

**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 MAY 6, 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: Chris Stilling, Acting Village Manager; Patrick Brankin, Village Attorney; Mike Skibbe, Deputy Village Manager/Director of Public Works; Chris Black, Finance Director; Katie Golbach, Director of Human Resources; Molly Gillespie, Communications Director; Timothy Kirsininkas, Communications Coordinator; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Brett Robinson, Administrative Services Director; Geoff Tollefson, Director of Golf Operations; Police Chief Budds; Fire Chief Baker; Deputy Fire Chief Kane; and Tyler Grace, Fire Department Analyst.

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.

4C STEM CLUB

President Smith recognized students who are with us from the 4C Stem Club and who had a tour of the Village prior to the meeting. President Smith reviewed the mission of the Club and thanked them for being here tonight.

Chief Budds also acknowledged the students and thanked them for their donation to the Village of Buffalo Grove, which will be put toward the Junior Police Academy hosted by the Buffalo Grove Police Department each year.

POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Budds introduced Buffalo Grove's two newest officers, **Officer Drew Stephans** and **Officer Oliver Sorisho**. Chief Budds reviewed the credentials of each of the officers as they were welcomed by the audience and the Board. Both officers noted that they are honored to be a part of the Buffalo Grove Police Department and look forward to serving the residents of Buffalo Grove.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Chief Baker reviewed the process and criteria for choosing the Firefighter of the Year, after which he introduced Shawn Collins, President of the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club to present the award.

Mr. Collins summarized the mission of Rotary and the history of the Firefighter of the Year award, after which he introduced this year's honoree, **Lieutenant Dan Pasquarella** and shared the highlights of Lieutenant Pasquarella's career.

As he was congratulated by the audience and the Board, Lieutenant Pasquarella thanked the Rotary Club, the Board, his family, and his fellow firefighters for this honor.

PROCLAMATION – ORIGINAL BAGEL & BIALY

President Smith read a Proclamation honoring Lon Gitler, owner of Original Bagel & Bialy, expressing our gratitude to Lon Gitler for his service and generosity to the Buffalo Grove community and beyond.

Debi Moritz, Chair of the Buffalo Grove Health Commission, commented on the Blood Drives that are held quarterly by the Commission, noting the vital role that blood donations play in healthcare. Ms. Moritz thanked the dedicated volunteers that staff the drives and urged residents to donate blood if they are able. Ms. Moritz then presented a plaque to Mr. Gitler in appreciation for the contributions that Original Bagel & Bialy provides for the drives.

PROCLAMATION – JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

President Smith read a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the Village of Buffalo Grove and called upon our citizens to commemorate this occasion by appropriately celebrating the contributions to our Country and Village of Buffalo Grove of the Jewish community's history, heritage, and culture. President Smith then presented the Proclamation to Jane Charney, representing the Jewish United Fund.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Trustee Ottenheimer read a Proclamation designating the week of May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in the Village of Buffalo Grove, commemorating police officers, past and present who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

President Smith read a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 5-11, 2024, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week and expressed appreciation to Clerk Janet Sirabian and Deputy Clerk Jessie Brown and all municipal clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

President Smith read a Proclamation designating the week of May 19-25, 2024, as National Public Works Week in the Village of Buffalo Grove, urging all citizens to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety and advancing quality of life for all.

BG DAYS UPDATE

Ms. Gillespie reviewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the activities and the status of the planning for the upcoming BG Days event to take place over Labor Day weekend.

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.

The students representing the **4C Stem Club** spoke about the mission of their Club and how their Club is beneficial to our community and our residents, as well as the students who are members, and thanked the Board for allowing them to participate tonight.

A resident of **Appletree Court** shared an issue that she and others are having with a neighbor which makes her feel vulnerable and unsafe. Mr. Brankin noted that this matter is pending in adjudication and that he has been in touch with the association manager and the association management company.

ADJOURNMENT

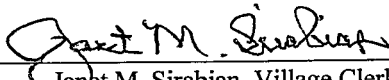
Moved by Johnson, seconded by Stein, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.



Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 20th DAY OF May 2024



Village President

