

**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, JANUARY 5, 2026**

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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 Richards, Cesario, Bocek and Weidenfeld. Trustees Johnson and Ottenheimer were 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; Chris Black, Director of Finance; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Briget Schwab, Village Engineer; Chris Krase, Deputy Public Works Director; Tom Wisniewski, Facilities Manager; Molly Gillespie, Director of Communications; Fire Chief Kane; Police Chief Budds; Deputy Police Chief Anderson; and Deputy Police Chief Spolar.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025, Regular Meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

Moved by Richards, seconded by Cesario, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Special Meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

**WARRANT #1389**

Mr. Black read Warrant #1389, first explaining why this warrant is so much higher than normal. Moved by Cesario, seconded by Richards, to approve Warrant #1389 in the amount of \$13,252,835.49 authorizing payment of bills listed. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Smith wished each of our residents a very healthy and **Happy New Year** and noted that he is looking forward to great things happening in Buffalo Grove in 2026.

Buffalo Grove Rotary President Juliet Ziak, briefly reviewed the **Bill Reid Award**, noting that each year the award goes to a resident in our community that embodies the spirit of Buffalo Grove and strives every day to make it a better place to live for all of us. This year's recipient is Carolyn Lewis. Ms. Lewis is a Social Worker at Aptakisic Junior High School, an active member of the BG Singers, and serves as Secretary of the Vernon Township Mental Health Board. She was chosen for her selfless efforts to support others in her community by running after-school programs, collecting and distributing items for those displaced by the war in Ukraine, and her ongoing support of the Buffalo Grove Rotary annual Holiday Food Box program.

Ms. Lewis thanked everyone for this honor and stated that she loves living in Buffalo Grove and loves working in Buffalo Grove; she stated that being in the spotlight for something is not really her thing, but it is very appreciated

#### **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Chief Budds introduced the Buffalo Grove Police Department's newest **Sergeant Michael Carlson** and presented a brief review of Sergeant Carlson's background and accomplishments. Fire & Police Commission Chair McKee proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to Sergeant Carlson after which his wife, Stephanie, pinned on his badge as he was congratulated by the audience and the Board. Sergeant Carlson introduced his family and thanked them and his command staff and fellow officers for their support and noted that he couldn't work with a better team.

Anne Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Vernon Area Public Library District, speaking on behalf of herself and Brian Shepard, Executive Director of the Indian Trails Public Library District, presented a review of the **2026 Reading Programs** that are being offered to residents in the coming year. Ms. Rasmussen noted that the libraries serve approximately 110,000 residents within the districts as she further expanded on the services provided to our residents.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

There were no Trustee reports tonight.

#### **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.

#### **K-9 Vehicle - Police Department**

Motion to waive bids and negotiate for the purchase of a replacement K-9 vehicle for the Police Department.

#### **Ordinance No. 2026-1 - Midwest Power Industry Inc.**

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-1 authorizing a Contract with Midwest Power Industry Inc., for Generator Maintenance & as-needed repairs.

#### **Ordinance No.2026-2 - Parking Restrictions - Bernard Drive**

Motion to pass Ordinance No.2026-2 amending Parking Restrictions to Bernard Drive.

#### **Ordinance No. 2026-3 - Bordeaux Natural Area**

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-3 approving Amendment 1 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission to receive funding for Bordeaux Natural Area.

**Ordinance No. 2026-4 - Veterinary Emergency Group**

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-4 approving an Amendment to the Planned Development with variations for an updated Sign Package for Veterinary Emergency Group at 43 McHenry Road.

**Resolution No. 2026-1 - 2026 Pay Ranges**

Motion to pass Resolution No. 2026-1 approving the 2026 Pay Ranges for the Village of Buffalo Grove employees.

**Ordinance No. 2026-5 - AECOM Technical Services, Inc.**

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-5 authorizing the Village to execute a Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to update the Village's Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan.

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

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6 – CHASE PLAZA**

Moved by Richards, seconded by Cesario, to pass Ordinance No. 2026-6 approving an amendment to the Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Plan and approval of a Sign Package with variations for Chase Plaza at 1160 Lake Cook Road as detailed in materials contained in Board packets.

Ms. Woods introduced the proposed ordinance and the request of the developer, details of which are contained in the memo that she and Ms. Purvis sent to Mr. Bragg dated January 5, 2026.

Louis Schriber, Shorewood Development Group, referred to a PowerPoint presentation with a brief background of their firm as well as an overview of the project, after which he responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7 – VEHICLE PURCHASES**

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Bocek, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-7 authorizing the purchase of four (4) Police Department vehicles and two (2) Public Works Department vehicles from Currie Motors in an amount not to exceed \$307,176.00, subject to final review and approval by the Village Attorney.

Mr. Krase reviewed the proposed ordinance, details of which are contained in his memo to Mr. Bragg dated December 9, 2025, after which he answered questions from the Board.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8 – CIORBA GROUP**

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Richards, to pass Ordinance No. 2026-8 authorizing the Village Manager to execute a contract with Ciorba Group, Inc. for a price not to exceed \$293,490.63 for Sanitary Sewer Systems Annual Documentation and Compliance, subject to final review and approval by the Village Attorney.

Mr. Krase reviewed the proposed ordinance, details of which are contained in his memo to Mr. Bragg dated December 17, 2025, after which he answered questions from the Board.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9 – BOLDER CONTRACTORS**

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Richards, to pass Ordinance No. 2026-9 authorizing the execution of a contract with Bolder Contractors, LLC for the Northern Old Lake County Streets and Water Improvements Project, pending final review and approval by the Village Attorney.

Ms. Schwab reviewed the proposed ordinance, details of which are contained in the Agenda Item Summary that she prepared.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

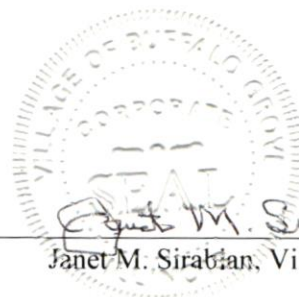
President Smith reviewed the parameters to be followed by speakers and asked if there were any questions from the audience on items not on tonight's agenda; there were no such questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYES: 4 – Richards, Cesario, Bocek, Weidenfeld  
NAYS: 0 – None  
ABSENT: 2 – Johnson, Ottenheimer  
Motion declared carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



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

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APPROVED BY ME THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January 2026



Village President