

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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, TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2025**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 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; Mike Skibbe, Deputy Village Manager/Director of Public Works; Tyler Grace, Assistant Village Manager/Administrative Services; Katie Golbach, Director of Human Resources; Chris Black, Director of Finance; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Briget Schwab, Village Engineer; Tom Wisniewski, Facilities Manager; Molly Gillespie, Director of Communications; Timothy Kirsininkas, Communications Coordinator; and Fire Chief Kane.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Smith noted that former **Village President Beverly Sussman** passed away over the weekend and asked for a moment of silence to remember her dedication and service to the residents of Buffalo Grove and, on behalf of the Village of Buffalo Grove, expressed sincere condolences to her friends and family.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-148 – 1100 W. LAKE COOK ROAD**

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Johnson, to pass Ordinance No. 2025-148 authorizing the Village President to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with BG 1100 LLC for the property located at 1100 W. Lake Cook Road.

Mr. Stilling reviewed the proposed ordinance, details of which are contained in his memo to Mr. Bragg dated December 5, 2025.

Trustee Weidenfeld reviewed the various reasons as to why he believes that this is not in the best interests of the residents of Buffalo Grove and why he is in opposition to the purchase of this property.

Trustee Cesario noted that the Village has investigated numerous properties, and he believes that this option is the best financial solution for our taxpayers.

Trustee Bocek noted that she has numerous financial concerns and she is not convinced that this is the right site for the Village to purchase.

Trustee Ottenheimer stated that the Board takes the proposed purchase very seriously and confirmed that the Village Board will not make any decisions that will be detrimental to our residents, but he believes that this proposal is the best option to address the issues that exist with the current Village Hall and Police Department structures.

Trustee Johnson stated that the Village has been looking at options to address the deficiencies that exist in the current buildings for over a decade and she believes this proposal is the most financially prudent option. This

proposal does not obligate the Village to buy the building. It simply allows the Village to evaluate the property to make sure it is a viable solution. The Village Board will not commit to anything that is not favorable to our taxpayers but is looking to provide safe and secure facilities at a cost that would provide the space and amenities that are necessary, at a cost significantly less than constructing new buildings.

President Smith asked if there were any further questions from the Board or anyone in the audience; there were none.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Johnson, Richards, Cesario, Ottenheimer  
NAYS: 2 – Bocek, Weidenfeld  
Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-149 – 1100 W. LAKE COOK ROAD**

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Johnson, to pass Ordinance No. 2025-149 authorizing the Village Manager to execute Contracts for Consulting Services related to the Property Acquisition at 1100 W. Lake Cook Road.

Mr. Stilling reviewed the proposed ordinance summarizing the due-diligence process, 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; there were no such questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYES: 6 – Johnson, Richards, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 P.M.

*Janet M. Sirabian*  
Janet-M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January 2026

*[Signature]*  
Village President

