p.m. Trustee Brian Stull opened the meeting for the IEPA Public Hearing. Matt Hansen was present to speak about it. The following information is what was discussed.

VILLAGE OF WALNUT, ILLINOIS
GRR WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT
IEPA PROJECT NO. IL177745

IEPA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM
PROJECT SUMMARY AND
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS DETERMINATION

PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 4, 2025
7:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to satisfy a public participation requirement for eligibility in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Public Water Supply Revolving Fund (WPCRF) Loan Program for a Water Main Improvement project.

Documents available on the Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) project that are available for public inspection are:

- Project Plan Report
- IEPA Project Summary and Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination document dated October 2, 2025.

The IEPA has reviewed the Project Plan Report and has determined the project to be technically sound and cost effective. The IEPA will approve the Project Plan at the close of the public comment period unless new information is received from public comments that would cause the IEPA to reconsider.

PROJECT NEED

- The Illinois Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act require all lead water services to be replaced and all galvanized water services that are downstream of a lead pipe or leaded pipe joints must also be treated as a lead water service and be replaced.
- Public water supplies must start replacing all lead and galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) water services on April 15, 2027.
- The replacement of lead and GRR water services will eliminate the possibility of lead leaching

back into the drinking water and exposing customers to elevated levels of lead which can cause health issues.

- Replaces old water service lines that could be near the end of its useful life and leaking.
- Continue to provide safe drinking water for all residents.

PROJECT SCOPE AND LOCATION

- Replace (86) GRR water service lines.
- See attached map for the GRR water service locations.
- The new water service will include the following:

New Corporation Stop

New Curb Stop

New Curb Box

New HDPE or Copper Water Service.

Core drill through basement wall for new water service.

Replace water service line 18 inches inside the home or building.

Disconnect water service from existing corporations stop and install abandonment sleeve over existing corporation stop.

Remove existing curb box.

Surface restoration.

PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

Item	Project Costs
Construction	\$1,217,000
Contingency	\$ 121,000
Engineering Design	\$ 55,000
Engineering Construction	\$ 99,000
Total Cost	\$1,492,000

PROJECT FINANCING

The FY 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement was 100% principal forgiveness up to a maximum amount of \$2,465,000 for qualifying communities.

The PEID details the lead service line replacement financing, assuming no principal forgiveness based on the loan terms below.

Interest Rate: 0%

Loan Term: 30 Years

Annual Payment: \$49,733

Interest Rate: 0%

Loan Term: 40 Years

Annual Payment: \$37,300

COST IMPACT TO USERS

There will be no cost impact to the users if the Village obtain 100% principal forgiveness.

The cost impact to users if there is no principal forgiveness is as follows:

30 Year Loan: \$6.88/User/Month Increase

40 Year Loan: \$5.16/User/Month Increase

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Endangered Species and Wetlands

- IDNR determined that the project was in compliance with Illinois Endangered Species Act, Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, and the Illinois Wetlands Act.
- IDNR has concluded that adverse effects are unlikely.

IDNR State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

- SHPO reviewed the project for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- SHPO determined that no historic structures or properties would be affected by the project.

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

- USACE has determined that the proposed water service construction will not require a permit.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Start Construction: February 2027

Complete Construction: July 2027

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Village will receive public comments concerning this project for a period of 10 days after the public hearing. Public comments can be made orally during the public hearing or in writing to Mr. Ryan Rosenthal, Village President, Village of Walnut, P.O. Box 604, Walnut, Illinois 61376 or to Ellen Jordal, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Water, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

The meeting with the Board of Trustees held on the 4th day of November started as soon as the IEPA Public Hearing was over at the Village Hall in the Village of Walnut.

President Rosenthal was absent and appointed Trustee Brian Stull to run the meeting. Trustee Stull 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.

Trustee Stull asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from October 22, 2025. With no corrections being made, a motion made by Dye 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 \$26,082.08. A motion was made by Middleton and second by Hulsing to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion

carried.

Nicole Dopler was present for public comment. Dopler wanted to introduce herself and let everyone know that she is running for Illinois State Representative.

Spt. Minks discussed storage containers in residential zoning. It's been discussed in the past regarding the business district. Spt. Minks wants to get an ordinance in place for these storage containers.

Treasurer Wolf presented the Tax Levy. After the Trustees reviewed it, a motion was made by Middleton and second by Dye to approve the Tax Levy. 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 – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – The Cemetery building has been repaired. Spt. Minks is going to make a case for the paper maps to go into.

Local Improvements – Smith had a resident ask about doing another public questionnaire for the Village like we did a few years ago. Smith and Hulsing are going to go to the NCICG meeting on Nov. 13th. Spt. Minks asked Middleton what was going to be done with the benches that are on the sidewalks during the winter. Middleton is going to look into getting a place to store them. Middleton also mentioned that there is an organization that would like to donate money to put towards some speakers for on the light poles.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

With no other business to come before the board, Dye made a motion to adjourn, Miller second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk