

**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, MAY 18, 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; Mike Skibbe, Deputy Village Manager/Director of Public Works; Katie Golbach, Director of Human Resources; Jessica Price, Purchasing Manager; Chris Black, Director of Finance; Nicole Woods, Director of Community Development; Michelle House, Deputy Director of Community Development; Briget Schwab, Village Engineer; Chris Krase, Deputy Public Works Director; Tom Wisniewski, Facilities Manager; Molly Gillespie, Director of Communications; Samina Shaik, Deputy Village Clerk; Fire Chief Kane; and Police Chief Budds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

WARRANT #1394

Mr. Black read Warrant #1394. Moved by Cesario, seconded by Johnson, to approve Warrant #1394 in the amount of \$5,754,323.85 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 noted that the new **Board Portfolio** assignments have been made and will take effect immediately.

President Smith noted the **Board, Commission and Committee** appointments for the coming year. Moved by Weidenfeld, seconded by Johnson, to concur with President Smith's appointments. Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

President Smith reminded residents that there will be a **President's Pick** event tomorrow night at Clove Park to review and reveal the plan for that space.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Chief Kane reviewed the background and credentials of our newest firefighter, Dimitar Hristov. Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Chair McKee then administered the oath of office to **Firefighter/Paramedic Dimitar Hristov**, who was congratulated and welcomed by the audience and the Board as his badge was pinned on.

Ms. Woods reviewed the background and credentials for our new **Deputy Director of Community Development** as she introduced Michelle House. Ms. House 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.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Village Clerk noted that there will be a **Memorial Day** ceremony on Monday, May 25, 2026, at Veteran's Park and urged residents to attend and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

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.

National Police Week Proclamation

Motion to approve National Police Week Proclamation observing the week of May 11-17, 2026, as Police Week.

EMS Week Proclamation

Motion to approve EMS Week Proclamation observing May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Public Works Week Proclamation

Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2026, as Public Works Week.

Ordinance No. 2026-49 - Title 5.20 Liquor Controls

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-49 amending Title 5.20 Liquor Controls.

Resolution No. 2026-9 - Police Drone Program Expansion

Motion to pass Resolution No. 2026-9 approving a Grant for Police Drone Program Expansion.

Buffalo Grove Days Festival

Motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Buffalo Grove Days Festival Operations.

Ordinance No. 2026-50 - Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-50 amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Safe Boating Week Proclamation

Motion to approve Proclamation recognizing Safe Boating Week.

Ordinance No. 2026-51 - Deerfield Parkway/Road improvements

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-51 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County relating to the Deerfield Parkway/Road improvements in the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Ordinance No. 2026-52 - Fire Station 26

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2026-52 authorizing execution of an Agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for Professional Surveying and Engineering Services for Fire Station 26.

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Bocek, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-53 – ROAD SALT

Moved by Cesario, seconded by Johnson, to pass Ordinance No. 2026-53 authorizing the Village Manager to execute a Contract with Morton Salt, Inc. at a price not to exceed \$201,978.00 pending final review and approval by the Village Attorney.

Mr. Kruse reviewed the proposed ordinance, details of which are contained in the memo that Mr. Milas sent to Mr. Bragg dated April 24, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-54 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Moved by Bocek, seconded by Weidenfeld, to pass Ordinance No. 2026-54 authorizing the Village Manager to sign a letter of agreement between the Village of Buffalo Grove and the Buffalo Grove Professional Firefighter/Paramedic Association (IAFF), Local 3177.

Ms. Golbach 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.

President Smith thanked Ms. Golbach and Chief Kane and each of the members in the Department and let them all know how much they are appreciated by the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10 - PAY RANGES

Moved by Bocek, seconded by Richards, to pass Resolution No. 2026-10 approving the revised 2026 pay ranges for Village of Buffalo Grove employees.

Ms. Golbach 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

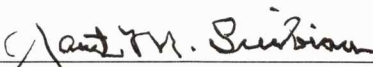
President Smith reviewed the parameters to be followed by speakers and asked if there were any questions from the audience on items not on tonight's agenda; there were no such questions.

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 7:23 P.M.



Janet M. Sirabian, Village Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 15th DAY OF June 2026



Village President

