

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 2, 2025

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 2nd day of September 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 and David Miller.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from August 19, 2025. With no corrections being made, a motion made by Dye 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 \$12,407.14. 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 presented an Ordinance implanting a municipal grocery retailers' occupation tax and a municipal grocery service occupation tax for the Village of Walnut. On January 1st, 2026, the statewide grocery sales tax of 1% will expire. That is only locally imposed grocery tax sales. The Illinois Municipal League along with the Village Attorney, Rob LeSage, advises that we adopt our own local tax to keep the 1% in effect to assist with our budget. The public will not see the 1% increase. The Village is not raising taxes, we are just staying status quo so that we can continue to have that money in our appropriations and our budget. A motion made by Smith and second by Miller to approve the 1% Tax Ordinance that will replace the state tax that Walnut has been receiving in the past. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda is the sidewalk & streetlight replacement pay request No. 2. This in the amount of \$17,170.36. This is part of what we owe Stenstrums. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the Sidewalk & Streetlight Replacement Pay for Request No. 2. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal informed the board that Dr. Dean Hulsing is interested in the open Trustee position. President Rosenthal asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. A motion made by Smith and second by Dye to approve Dr. Dean Hulsing for a Village Trustee. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal stated that he spoke with Chief Roush. Chief Roush has been working on some abandoned vehicles in town. He has drafted a letter and sent them out. He has sent 10 letters total over the past few weeks. Two of those cases have been resolved and hopefully working on a little bit more.

The Police Chief position has been posted on Indeed again. So hopefully we will start getting some candidates.

Spt. Minks received a quote from McDonald Asphalt to repair three places that we have done some excavation. One was the water main break on Main Street. One was the sewer repair on Pleasant Ct. and the third was tile replacement and a water main break on Fairview Ct. The one at Fairview Ct. is probably the most expensive one because Spt. Minks and Bill measured back to where they found decent blacktop in that entrance. They went about 60 feet back from Red Oak Rd. The total for those three repairs is \$11,490.20. Spt. Minks would like to get them areas fixed before winter. Spt. Minks also talked to Harry about the area on Red Oak Rd. in front of Jacobs' house. Harry is also going to work on the walls at the entrance of Fairview Ct. Spt. Minks doesn't have a price yet from Harry for how much the walls are going to cost. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the blacktop patch quote from McDonald Asphalt in the amount of \$11,490.20. 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 – Garbage will be on Saturday, September 6th due to the holiday.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Smith wanted to thank Louis and Anna Petros and the Café after many years of being here. Smith wishes them a good retirement and thank you for all that they have done.

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 7:32 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk