

**WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 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, David Miller and Dean Hulsing.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from February 17, 2026. With no corrections being made, a motion made by Middleton 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 \$27,417.79. 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.

There were visitors with public comments at the board meeting. First was John Van Landuit. He has concerns with his neighbor's property and all the junk laying around the yard. He asked if anything could be done with it. President Rosenthal stated that the neighbor stopped in the office yesterday and told the girls that he is working on it. He is attempting to clean up the property.

The second guest was Jill Macklin. She wanted to discuss the new radio read water meters. She wants to know the opt out option. She does not want one to be put in her house. President Rosenthal stated that he has had multiple conversations with the attorney regarding this. The meter is property of the Village. According to our ordinance, we have all meters placed in service for any premise using the water supply will be provided and owned by the village, which retains the right to inspect, repair, and replace them upon reasonable notice to the owner of the premise. President Rosenthal stated currently there is no opt out option. This is a new program that we are going through to replace all of the meters. The radio read meters are an updated technology that's not only going to help the staff here, but also the residents. Macklin appreciated the information but she stated that she has seen information where the lithium battery can cause fires. She went on to state that the Wi-Fi in general can disrupt your sleep. It can cause cancer. It can do multiple things to the health of a person and the home. President Rosenthal stated a smart meter at one foot is 8.08 microwatts per square centimeter, a microwave oven is 10 and a cell phone is 30 to 10,000. President Rosenthal stated that the meter is RF, it's radio frequencies, it's not Wi-Fi. Macklin still doesn't agree with the forced compliance.

The third guest was Nicole Dopler and she is running for state representative. She wanted to come re-introduce herself. She has been at a previous village board meeting.

**Reports and Communications:**

President Rosenthal presented the farm lease for Thacker. Thacker farms the old dump property. If there are any changes, they must be made four months prior to the end of the lease year. So, for this lease any changes that need to be made must be done by October 31<sup>st</sup>. The same goes for the Clary farm lease. Clary farms the cemetery property. A motion made by Smith and second by Hulsing to approve the farm lease agreement for Thacker. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried. A motion made by Smith and second by Hulsing to approve the farm lease agreement for Clary. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Spt. Minks wanted to remind everyone of the cemetery clean-up. The clean-up dates are March 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Everything is to be removed before March 23<sup>rd</sup> or it will be disposed of. People can re-decorate on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Next, Spt. Minks presented a CMS (Central Management Services) certificate of authority to purchase road salt. A motion made by Stull and second by Miller to approve the certificate of authority by bylaws by vote to purchase road salt. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Finance Committee – Middleton reviewed the Committee meeting that was just held on March 3, 2026.

Another Finance Committee meeting was set for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Streets & Alleys – Spt. Minks gave the Finance Committee some quotes. President Rosenthal stated the letter in front of everybody is just a letter of support for applying for some congressional funding for the surfaces.

Water & Sewer – Stull reviewed the Committee meeting that was held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:30pm. The discussed the EPA inspection and water usage.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Nothing at this time.

At 7:40 pm a motion made by Stull and second by Hulsing to go into Closed Session for 5 ILCS (c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:16 pm a motion made by Middleton and second by Stull to go back into Open Session. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

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 8:16 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,  
Village Clerk