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Interim Village Manager
Courtney Sage

VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING 2121 Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133

Thursday, March 19, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Village President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Trustees: Porter, Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino, Albuck, Gutierrez

ABSENT: Trustee(s): None

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bernie Paul, Interim Village Manager Sage and Department Heads.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Kemper and second by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the agenda.

Roll Call:

AYES: Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino, Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation – Gurmeet Singh (Service to Hanover Park Award)

President Craig presented the Service to Hanover Park Award to Mr. Singh, and he was congratulated by all.

5. TOWNHALL SESSION

Persons wishing to address the public body must register prior to Call to Order. Please note that public comment is limited to 5 minutes

None

6. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – RODNEY S. CRAIG

President Craig announced that Hanover Park's Restaurant Week will begin tomorrow and continue for ten days. A promotional video produced by staff will be shared on the Village's website and social media platforms. He noted the installation of a cultural photo display from Einstein School, located near the elevator in Village Hall. The display highlights the wide diversity within the community, reflecting the more than 50–60 languages spoken in Hanover Park households. The exhibit was previously featured at the Kids at Home Resource Fair. President Craig distributed the Metra Safety Flyer and encouraged participation by local youth. He noted that he will attend the quarterly meeting of the Mayors Caucus, where discussions will focus on reductions to the Local Government Distributive Fund, the impact of unfunded mandates on municipalities, and state housing initiatives that may affect local zoning authority and comprehensive planning. He noted that the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce has released its new Resource Guide. President Craig encouraged the Board to review the publication and recommended that the Village consider upgrading its membership from Gold to Platinum to increase visibility within the guide. He spoke to a recent meeting with ComEd, during which topics included transmission security agreements, data center growth, multiyear grid planning, and the low-income discount program. He also raised local issues such as completing wire burial in the Village Center and exploring additional parking opportunities near the Fremont HOA. He stated that ComEd will follow up on these concerns.

He closed by speaking to the Village Civility Pledge and noted that all pertinent signatures have been collected and requested that Interim Village Manager Sage arrange for it to be framed and displayed prominently within Village Hall and concluded his report with no further comments.

Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the agenda.

Roll Call:

AYES: Bankole, Broccolino, Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter, Kunkel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

**7-A.1
(C.A.)** Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 19, 2026.

**7-A.2
(C.A.)** Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 5, 2026.

**7-A.3
(C.A.)** Motion to pass a Resolution of the Village of Hanover Park in support of municipal housing authority.

**7-A.4
(C.A.)** Motion to consent to the Village President's appointment of Dann Hauber as a regular member to the Environmental Committee for a term ending on April 30, 2029.

- 7-A.5
(C.A.)** Motion to consent to the Village President's appointment of Maria Woerle as a regular member to the Historic Committee for a term ending on April 30, 2029.
- 7-A.6
(C.A.)** Motion to consent to the Village President's appointment of Ralph Black as a regular member to the Special Events Committee for a term ending on April 30, 2029.
- 7-A.7
(C.A.)** Motion to consent to the Village President's appointment of John Mayeux and Erika Griesemer as regular members on the Veterans Committee; appointments of Joseph Wentzel and Mateo Garcia as auxiliary members of the Veteran's Committee for terms ending April 30, 2029; and consent to the appointment of James Kemper as Committee Chair.
- 7-A.8
(C.A.)** Motion to approve the supplemental proposal to a contract from Ciorba Group to provide additional professional engineering services for the Irving Park Road Roadway Lighting Improvement Project in the amount of \$25,242.76, for a total cost of \$74,836.76, and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.9
(C.A.)** Motion to pass a "Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code" in the amount of \$1,600,000 and authorize the Village Clerk to execute the necessary document.
- 7-A.10
(C.A.)** Motion to approve and accept the contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC, to perform pavement preservation services as part of the 2026 Pavement Preventative Maintenance Project in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.11
(C.A.)** Motion to approve and accept the contract from SKC Construction, Inc. to perform crack sealing as part of the 2026 Crack Sealing Project in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.12
(C.A.)** Motion to approve the proposal from RJN Group for professional engineering services related to the MWRD Priority Area Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey and Additional Sanitary Sewer Services in an amount not to exceed \$49,809.20 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.13
(C.A.)** Motion to accept the DuPage County Procurement Services Bid and award the contract for road salt to Compass Minerals, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.14
(C.A.)** Motion to approve and accept the contract from Builders Paving, LLC to perform pavement improvements as part of the 2026 Resurfacing Project on various streets in an amount not to exceed \$2,470,180 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.15
(C.A.)** Motion to authorize a purchase order and the renewal for the third year of the contract with City Escape Garden & Design, LLC. of Chicago for Village-Wide Mowing and Landscaping Maintenance in the amount of \$147,350 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.16
(C.A.)** Motion to approve a Reciprocal Reporting Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Hanover Park and School District U-46.
- 7-A.17
(C.A.)** Motion to approve a Term Sheet outlining initial terms of agreement between the developer and the Village, regarding financial assistance for the development of a daycare with an artist studio/gallery on the second floor, at 2136 W Lake St.
- 7.** Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Gutierrez to approve consent agenda by omnibus vote.

