

**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 APRIL 6, 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, 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; Molly Gillespie, Communications Director; Briget Schwab, Village Engineer; Chris Krase, Deputy Public Works Director; Geoff Tollefson, Director of Golf Operations; Police Chief Budds; Fire Chief Kane.

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 noted a Proclamation recognizing **National Public Safety Telecommunications Month**, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our Village and citizens safe, and a Proclamation recognizing **Distracted Driving Awareness Month**, urging all citizens to promote awareness of the distracted driving problem and to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of distracted driving, after which Trustee Bocek read a Proclamation recognizing April as **Illinois Donate Life Month**, encouraging all residents to register their decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor in the National Donate Life Registry.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Mr. Krase reviewed the credentials, experience and accomplishments of our new **Superintendent of Utilities, Ryan Rivard**, who is also a graduate of Buffalo Grove High School. Having grown up in the area, Mr. Rivard stated that this is a homecoming to him and he is excited to be a part of the Village of Buffalo Grove staff. Mr. Rivard introduced his family as he was congratulated by the audience and the Board.

Mr. Skibbe announced the **Public Works Employee of the Year, Randy Kester**. Mr. Skibbe reviewed Mr. Kester's accomplishments within the Buffalo Grove Public Works Department, after which a video was presented highlighting Mr. Kester's work on a typical day in the Public Works Department as he was thanked and congratulated by the audience and the Board.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Woods reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Draft and the process used to develop the document, thanking all staff involved, particularly Mr. Binder and Ms. Purvis. Further details may be found in her memo to Mr. Bragg dated April 1, 2026. Following the presentation, Ms. Woods answered questions and comments from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

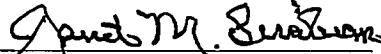
President Smith reviewed the parameters to be followed by speakers and asked if there were any questions from the audience on items not on tonight's agenda; there were no such questions.

ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Cesario, seconded by Richards, 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 7:47 P.M.


Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 20th DAY OF April 2026


Village President

