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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, May 21, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Village President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Trustees: Kunkel, Bankole, Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter

ABSENT: Trustee(s): Broccolino
Village Attorney Bernard Paul

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Andrew Acker, 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 seconded by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the agenda.

Trustee Albuck asked that agenda item 7-A.7 from the consent agenda.

Roll Call:

AYES: Bankole, Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter, Kunkel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Broccolino

ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

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

Ms. Christine McQueen introduced herself to the Board.

6. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT – RODNEY S. CRAIG

President Craig reported on recent activities, including two trips to Springfield for meetings with legislators and attendance at a Purple Heart Hall of Fame event. He also completed a two-day initial training course for Mayors, which he found valuable for understanding generational and cultural differences in public service. He provided updates on conversations with state legislators regarding Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) concerns, unfunded mandates, and the potential impact of statewide building initiatives on municipal infrastructure costs. He emphasized the Village's commitment to maintaining affordability for residents while managing water, sewer, and stormwater capacity responsibly. President Craig also spoke about statewide municipal cooperation through councils of government and the Mayors Caucus. He noted that discussions in Springfield continue, especially regarding LGDF, infrastructure funding, and other legislative matters. He stated that remains committed to advancing the Village's interests in ongoing legislative sessions.

7. Motion by Trustee Kunkel and seconded by Trustee Albuck to approve Consent Agenda by Omnibus vote.

Roll Call:

AYES: Albuck, Gutiérrez, Porter, Kunkel, Bankole
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Broccolino
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 special Board Workshop of April 23, 2026.

**7-A.2
(C.A.)** Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 28, 2026.

**7-A.3
(C.A.)** Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 7, 2026.

**7-A.4
(C.A.)** Motion to consent to the Village President's appointment of Leonardo Aldo Abate as an auxiliary member of the Development Commission for a term ending on April 30, 2029.

**7-A.5
(C.A.)** Motion to consent to the Village President's appointment of Kristy Merrill as a regular member of the Environmental Committee for a term ending on April 30, 2029.

**7-A.6
(C.A.)** Motion to authorize the annual support and maintenance payment to Tyler Technologies for the New World ERP software system in the amount of \$117,383.42.

**7-A.8
(C.A.)** Motion to authorize a purchase order with McCann Industries in the Amount of \$84,121 for the purchase of a 2026 Takeuchi TB 250 and attachments and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.

7-A.9 (C.A.) Motion to pass a Resolution approving an Agreement for Grant Award No. 24-203430 between the State of Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Village of Hanover Park for Fire Station 16.

7-A.10 (C.A.) Motion to approve the proposal from Core & Main to purchase (10) fire hydrants in the amount of \$55,860 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.

7-A.7 Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Kunkel to establish a purchase order to Traffic Logix Corporation for twelve (12) radar speed signs and associated accessories in an amount not to exceed \$37,156.00 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Questions fielded and answered.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

7-A.11 Motion by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Bankole to approve Warrant 5/21/2026 in the amount of \$817,801.83.

No discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

7-A.12 Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Gutierrez to approve Warrant Paid in Advance (4/30/2026-5/13/2026) in the amount of \$714,984.37.

No discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

8. INTERIM VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT – COURTNEY SAGE

Monthly Treasurer's Report – March and April 2026

Interim Village Manager Sage made herself available for questions.

No questions.

Director of Community and Economic Development Govind was asked to continue the remaining portion of her presentation on Sign Code Amendments from the preceding workshop meeting.

Staff presented proposed updates to the Village's sign regulations, focusing on special promotion signs, grand opening banners, feather signs, and roadway directional signs. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) previously reviewed and supported the proposed changes.

Special Promotion Signs

Current code allows:

- Four permits per year
- Ten days per permit
- Option to combine two permits into a single twenty-day event

Staff proposed:

- The increase of each permit period from ten to fifteen days
- Keep the annual limit to four events
- Allow the combined permits for up to thirty days with a required thirty-day gap between events, which increases the total allowable promotional days annually from forty to sixty days

Questions fielded and answered.

