

**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 FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 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; 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; Kyle Johnson, Deputy Public Works Director/Village Engineer; Tyler Ankney, Public Works Management Analyst; Briget Schwab, Assistant Village Engineer; Police Chief Budds; Deputy Police Chief Rodriguez; 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 commented on a display at the **World's Fair** recently held at Stevenson High School and noted that Buffalo Grove prides itself on being a community where safety is paramount and ensuring that our children feel secure and free from hate or discrimination is a top priority.

President Smith recognized Amy Leibach and her daughter, Kaylee, for their fundraising efforts to provide books and puzzles to victims of natural disasters such as the California wildfires and the North Carolina flood victims. Ms. Gillespie then noted that Kaylee and Amy are now the inaugural recipients of the Village's new **Caring Community Program**, as they were thanked and congratulated by the audience and the Board. Ms. Gillespie noted that this new recognition program aims to celebrate individuals, groups, organizations and programs in Buffalo Grove that embody the community's "Smart. With Heart." brand. The initiative recognizes outstanding contributions that enhance quality of life, demonstrate leadership and reflect the values of collaboration, compassion, and innovation within Buffalo Grove and beyond. Further details may be found in the Agenda Item Summary that Ms. Gillespie prepared. Ms. Leibach thanked the Board for this honor and noted that she and Kaylee find so much comfort and pleasure in books and puzzles and believe that this is a way to bring some joy to those affected by the horrific disasters that have occurred in our country recently.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE ENGINEER

Mr. Johnson introduced Briget Schwab, our new addition to Public Works, as the **Assistant Village Engineer**. As she was welcomed by the audience and the Board, Ms. Schwab thanked the Board for the opportunity and noted that she is excited to be a part of the team working for the community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CADET PROGRAM

Chief Budds reviewed the Police Department Cadet Program, noting that the purpose of the program is to establish and foster positive relationships with the youth of our community while providing them with an

opportunity to explore career interest in law enforcement, further details of which may be found in his memo to Mr. Bragg of January 20, 2025, as well as the ensuing PowerPoint presentation.

COMMISSION FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Mr. Ankney reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding fund raising sponsorship programs for the Rick Kahen Commission for Residents with Disabilities designed to raise funds to continue to provide impactful and meaningful family events for our disabled residents.

CLOVE PARK

Ms. Woods began by providing a brief background and timeline for the Clove Park. Using an extensive PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Woods reviewed planning for Clove Park, details of which may be found in her memo to Mr. Bragg of January 30, 2025.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Ottenheimer, to move to Execution Session to discuss: **Section 2(C)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act: the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body, Including Hearing Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee of the Public Body or Against Legal Counsel for the Public Body to Determine Its Validity.** Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows on the motion:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

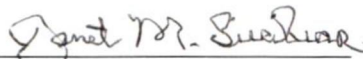
Motion declared carried.

The Board moved to Executive Session from 8:02 P.M. until 10:08 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Weidenfeld, seconded by Stein, to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion was unanimously declared carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 P.M.


Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 18th DAY OF February 2025


Village President

