

**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 JUNE 1, 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; Chris Stilling, Deputy Village Manager; Chris Black, Finance Director; Tricia Farkas, Deputy Finance Director; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Molly Gillespie, Communications Director; Tim Kirsininkas, Communications Coordinator; Briget Schwab, Village Engineer; Ryan Rivard, Superintendent of Utilities; Deputy Police Chief Anderson; 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 Eric Smith proclaimed the month of June 2026 as **National Pollinators Month** in the Village of Buffalo Grove and encouraged all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate pollinator conservation.

President Smith recognized and congratulated members of the **4C STEM Club** for their recent accomplishments at the regional and national levels. Their team recently placed 3rd in the national Honeywell You Be the Solution Challenge, and placed 2nd at the DiscoverE Illinois Future City Competition, earning awards for Most Creative Farm to Table Feature and the Corn Sweat Award. Each of the team members commented on their experience as they were congratulated by the audience and the Board.

President Smith thanked each of our residents and each of our Buffalo Grove staff and elected officials for helping to make Buffalo Grove the #1 place to live in the State of Illinois according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bocek reported that there will be a **Community Blood Drive** on June 6, 2026, at the Alcott Center, noting the importance of this life-saving need, and urging all residents who are able to take a few minutes and donate blood to this cause.

Trustee Bocek reported that the **2026 Buffalo Grove Farmer's Market** will begin on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Mike Rylko Park and will run through October 11, 2026.

WATER AMBASSADOR AWARD

Public Works Superintendent Ryan Rivard accepted recognition as a **Gold Level Water Ambassador Community** from the Illinois Section AWWA (American Water Works Association). Buffalo Grove is one of only 36 communities from around the state to achieve gold level recognition, awarded to those that demonstrate

excellence in educating residents about the value of water, promoting water stewardship, and increasing awareness of the critical services that bring fresh, clean water to your home every day.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr. Black reviewed the background and credentials for our new **Deputy Director of Finance** as he introduced Tricia Farkas. Ms. Farkas stated that she is looking forward to working with the Buffalo Grove staff, after which she was welcomed and congratulated by the audience and the Board.

CLOVE PARK

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Woods reviewed the Clove Park update, further details of which are contained in her memo to Mr. Bragg of June 1, 2026. Board members commented on how pleased they are with this proposal and look forward to seeing the project come to fruition.

SUNSET HOME RULE & UTILITY TAX

Mr. Black reviewed the Sunset Home Rule and Utility Tax, noting that staff recommends no changes at this time due to the financial impact that it would have to the Village. Further details of Mr. Black's comments may be found in his memo to Mr. Bragg dated June 1, 2026.

FINANCIAL FORECAST

Mr. Black presented the General Fund Financial Forecast FY 2027-FY 2031, further details of which may be found in the *Village of Buffalo Grove - General Fund, Financial Forecast, FY 2027-FY 2031* extensive report that he prepared. Mr. Black confirmed that Buffalo Grove is in good financial position.

WATER PRO FORMA

Mr. Black presented FY 2026 20-year Water Pro Forma, details of which may be found in his memo to Mr. Bragg dated June 1, 2026, after which he answered questions 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 comments.

ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Cesario, seconded by Johnson, 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 7:52 P.M.


Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 15th DAY OF June 2026


Village President