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VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

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

**Thursday, April 16, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

President Pro Tem Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Trustees: Albuck, Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino

ABSENT: Trustee(s): Gutierrez, President Craig

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 Kunkel and second by Trustee Albuck to accept the agenda.

Trustee Kunkel asked that agenda item 7-A.3 be pulled from the Consent Agenda

Roll Call:

AYES: Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino, Albuck, Porter

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guterrez

ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Proclamation – Sikh Heritage Month
President Pro Tem Porter read the proclamation and presented it to Rajinder Singh Mago.
- b. Proclamation – Arbor Day
President Pro Tem Porter read the proclamation out loud and presented it to Trustee Broccolino and the Environmental Committee.
- c. Proclamation – National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service
President Pro Tem Porter read the proclamation out loud and presented to Fire Department Chief Fors.

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.

Residents Brian and Michelle Seiver spoke to their concerns related to flooding conditions on Church Street.

6. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – RODNEY S. CRAIG

President Pro Tem Porter spoke to Mayor Craig being at US Conference of Mayors in Texas.

7. Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Albuck to approve consent agenda by omnibus vote.

Roll Call:

AYES: Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino, Albuck, Porter
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Gutierrez
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.1
(C.A.) Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 19, 2026.

- 7-A.2
(C.A.) Motion to consent to the Village President's appointment of Edgar Candelas and Erin Marie Feo as auxiliary members, and James Kemper as a regular member of the Development Commission for terms ending on April 30, 2029.

- 7-A.4
(C.A.) Motion to pass a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Intent for continued participation in the DuPage Police Records Management System (PRMS) and authorize the Village President to execute the necessary documents.

- 7-A.5
(C.A.) Motion to approve the hardware maintenance and software subscription agreements for the Cisco Hyperflex system with Sentinel Technologies for the total amount of \$36,744.82 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.

- 7-A.6
(C.A.) Motion to pass a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Alonzo Property Investment, LLC for the property located at 2120-2152 Lake Street, Hanover Park, Illinois.

- 7-A.3 Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Bankole to approve the waiver not to exceed \$60,000 in water-related fees for Hanover Park Park District's summer 2026 (May 1 – August 31) operation of the Seafari Springs Aquatic Center. In the event the facility closes early, no additional water-related fees will be waived beyond the closing date.

Trustee Kunkel noted that continuing to waive the fees creates an ongoing cost to residents and lost revenue to the Village. Trustees Porter and Trustee Bankole emphasized the Village's strong partnership with the Park District, noting that the Village frequently uses Park District facilities at no cost, which helps

offset the waiver. Trustee Bankole asked whether Seafari Springs could operate without the waiver, and Executive Director Bassett was invited to respond.

Executive Director Steve Bassett explained that Seafari Springs operates at a significant deficit and relies on the water fee waiver to continue offering this community service, noting that recent referendum funds are restricted solely to roof replacement and cannot be used for operating costs.

No further discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

- 7-A.7** Motion by Trustee Broccolino and second by Trustee Albuck authorizing a short-term interfund loan from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund and Fire Pension Fund of the Village of Hanover Park, Illinois

Finance Director Navarrete was asked to speak on the subject. She noted that due to Cook County's recurring delays in issuing and distributing property tax revenues, the Village needs the ability to make temporary interfund loans so police and fire pension payments can be made on time, with repayment of the loan once tax funds are received from Cook County.

Questions fielded and answered.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

- 7-A.8** Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Kunkel to approve Warrant 4/16/2026 in the amount of \$350,599.37.

No discussion

Roll Call:

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

Expenditure authorized.

- 7-A.9** Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Albuck to approve Warrant Paid in Advance (3/27/2026-4/9/2026) in the amount of \$742,207.39.

No discussion

Roll Call:

AYES: Albuck, Kunkel, Bankole, Broccolino, Porter
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Gutierrez

ABSTENTION: None

Expenditure authorized.

8. INTERIM VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT – COURTNEY SAGE

Interim Village Manager Sage spoke to the upcoming Board Workshop Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

9. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT – KRISTY MERRILL

No Report

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

No report.

11. VILLAGE TRUSTEES REPORTS

11-A. TROY ALBUCK

No report.

11-B. LIZA GUTIERREZ

Absent

11-C. HERB PORTER

Trustee Porter stated it was an honor to preside over the meeting in the Mayor's absence. He noted that Mayor Craig is attending the National Medal of Honor Museum's Griffin Institute conference, *Leading in the Moment*, which focuses on leadership values including courage, commitment, sacrifice, integrity, citizenship, and patriotism. He reported on the recent CEDA Board meeting, expressing concern about federal discussions that may eliminate the LIHEAP program. He emphasized the program's importance to residents struggling with utility costs and urged community members to contact their legislators in support of preserving LIHEAP. Trustee Porter spoke to his recent attendance at the Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting. He noted that applications for the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Safe Streets for All (SS4A)* grants are due May 26, 2026, and that Cook County communities are eligible for the Active Transportation Alliance technical assistance. He requested renewed attention to the Village's emergency preparedness procedures, noting the importance of identifying shelters, evacuation processes, and communication strategies in the event of a large-scale emergency. He asked Police Chief Johnson to begin reviewing current best practices.

During Trustee Porter's Report Trustee Bankole amended her earlier motion, in relation to temporary signage, to move the scheduled review date from May 21, 2026, to June 4, 2026. The Board approved the amendment.

Before adjournment, Trustee Porter noted that CEDA and WIC offices are now located at 1515 West Lake Street on the second floor.

11-D. JON KUNKEL

Trustee Kunkel reported on a recent nuclear energy symposium and a cybersecurity briefing, noting the high energy potential of nuclear fuel and warning of increasing foreign-based email and website hacking activity.

11-E. YASMEEN BANKOLE

Trustee Bankole revisited concerns raised during Townhall Session regarding recent flooding. She noted the increase in severe weather events and their impact on residents and asked for a refresher on how the Village addresses flooding and what resources are available to homeowners.

Village Engineer and Assistant Director of Public Works Stelle explained that most flooding in Hanover Park involves nuisance yard or basement seepage, which can often be mitigated through routine property maintenance such as proper downspout direction and sump-pump discharge. He noted that staff regularly conducts site visits, clears drains, sweeps streets, and jets storm sewers in advance of storms, and that they also respond during emergencies, including overnight pump-downs when necessary. It was recommended that residents experiencing flooding should contact the Public Works Department as the first point of assistance.

Trustee Bankole then addressed challenges faced by new businesses whose landlords do not permit permanent signage, making it difficult for tenants to attract customers. She proposed directing staff to draft amendments to the Village's temporary sign code to allow extended use of temporary signs in specific circumstances, such as businesses operating for less than one year. She discussed the Village's limited authority over private property owners and the need for broader dialogue and agreed that further review was appropriate.

Motion by Trustee Bankole and second by Trustee Broccolino directing staff to prepare proposed language and place the discussion on the May 21, 2026, Board meeting agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

11-F. JENNI BROCCOLINO

Trustee Broccolino spoke to the upcoming DuPage River Sweep event on April 18, 2026, and noted that it has been cancelled due to rising water along the river.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote

All AYES

Upon voice vote motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Kristy Merrill Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this: 7th day of May 2026.