

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT &
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE HELD IN THE
JEFFREY S. BRAIMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT VILLAGE HALL, 50 RAUPP BOULEVARD,
BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS, MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following present: President Smith; Trustees Johnson, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Stein, Bocek, and Weidenfeld.

Also present were: Dane Bragg, Village Manager; Patrick Brankin, Village Attorney; Chris Stilling, Deputy Village Manager; Mike Skibbe, Deputy Village Manager/Director of Public Works; Tyler Grace, Assistant Village Manager – Administrative Services; Chris Black, Finance Director; Katie Golbach, Director of Human Resources; Molly Gillespie, Communications Director; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Jim Warnstedt, Deputy Public Works Director; Kyle Johnson, Deputy Public Works Director/Village Engineer; Bryan Beitzel, Maintenance Superintendent; Police Chief Budds; and Fire Chief Kane.

The **Committee of the Whole Meeting** consisted of staff reports and Board discussion on the listed topics, with staff answering questions from the Board on each topic.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith announced that our former Village Attorney, **William Raysa**, died recently, and he recalled the exceptional expertise that Mr. Raysa provided to Buffalo Grove during his tenure, which saw Buffalo Grove nearly quadruple in size. The Village Clerk also commented on what a privilege it was to work with Mr. Raysa for 40 years. The Board and the entire community send condolences to Bill's family.

President Smith remembered the one-year anniversary of 10/07/24 Hamas terrorist attack on **Israel** and noted that we are all tasked to pray for peace in the Middle East. President Smith cited a vigil being held in Skokie tonight honoring the victims of that attack which was attended by his wife.

President Smith read a Proclamation recognizing November 7, 2024, as the **District 214 32nd Senior Celebration Day**.

FIRE BUDDY FOOD TRUCK

Firefighter Jake Senese provided an update on the Project Fire Buddies Food Truck event that was held this past July. This event engages our residents and builds our sense of community. FF Senese thanked Chief Kane and Deputy Chief Collins for their support.

PUBLIC WORKS REACCREDITATION PRESENTATION

Larry Hummel, Director of Region V of the American Public Works Association, presented the successful reaccreditation of our Public Works Department for 2024-2028. Buffalo Grove Public Works has been accredited since 2004 and is one of only 11 public works agencies so honored in the State of Illinois, reflecting our Public Works team's professionalism and commitment to continuous improvement and the pride they take in their ability to meet the needs of our residents promptly and effectively.

Mr. Skibbe expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Warnstedt and Mr. Johnson and every member of the Public Works Department for their dedication and hard work.

PRELIMINARY 2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Black reviewed the preliminary 2024 Property Tax Levy, details of which are contained in his memo to Mr. Bragg dated October 7, 2024, and after which he answered questions from the Board.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT PREVIEW

Using an extensive PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Woods reviewed a preview of the Comprehensive Plan Draft, details of which are contained in her memo to Mr. Bragg of October 7, 2024. Ms. Woods highlighted the process used to get to this point and what the vision is for the future, after which she answered questions from the Board.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

President Smith reviewed the parameters to be followed by speakers and asked if there were any questions from the audience on items not on tonight's agenda; there were no such questions.

ADJOURNMENT

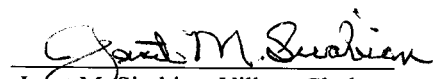
Moved by Ottenheimer, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 6 – Johnson, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Stein, Bocek, Weidenfeld

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.


Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 21st DAY OF October 2024


Village President