The Board was supportive of the increase from ten to fifteen days.

Grand Opening Banners

Current code allows:

- Thirty days for grand opening signs

Staff proposed:

- Increasing opening banners to sixty days.

Questions fielded and answered. The Board was supportive of the increase from thirty to sixty days.

Feather Signs (Pilot Program Proposal)

Staff noted that feather signs are currently prohibited in the Municipal Code. Staff proposed a controlled pilot program to increase visibility for new businesses

- One Village-provided feather sign per new B-1 or B-2 commercial business.
- Sign would feature standardized Village branding and state Now Open.
- Allowed for thirty days only.
- Businesses required to pay a refundable deposit of \$250 to ensure return.
- Installation completed by business owner with placement restrictions
- Require liability waivers

Questions fielded and answered.

The Board had mixed views but agreed to a one-year pilot program with staff reporting back to the Board.

Roadway Directional Signs

Staff reported that examples from Schaumburg cannot be replicated in Hanover Park due to road ownership by IDOT and other agencies, that IDOT approval could take months, and sign panels would be too small to be useful.

- Staff recommended not pursuing directional signage and the Board agreed with their recommendation.

Direction was received from the Board for staff to prepare a draft ordinance for first reading, followed by a second reading and provide a copy of the draft to the Board prior to the next Board meeting on June 18th.

Trustee Porter left at 8:00 p.m.

9. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT – KRISTY MERRILL

No report.

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

No report by Attorney Andrew Acker.

11. VILLAGE TRUSTEES REPORTS

11-A. YASMEEN BANKOLE

Trustee Bankole congratulated Public Works Director Moore and the award-winning Public Works Department for their work overseeing the Arlington Bridge project, noting that residents are very pleased the bridge has reopened. She also reminded all that Seafari Springs's opening day is June 6th and encouraged anyone interested to consider applying for available lifeguard positions.

Trustee Porter recognized at 8:04 p.m.

President Craig recognized that he had skipped Village Clerk's report and addressed the question at this time. It was noted by Deputy Village Clerk Clark that there is no report.

11-B. JENNI BROCCOLINO

Absent.

11-C. TROY ALBUCK

Trustee Albeck spoke to staff's extensive effort related to the Arlington Bridge project. He also spoke to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday and encouraged residents not only to remember and honor those who lost their lives in service but also to support veterans and those currently serving.

11-D. LIZA GUTIERREZ

No report.

11-E. HERB PORTER

Trustee Porter spoke to his recent attendance at a CEDA Board meeting, noting that LIHEAP funding is expected to be fully funded despite earlier concerns about cuts. He stated that SNAP benefits have already been reduced with no anticipated restoration and expressed concern that federal funding for the Water Assistance Program may also be reduced during upcoming legislative sessions, which could burden residents. He noted that he also attended the final meeting of the year for the Alignment Collaborative for Education, an organization supported annually by the Village. He thanked Village administration, Police, and Fire Departments for accepting student interns, noting the value of the internship program. He spoke to a recent national mental health conference held in Naperville and stressed the need for a continued focus on expanding access to mental health care.

11-F. JON KUNKEL

Trustee Kunkel spoke to his recent attendance at the Schaumburg Airport Board meeting and noted that the airport has a five-mile buffer zone for flights, and that any future drone show held by the Village will require notification to notify and get clearance from airport authorities. He also reminded the public that the Village's Juneteenth event will take place on June 20th at 12:00 p.m. at the Sports Complex.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Kunkel to enter into Executive Session and return to open meeting per the following sections:

- a. Section 2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining
- b. Section 2(c)(6) Setting the price for the sale of Village-owned property
- c. Section 2(c)(11) Litigation and Probable Litigation

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

Left for Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Kunkel to return to open meeting

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

Returned from Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

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 9:06 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Deputy Village Clerk Clark

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this: 18th day of June 2026.