

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF
BUFFALO GROVE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 50 RAUPP BOULEVARD,
BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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; Chris Stilling, Deputy Village Manager; Chris Black, Director of Finance; Katie Golbach, Human Resources Director; Tyler Grace, Assistant Village Manager – Administrative Services; Nicole Woods, Community Development Director; Kelly Purvis, Deputy Community Development Director; Chris Krase, Public Works Superintendent; Molly Gillespie, Communications Director; Timothy Kirsininkas, Communications Coordinator; Fire Chief Kane; Deputy Fire Chief Collins; Police Chief Budds; Deputy Police Chief Anderson; Police Officer Baker; and Police Officer Cholewa.

CIVICS FORUM

The Village Clerk reviewed the purpose and goal of the Civics Forum and summarized what the students have done to prepare for this meeting.

Buffalo Grove and Stevenson High Schools are represented this evening. The students were teamed up with department heads and elected officials. They were presented with proposal requests from several different departments. Each student department head presented their request before the student board, which were as follows:

- The Buffalo Grove Police Department recommends the purchase of **Apple AirPods Pro 3** for the Department to enhance multilingual communication with the public. Leveraging Apple's new Live Translation feature, officers will be able to communicate in real-time with non-English speakers, fostering trust, improving clarity during interactions, and promoting equitable access to services, further details of which are contained in the memo from Deputy Chief Anderson, and Officers Baker and Cholewa to Deputy Chief Spolar dated September 10, 2025.
- **The Buffalo Grove Fire Department requests \$2,000.00 for Life Safety Rope and Associated Hardware to allow for the purchase of 11mm rope and associated rescue hardware to meet the current safety standards as well as creating a uniform standard of rescue equipment throughout the response area to allow for safe and efficient department and team operations, further details of which may be found in the memo from Chief Kane and Deputy Chief Collins to Mr. Stilling dated September 17, 2025.**
- The Public Works Department Staff Recommends that the Village authorize the purchase the **3D Drinking Water/Wastewater & Watershed Educational Model by EnviroScape** in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, details of which may be found in the memo from Mr. Krase to Mr. Bragg dated September 17, 2025. The proposed display is a hands-on, interactive educational tool which demonstrates complex topics and systems in a manageable and interesting way. The model can be utilized for a wide range of community interactions including school visits, Public Works' annual Open House, the Green Fair, and events hosted by organizations such as the 4C STEM Club and the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team. The display is portable and is designed for repeated use, maximizing the value to the Village.

- The Community Development, Communications and Finance Departments are jointly requesting \$2,000 to purchase a **MultiTouch 75" Monitor**. Having a large touchscreen will enable staff to use this powerful tool for visual teamwork. Digital documents, presentations, and data may be displayed, explained, and changed in real-time to improve collaboration between departments, increase accuracy, and make staff time more efficient which is Smart. With Heart!

The student board discussed each of the requests and ultimately voted for the purchase of the **11mm rope and associated rescue hardware** to meet the current safety standards for the Buffalo Grove Fire Department. The Department provides special rescue operations for the portion of the State of Illinois that is generally north of the Chicago area. These special rescue services include technical rescue which includes such areas of specialization including high angle, below grade and trench collapses. All these areas of specialization include the use of life safety rope to affect a successful and efficient rescue operation. This means that the Buffalo Grove Fire Department has the capabilities to begin a rescue operation prior to receiving assistance from neighboring communities. The weak link in this process is our current life safety rope in relation to the new, revised safety standards.

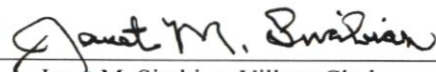
The students were then presented with Certificates from the Village and thanked by the Board and the audience for their presentation of an outstanding program.

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; there were no such requests.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Cesario, to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion was unanimously declared carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.


Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 20th DAY OF October 2025


Village President

