

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 6, 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 and Bocek. Trustee Weidenfeld was absent.

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; Katie Golbach, Director of Human Resources; Jerilyn Alport, Administrative Assistant; Chris Black, Finance Director; Molly Gillespie, Communications Director; Tim Kirsininkas, Communications Coordinator; Briget Schwab, Village Engineer; Geoff Tollefson, Director Golf Operations; Police Chief Budds; Deputy Police Chief Anderson; Fire Chief Kane; and Caitlin Wagener, Fire Department Management 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.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith read a Proclamation declaring October 7, 2025 as **Day of Remembrance and Solidarity** with our Jewish community in recognition of the day the Jewish people were subjected to a brutal terrorist attack that resulted in the murder of over 1,200 innocent lives, the abduction of 251 hostages into Gaza, thousands of injuries and widespread trauma in Israel and around the world.

Mr. Kirsininkas reviewed the Parade Presentations and thanked everyone who participated in making the **2025 Buffalo Grove Days Parade** a huge success. President Smith recognized all of the Parade volunteers, the Grand Marshall, the emcee and the judges who ensured the success of the event. Parade Judges Jeff and Jane Berman then presented the Parade awards in six categories, as all were thanked and congratulated by the audience and the Board.

President Smith recognized the **Buffalo Grove Community Pageant Program**, and introduced Faith Becker, Director of the Pageant, and noted that he had the pleasure of attending this year's Pageant. Ms. Becker reviewed the history and purpose of the program, which gives Buffalo Grove girls an opportunity to develop their leadership and communication skills by volunteering at various events and initiatives throughout the community. Each of the girls then introduced themselves as they were congratulated by the audience and the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

Chief Kane briefly introduced the Fire Department Strategic Plan.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Wagener reviewed the Plan, highlighting the process and the results, further details of which are contained in the Agenda Item Summary that she prepared. Ms. Wagener then answered questions from the Board.

2025 PRELIMINARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Black reviewed the proposed 2025 Property Tax Levy, details of which are contained in his memo of October 6, 2025, to Mr. Bragg. Mr. Black then proceeded to answer questions from the Board.

E-MOBILITY UPDATE

Deputy Chief Anderson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding an overview of the recent proliferation of e-mobility devices that have become common in recent months. The Buffalo Grove Police Department seeks to chart a safe and sustainable path for this situation. Deputy Chief Anderson reviewed the different classifications of e-mobility devices, the Illinois laws, the goals of e-mobility devices, possible regulations, and the staff recommendations and goals if an ordinance is enacted. Lengthy Board discussion followed, with the consensus being that some form of regulation is necessary and staff will pursue this path.

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.

Valerie Dryman, who lives on Pritchett Pond, commented on the condition of the pond and her belief that the water is contaminated.

Kevin Dryman, who lives on Pritchett Pond, stated that the reason that they bought their home was because of the pond and he is asking that the Village do something to rectify the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

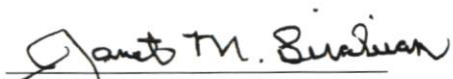
AYES: 5 – Johnson, Richards, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 1 – Weidenfeld

Motion declared carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.


Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 20th DAY OF October 2025


Village President

