

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 17th day of February 2026 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 and Dean Hulsing.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from February 2, 2026. 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 \$4,175.95. A motion was made by Smith 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 presented an agreement from NCICG for Application, Administration and Coordination Services for a State of Illinois Bond Fund Project. This is for the DCEO State of Illinois bond fund for infrastructure, for sidewalk improvements for the downtown rebuild projects. This is a lump sum of \$3,000.00. A motion made by Middleton and second by Dye to approve the agreement for Application, Administration and Coordination Services for a State of Illinois Bond Fund Project with NCICG for \$3,000.00. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Matt Hansen was present to go over the bids from the bid opening earlier that day. Matt stated that there were three bidders. The bidders were Ruiz Construction, O'Brien Civil Works Inc. and Stenstrom. The lowest bidder was Ruiz Construction from Ottawa. Their bid was \$214,379.00. They were \$898.50 above what was budgeted for. O'Brien Civil Works from Mt. Morris bid was \$252,176.00 which was \$38,695.50 above the budget and Stenstrom's bid came in at \$296,615.35 which was \$83,134.85 above budget. Matt did some research on Ruiz Construction, and they have been in business since 1984, and they are primarily concrete contractors. Matt also talked to an engineer that he knows in the Peru area about Ruiz, and they said that Ruiz is a good contractor and reputable. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve Ruiz Construction for Phase 2 of the Streetlights and Sidewalk Project for the cost of \$214,379.00. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

President Rosenthal stated that the Police Chief position has been reposted on Indeed. He is going to call a potential candidate.

Finance Committee – Middleton reviewed the Committee meeting that was just held on Feb. 17, 2026.

Another Finance Committee meeting was set for March 3rd at 6:00pm. Another was set for March 17th at 6:00pm and closed session for the regular meeting on March 17th.

Streets & Alleys – Nothing at this time.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks set a committee meeting up for March 2nd at 6:30pm.

Garbage – Dye spoke with Clerk Miller and Treasurer Wolf about garbage rates for FY 26-27. The rates will need to be increased by \$0.25.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Middleton stated that we should get a thank you letter sent to the person who donated the benches and garbage cans that are on Main Street.

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 7:33 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk

