

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE HELD IN THE JEFFREY S. BRAIMAN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 50 RAUPP BOULEVARD, BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, Richards, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek and Weidenfeld.

Also present were: Dane Bragg, Village Manager; Patrick Brankin, Village Attorney; Chris Stilling, Deputy Village Manager; Tyler Grace, Assistant Village Manager/Administrative Services; Katie Golbach, Director of Human Resources; Chris Black, Director of Finance; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Molly Gillespie, Communications Director; Fire Chief Kane; Police Chief Budds; Commander Jonathan Officer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ottenheimer, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025, Regular Meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 5 – Johnson, Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSTAIN: 1 – Ottenheimer

Motion declared carried.

WARRANT #1384

Mr. Black read Warrant #1384. Moved by Cesario, seconded by Richards, to approve Warrant #1384 in the amount of \$7,943,669.52 authorizing payment of bills listed. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith announced that the next “**President's Pick**” will feature Buffalo Grove Park District Board President Hetal Wallace and Executive Director Erika Strojinc. They will discuss future and ongoing plans for Buffalo Grove park improvements and other news from the Park District. Residents are encouraged to attend and are free to discuss any other questions or concerns they might have. The event will be at the pavilion at Mike Rylko Community Park, 951 McHenry Road, from 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Chief Budds introduced and reviewed the background, credentials, recognitions and awards for our newest **Commander Jonathan Officer** of the Buffalo Grove Police Department. Commander Officer was

congratulated by the audience and the Board as he introduced his family and stated that it is an honor to be given the opportunity to be our next Police Commander in one of the best agencies and communities there is, and he is looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of Buffalo Grove.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Richards reported on the upcoming **Blood Drive** to be held Saturday morning during Buffalo Grove Days, noting the continuing need for donations, and urged residents who are able to participate in the drive.

Trustee Johnson reported on the activities that will take place during **Buffalo Grove Days** over Labor Day weekend and urged residents to join the fun with their friends and neighbors over the weekend.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Smith explained the Consent Agenda, stating that any member of the audience or the Board could request that an item be removed for full discussion; there were no such requests. The Village Clerk read a brief synopsis of each of the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance No. 2025-89 - Parking Restrictions

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2025-89 amending Parking Restrictions to Highland Grove Drive and Fabish Drive at Tripp Elementary School.

Ordinance No. 2025-90 – Keen Independent Research LLC

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2025-90 authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Keen Independent Research LLC.

Ordinance No. 2025-91 - BP Gas Station

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2025-91 approving amendment to the Preliminary Plan with variations for a car wash addition and other improvements as well as updated signage, and other improvements at the BP Gas Station at 540 McHenry Road.

Ordinance No. 2025-92 -1380 Busch Parkway

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2025-92 approving a Special Use for an Indoor Instructional Golf Facility in the Industrial District at 1380 Busch Parkway.

Ordinance No. 2025-93 - Strathmore Square Shopping Center

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-93 approving an Amendment to the PUD to allow a Special Use, parking variation, and updates to the signage criteria at Strathmore Square Shopping Center located at 1202 - 1300 Dundee Road.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Ottenheimer, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23 – AGREEMENT

Moved by Richards, seconded by Johnson, to pass Resolution No. 2025-23 to approve a grant agreement between the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Homeland Security, and the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Mr. Grace reviewed the proposed resolution, details of which are contained in the Agenda Item Summary that he prepared, after which he answered questions from the Board.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

On behalf of several neighbors on their block, Mark Czerwinski and Mike Scher, who live in homes adjacent to the **Arboretum Golf Course**, commented on the number of golf balls that are hit on to their properties, which have caused damage to their homes and vehicles and pose potential physical harm to their families, noting that they are hesitant to grill or enjoy their yards. When the golfers are confronted, they deny the accusation. The suggestion is that some type of fund be set aside to reimburse residents for the damage caused by these incidents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Weidenfeld, seconded by Cesario, to move to Executive 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:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

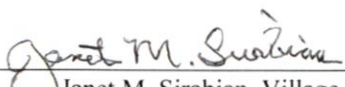
Motion declared carried.

The Board moved to Executive Session from 7:23 P.M. until 7:55 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.


Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 15th DAY OF September 2025


Village President

