

**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 5, 2025**

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**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: Chris Stilling, Acting 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; Chris Krase, Public Works 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 noted that we will be administering the Oath of Office to our new Board members, as well bidding farewell to Trustee Stein at our May 19, 2025 meeting. Trustee Weidenfeld will be unable to attend the May 19, 2025, meeting, so he wished to use this opportunity to share his thoughts and thanks to **Trustee Stein** for welcoming him when he joined the Board and for his years of service to our residents and his efforts to make Buffalo Grove the best community possible.

Trustee Johnson read a Proclamation declaring May 2025 as **Mental Health Awareness Month** in the Village of Buffalo Grove, recognizing the importance of raising awareness about mental health, supporting community efforts to improve mental well-being, and promoting access to appropriate mental health services for all residents.

President Smith read a Proclamation declaring the week of May 11-17, 2025 as **Police Week** in the Village of Buffalo Grove and called upon all citizens of Buffalo Grove and all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week by commemorating police officers who have dedicated service to their communities and have established an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

President Smith read a Proclamation declaring the month of May as **Building Safety Month** in the Village of Buffalo Grove and urged residents to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal building safety and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property.

President Smith read a Proclamation declaring the week of May 18-24, 2025 as **Public Works Week** in the Village of Buffalo Grove and encouraged our citizens to acknowledge our public works professionals who focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well being of the people of Buffalo Grove.

President Smith read a Proclamation recognizing **Jewish American Heritage Month – May 2025** in the Village of Buffalo Grove and called upon all residents to join in celebrating the remarkable history, heritage, and contributions of Jewish Americans to our city and our nation.

### **WATER AMBASSADOR AWARD**

Todd Schaeffer, Board Trustee at Large for the Illinois Waterworks Association, presented a brief overview of the Illinois Section, American Waterworks Association, as well as the water program and the efforts to elevate public perception and consumer education of the water industry.

Mr. Krase thanked the Board for their leadership and unwavering support of the infrastructure modernization plan; he thanked the Communications team and especially Mr. Kirsininkas for putting together most of the content for this award so that our residents not only know what we are doing but why we are doing it; he thanked the Public Works staff for working around the clock to make sure that every tap in town has constant and clean water going to it. Mr. Krase was then presented with the 2024 Gold Level Water Ambassador Award.

### **COMMUNITY BRANDING IMPLEMENTATION**

Ms. Gillespie reviewed a Powerpoint presentation highlighting what has been completed to date and what is planned for 2025 and beyond.

### **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 Johnson, seconded by Cesario, 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 7:30 P.M.

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Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2025

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Village President