Roll Call:

AYES: Bankole, Broccolino, Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter, Kunkel
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed above. There will be no further discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 7-A.18** Motion by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Albuck to approve Warrant 3/19/2026 in the amount of \$716,741.87.

No questions.

Roll Call:

AYES: Broccolino, Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter, Kunkel, Bankole
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTION: None

Expenditure Authorized.

- 7-A.19** Motion by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee ALbuck to approve Warrant Paid in Advance (2/26/2026-3/12/2026) in the amount of \$1,427,008.36.

No questions.

Roll Call:

AYES: Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter, Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTION: None

Expenditure Authorized.

8. INTERIM VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT – COURTNEY SAGE

a. Monthly Treasurer's Report – February 2026

Interim Village Manager Sage spoke to the February 2026 Monthly Treasurer's Report and made herself available for questions.

No questions.

9. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT – KRISTY MERRILL

Village Clerk Merrill spoke to the Kids at Hope event, noted that it was a great success and thanked President Craig and the entire staff team for organizing a fun and engaging family event. She thanked all residents who participated in the Primary Elections and extended special thanks to the election judges for their time and dedication in ensuring the elections ran smoothly. She closed by inviting all to the Doggie Extravaganza event that will take place on Saturday, March 28th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

10. CORPORATION COUNSEL'S REPORT – BERNARD Z. PAUL

No report.

11. VILLAGE TRUSTEES REPORTS

11-A. HERB PORTER

Trustee Porter noted that he also attended the Kids at Hope event and thanked all who helped with the coordination of the event.

11-B. JON KUNKEL

Trustee Kunkel noted that he participated in the Kids at Hope event. He expressed appreciation for the event and the work that went into making it a successful event. He also shared information regarding his personal experience with residential solar energy. He stated that since installing solar panels at his home, his monthly electric bill has decreased significantly. He advised residents considering solar installation to ensure their roof is less than five years old, as older roofs may need replacement before the solar panels reach the end of their useful life. He noted that although current incentives are more limited than in previous years, the incentives available at the time of his installation covered much of the cost.

11-C. YASMEEN BANKOLE

Trustee Bankole thanked staff for producing the video for Restaurant Week. She noted that staff has worked diligently to attract and maintain sit down and family style restaurants within the Village and encouraged her fellow Board members to participate in Restaurant Week.

11-D. JENNI BROCCOLINO

Trustee Broccolino noted that she also attended the Kids at Hope event and thanked all who helped organize the event. She announced that the Breakfast with the Bunny event will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

11-E. TROY ALBUCK

Trustee Albuck provided an update regarding current federal legislation affecting military veterans. He explained that under existing VA disability rules, certain veterans—those who were wounded in combat and subsequently retired from the Army due to those injuries—are prohibited from receiving both their military retirement pay and their VA disability compensation. He emphasized that the Major Richard Star Act seeks to correct this inequity. He noted that one U.S. Senator placed a procedural hold on the bill, halting its progress. He encouraged residents to contact their U.S. Senators to express support for the legislation so wounded veterans can receive both the retirement benefits they earned and the disability compensation they deserve. He added that this issue is personal to him as a military veteran. Although he receives both retired pay and disability benefits for his service-related injuries, he clarified that the veterans affected by this legislation were forced to retire early due to severe combat wounds and are therefore treated differently under current law.

Trustee Albuck also reminded the Board that Restaurant Week takes place from March 20, 2026, through March 30, 2026, and stated that he and his wife plan to visit participating restaurants daily and encouraged the community to collect initials on their Restaurant Week cards. He challenged others to match their participation and expressed enthusiasm for the quality of food typically offered during the event.

Following his remarks, the Board briefly discussed Senatorial support for the legislation, and a motion was made and seconded for the Village Board to formally support the Major Richard Star Act, and the motion was approved unanimously.

11-F. LIZA GUTIERREZ

Trustee Gutiérrez congratulated Trustee Bankole on her recent campaign for Congress and announced that on April 13, 2026, Congresswoman Delia Ramirez will be visiting Hanover Park to speak about her

journey and career path. She noted that the Board has received a copy of the event details.

Trustee Gutierrez also expressed enthusiasm about welcoming a new member to the Historic Committee, noting that the appointee has already been actively involved in community activities. She further announced that on April 8, 2026, the Hanover Township Job Fair will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center in Bartlett and that our Fire Department will be participating in the event.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Albuck to enter into Executive Session and return to open meeting.

- a. Section 2(c)(1) – Personnel - The appointment and employment of a specific individual

Roll Call:

AYES: Gutiérrez, Porter, Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino, Albuck
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Albuck to adjourn.

Roll Call:

Voice vote

All AYES

Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Kristy Merrill Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this: 16th day of April 2026.