

**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, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

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, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek and Weidenfeld. Trustee Richards was absent.

Also present were: Chris Stilling, Acting Village Manager; Patrick Brankin, Village Attorney; 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 Director of Public Works; Molly Gillespie, Director of Communications; Tim Kirsininkas, Communications Coordinator; Geoff Tollefson, Director of Golf Operations; Fire Chief Kane; and Police Chief Budds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Weidenfeld, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 5 – Johnson, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek, Weidenfeld
NAYS: 0 – None
ABSENT: 1 – Richards
Motion declared carried.

WARRANT #1391

Mr. Black read Warrant #1391. Moved by Cesario, seconded by Johnson, to approve Warrant #1391 in the amount of \$3,243,015.89 authorizing payment of bills listed. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 5 – Johnson, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek, Weidenfeld
NAYS: 0 – None
ABSENT: 1 – Richards
Motion declared carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gillespie reviewed the background and criteria for the **Caring Community Program**, reviewing that the program was started one year ago to recognize efforts to enhance quality of life, show leadership and demonstrate collaboration, compassion and innovation.

President Smith commended the community for their involvement in this program noting that the number of nominations was phenomenal and choosing the recipients was challenging.

The first recipient was **Kriti Mohan**, who founded *Help Them Up*, leading clothing and supply drives for women and children affected by domestic abuse, and her service includes victim advocacy, music education initiatives and over 100 volunteer hours each year for families in crisis.

The second recipient was **Subathra Raju** who is being honored for creating welcoming spaces for children, adults and individuals with special needs. Subathra has removed barriers to the arts while building confidence and connection. Through free classes, thoughtful choreography and compassionate leadership, her work has empowered participants to step onto the stage and into a stronger sense of community.

The next recipients were members of Stevenson High School's **Future Business Leaders of America**, a group of over 400 members, who help students prepare for college and careers. The group partnered with *Fill a Heart 4 Kids* to organize and pack over 350 gloves filled with treats for youth who were unable to go Trick-or-Treating. The group members in attendance were Adithi Modekurti, Dhriti Udayagiri, Sarvesh Palani, Kiinjal Bhargava, Srinithi Kambhampati, Mahitha Chanduri, Brady Meng, Varad Bhawe, Gurveen Sekhon and Tanvisree Thimmancherla.

The recipients of the final award were the members of **The Buffalo Grove Singers**, a community staple for 30 years, who recently celebrated their 30-year milestone with 30 acts of kindness. Through volunteering, fundraising and partnerships with dozens of local and regional organizations, the group donated more than \$50,000 to charitable causes in 2025. The group then entertained the Board and the audience with a song.

All recipients were thanked and congratulated by the audience and the Board for their contributions to truly making Buffalo Grove "*smart. with heart.*"

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

There is no Village Manager's report tonight.

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.

Ordinance No. 2026-18 - Tripp Elementary School

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-18 amending parking restriction changes on Fabish Drive at Tripp Elementary School.

Ordinance No. 2026-19 - Currie Motors

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-19 authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptor Fire Department Fleet Replacement Vehicle from Currie Motors.

Resolution No. 2026-2 - 2026 Volume Cap

Motion to pass Resolution No. 2026-2 reallocating the 2026 Volume Cap.

Ordinance No. 2026-20 - Title 5.20 Liquor Controls

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-20 amending Title 5.20 Liquor Controls.

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

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

NAYS: 0 – None
ABSENT: 1 – Richards
Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

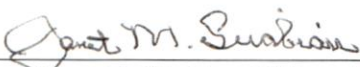
President Smith reviewed the parameters to be followed by speakers and asked if there were any questions from the audience on items not on tonight's agenda; there were no such questions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: 5 – Johnson, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek, Weidenfeld
NAYS: 0 – None
ABSENT: 1 – Richards
Motion declared carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 16th DAY OF March 2026



Village President

