

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 12th day of August 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 and Melissa Dye.

At this time President Rosenthal swore in David Miller as the new Trustee.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from July 22, 2025. With no corrections being made, a motion made by Smith and second by Middleton to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$16,704.26. A motion was made by Dye and second by Stull to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal stated that we have a couple of Ordinance to review and vote on.

The first Ordinance is establishing Village charge for the cutting of weeds pursuant to section 12-83 of the Walnut Village code. Spt. Minks and President Rosenthal had a conversation with the attorney regarding some of the charges for weeds, especially ones that are not paying or not keeping up with their overgrown weeds. The fees are \$200.00 for the first hour and \$100.00 for every hour after that. Once we get over a certain dollar amount then we can possibly put a lien on the properties to get our money back for mowing. We will need to send the letter that the attorney wrote up by regular mail and certified, so we have a paper trail. Middleton asked how many properties are needed to mow. Spt. Minks stated that we have one property right now and the letter was sent out to the property owner on the Village's letterhead. The attorney also said that if it gets to be an extreme problem property and she isn't paying, he will send a letter on his letterhead from him on our behalf. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the Ordinance Establishing Village Charge for the Cutting of Weeds Pursuant to Section 12-83 of the Walnut Village Code. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

The second Ordinance is Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property 128 S. Main Street. This is the open lot on Main Street. On July 24th President Rosenthal emailed the attorney and Matt Cole. Matt has been doing most of the correspondence with this property. We finally got the Ordinance and now we have a contract from the County Tax Agent to sign. President Rosenthal said there is good news. Given that some of the delay in acquiring this purchase, this property was attributed to WMPJ fault. WMPJ will cover the expense needed to pay the purchase price. Alternatively, the village can pay the county directly and we can credit the amount off future bills. So WMPJ will cover \$822.00. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property at 128 S. Main Street. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal presented the Purchase Contract for 128 S. Main Street. A motion made by Middleton and second by Dye to approve the Purchase Contract for 128 S. Main Street. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Spt. Minks wanted to let the Board know that he received a letter from a resident that was not happy about a Tall Grass Letter that they received from the Village.

Treasurer Wolf had the Treasurers Report emailed out to the Trustees for review. She stated that there is nothing to vote on. Smith asked Treasurer Wolf if she had any concerns with anything and she stated that she did not have any concerns.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Stull reviewed the Committee meeting that they just had. They discussed the possibility of hiring another full-time person and plans for retirement for Spt. Minks. The plan is to start looking for a full-time person in the springtime. They would like to advertise the job opening starting in February.

Spt. Minks stated that there was a water leak on Main Street that they need to repair correctly before winter.

Spt. Minks also stated that they will have to patch where they had to fix both cul de sacs on Pleasant Ct. and Fairview Ct. So, he will be needing hot mix this year.

Water & Sewer – After a heavy rain we had a storm drain blockage at the intersection of Pleasant Ct. and Red Oak Road. They jetted it and found that the tile leaving the manhole was collapsed. That was done on Thursday and then they had to babysit a trash pump and generator until Tuesday when they were able to excavate and repair the tile.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – President Rosenthal stated that we still haven't received any more applicants for the Chief's position. He said he is going to log back into Indeed and possibly sponsor the ad with hopes that more people will see it.

Cemetery – The hydrant did get fixed.

Local Improvements – Smith stated that we are starting to see a savings with the solar panels. There will not be a fence installed around the solar panels. They are going to do camera system.

Smith also stated that this is the 20th year for our food pantry.

Old Business – The streetlights are with Helm, but they are missing one accessory, the outlets. The outlets are being sent from the manufacture. Helm will install the outlets.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Miller second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk