

**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, APRIL 20, 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 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; Chris Black, Director of Finance; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Molly Gillespie, Director of Communications; Tim Kirsininkas, Communications Coordinator; Fire Chief Kane; Deputy Fire Chief Collins; Police Chief Budds; and Deputy Police Chief Anderson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Weidenfeld, seconded by Ottenheimer, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

Moved by Richards, seconded by Cesario, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

**WARRANT #1393**

Mr. Black read Warrant #1393. Moved by Cesario, seconded by Johnson, to approve Warrant #1393 in the amount of \$10,384,246.24 authorizing payment of bills listed. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Smith thanked the Rick Kahen Commission for Residents with Disabilities and the Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove for the recent **Buffalo Groove Dance** that they hosted for our residents with disabilities. The event was a huge success, and thanks go to all participants, committee members and volunteers that were involved.

Trustee Johnson read a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2026 as **Mental Health Awareness Month** in the Village of Buffalo Grove and encouraging all residents to support efforts that promote mental health, reduce stigma and strengthen community well-being.

Trustee Bocek read a Proclamation declaring May 3-9, 2026, as **Be Kind to Animals Week** in Buffalo Grove, and encouraging residents to show compassion for all living creatures.

President Smith recognized winners of the **Illinois 2026 VIQRC MS State Championship** held in Channahon on March 15, 2026, the "Robo Rangers" team, comprising 8th graders Aaron Gonsalves, Advik Rai, Joel Jomy, and Vedh Iyer from Twin Groves Middle School, who earned the Innovator Award. This prestigious recognition is presented to the team whose robot demonstrates exceptional creativity, qualified for the VEX IQ Robotics World Championship 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri in April.

Recognizing the Director of Care Services Illinois ALS United and a caregiver for one of our residents with ALS, President Smith read a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2026 as **ALS Awareness Month**, and encouraging all residents to join in raising awareness, supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

#### VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Chief Kane introduced Buffalo Grove Rotary President Juliet Ziak, who presented a brief background of Rotary and the **Firefighter of the Year** award, after which she reviewed the accomplishments of FF/PM Brian Chrencik and presented the award to him as he was congratulated by the audience and the Board.

Mr. Grace reviewed the background and credentials for our new **Purchasing Manager** as he introduced Jessica Price. Ms. Price stated that she is very excited to be here and is looking forward to working with the Buffalo Grove staff, after which she was welcomed and congratulated by the audience and the Board.

Chief Budds presented the background and credentials for our newest Police Officer, **Officer Jack Petit**, as Officer Petit was congratulated and welcomed by the audience and the Board. Officer Petit thanked the Chief and the Board for this opportunity and noted he is looking forward to working with the Buffalo Grover Police Department.

#### TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cesario noted that there was a ribbon cutting for the new athletic fields at **Buffalo Grove High School** this afternoon and commented on what a great job they had done with eliminating flooding on the fields and turning the area into a first-class athletic complex.

#### 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.

#### Proclamation - Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

Motion to approve Proclamation Recognizing Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

#### Proclamation - Jewish American Heritage Month

Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month.

#### Ordinance No. 2026-46 – Metro Fibernet

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-46 approving a Right-of-Way Access Agreement with Metro Fibernet, LLC.

**Proclamation - Building Safety Month**

Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing Building Safety Month in Buffalo Grove.

**Ordinance No. 2026-47 –Chase Plaza Redevelopment Project**

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-47 authorizing a Development Improvement Agreement with SDG Lake Cook, LLC for the Chase Plaza Redevelopment Project.

**Ordinance No. 2026-48 - Prairie View Towns**

Motion to pass Ordinance No.2026-48 authorizing a Development Improvement Agreement with Pulte Home Company, LLC and a Final Plat of Subdivision for the Prairie View Towns Residential Development.

**Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week**

Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing May 3-9, 2026, as the 57th Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

**Proclamation - International Compost Awareness Week**

Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing International Compost Awareness Week.

**Proclamation - Arbor Day**

Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day.

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

AYES: 6 – Johnson, Richards, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek, Weidenfeld

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-7 – MUNICIPAL ZONING AUTHORITY**

Moved by Ottenheimer, seconded by Johnson, to pass Resolution No. 2026-7 urging the General Assembly and the Governor to preserve and protect Municipal Zoning authority, in accordance with information contained in Board packets.

Ms. Woods reviewed the proposed resolution, details of which are contained in the memo that she and Mr. Stilling sent to Mr. Bragg dated April 7, 2026, after which there were comments from the Board.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: 6 – Johnson, Richards, Cesario, Ottenheimer, Bocek, Weidenfeld

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Moved by Ottenheimer, seconded by Cesario, to pass Resolution No. 2026-8 referring the proposed Comprehensive Plan to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a public hearing and requesting the Commission provide a recommendation to the Village Board.

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

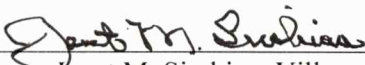
President Smith reviewed the parameters to be followed by speakers and asked if there were any questions from the audience on items not on tonight's agenda; there were no such questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**


Moved by Richards, 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 7:45 P.M

  
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Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 2026

  
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Village President

