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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, June 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Village President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: Trustee(s): None
Village Attorney Bernard Paul

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Village 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 Porter to accept the agenda.

Trustee Kunkel asked that agenda item 7-A.4 be tabled and presented at a later date.

Trustee Porter requested the addition of a proclamation under agenda item 4. Presentations.

Roll Call:

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

ABSTENTION: None

Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Proclamation- 25 years to Rodney Craig
- b. Proclamation – Firefighter Hernandez
President Craig read the proclamation out loud and presented it to Firefighter Hernandez
- c. Proclamation – Juneteenth Celebration Day
President Craig read the proclamation out loud and will present it to the Sister Cities Committee at the upcoming Juneteenth event.

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 spoke to his recent attendance at the Long Beach Governor US Conference of Mayors. He noted that several of the Illinois mayors were able to hold a productive and beneficial discussion with Governor Pritzker. He noted that the conference was of high quality and provided numerous special programs and activities and that he hopes to attend the upcoming commemorative event in Philadelphia.

- 7.** Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the Consent Agenda by Omnibus vote.

Roll Call:

AYES:	Broccolino, Albuck, Gutierrez, Porter, Kunkel, Bankole
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.1 (C.A.)** Motion to approve the minutes of the special Board Workshop of May 21, 2026.

- 7-A.2 (C.A.)** Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 21, 2026.

- 7-A.3 (C.A.)** Move to pass an Ordinance increasing the number of Class A liquor licenses (Fogón Mestizo, LLC).

- 7-A.5 (C.A.)** Motion to authorize the proposal from Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. to refresh pavement markings as part of the 2026 Pavement Marking Project on various streets in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.

- 7-A.6 (C.A.)** Motion to approve the first year of a three-year contract with ENCAP, Inc. for Native Landscape Maintenance in the amount of \$31,000 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.7 (C.A.)** Motion to pass an Ordinance authorizing the disposal of personal property owned by the Village of Hanover Park and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.8 (C.A.)** Motion to pass a Resolution authorizing an Operation and Maintenance Sublease Agreement of a coffee shop in the Metra Train Station in the Village of Hanover Park (Valentina Da Silva and Ana Escalona ("Sublessee") and approval of the one-year rent abatement as outlined in the Lease Proposal.
- 7-A.9 (C.A.)** Motion to approve a Master Planning Services Agreement with Leopardo Construction in the amount of \$164,894 for the development of a Campus Master Plan and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents.
- 7-A.4** Move to pass an Ordinance increasing the number of Class A liquor licenses (Monroe's Hanover Park LLC).

This agenda item was tabled and is to be presented at future meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

- 7-A.10** Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Albuck to pass an Ordinance amending Chapter 6, The Hanover Park Sign Code, of the Municipal Code of the Village of Hanover Park.

Trustee Bankole proposed that the use of feather signs for new businesses be extended from 30 days to 60 days.

Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Kunkel to amend the ordinance by increasing the usage of feather signs for new business from 30 to 60 days.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to amended carried.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

- 7-A.11** Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Albuck to waive competitive bidding and approve the proposal from Professional Prestress Services in the amount of \$59,400.00 and authorize the Interim Village Manager to execute the necessary documents. *A two-thirds vote of the corporate authority is required.*

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

- 7-A.12** Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Kunkel to approve Warrant 6/18/2026 in the amount of \$211,269.51.

No Discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Expenditure authorized.

- 7-A.13** Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Albuck to approve Warrant Paid in Advance (6/2/2026-6/10/2026) in the amount of \$764,194.99.

No discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Expenditure authorized.

8. INTERIM VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT – COURTNEY SAGE

Monthly Treasurer's Report – May 2026

Interim Village Manager Sage made herself available for questions.

Question fielded and answered.

9. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT – KRISTY MERRILL

Village Clerk Merrill spoke to the upcoming Movie in the Park event on June 19th at dusk, and thanked the Historic Committee for their participation with the event. She spoke to the implementation of a newly created Village Wide Garage Sale event to be held from July 31st through August 1st.

Questions fielded and answered.

10. CORPORATION COUNSEL'S REPORT

Acting Village Attorney Andrew Acker congratulated President Craig on his 25 years of service to our community.

11. VILLAGE TRUSTEES REPORTS

11-A. JON KUNKEL

Trustee Kunkel spoke to ongoing discussions surrounding streaming services and social media platforms, noting that these services are classified as internet data under current legislation. He noted that several municipalities have enacted related measures; however, many of these actions are currently subject to litigation and are expected to remain tied up in court for some time due to the Internet Tax Freedom Act. He closed with a reminder to residents to ensure proper use of vehicle turn signals, noting an observed increase in instances where drivers appear not to be using them as appropriate.

11-B. YASMEEN BANKOLE

Trustee Bankole congratulated President Craig on his 25 years of service to our community and to her attendance at two recent restaurant ribbon cutting events; Fogón Mestizo and Crave.

Discussion regarding paid federal holidays ensued encompassing the current paid holiday schedule, noting that several federal holidays are not currently observed and that the last employee survey was conducted 15 to 20 years ago. Staff explained that holiday changes require reopening all six union contracts, that personal days offer flexibility, and that adding a holiday could potentially cost \$75,000.00, more if overtime applies and that the Village's holiday schedule generally aligns with neighboring communities. The Board agreed it would be more useful to receive a detailed staff report covering financial impacts, operational and union considerations, and historical background before surveying employees.

Motion by Trustee Bankole and second by Trustee Porter for staff to conduct an employee survey was amended for staff to compile a report that provides more information to the board on the implications and financial expenses that are related to exploring additional paid federal holidays for village employees.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed as amended.

Discussion then turned to data centers and Trustee Bankole spoke to a recent workshop she attended that indicated that construction materials may become more competitive due to data center development and raised concerns about lack of Village ordinances or policies related to data centers, regional trends and news coverage, potential environmental and community impacts, and the desire to prepare the Village proactively. It was noted that the Village currently lacks sufficient land to host a data center, that staff has performed extensive research on data centers, that State funding incentives may be slowing thus reducing the near-term likelihood of proposals, and that any proposal would follow the standard development review process by the Development Commission.

The last item of discussion centered on revenue. Trustee Bankole spoke to previous conversations regarding additional revenue sources, and asked about earlier inquiries regarding battery energy storage systems as a possible revenue opportunity. Staff noted that their preliminary research has been done and that they would provide additional information to the Board via email. It was also noted that further discussion may also occur at the upcoming Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on July 30th of this year.

11-C. JENNI BROCCOLINO

Trustee Broccolino congratulated President Craig on his 25 years of service to our community and thanked the public works staff for their coordination of the recent Apiary event. She spoke to a recent Legislative Breakfast event she attended and noted that both State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro and Senator Seth Lewis provided an overview of recently passed legislation in Springfield and to pending bills with potential impact on local government.

11-D. TROY ALBUCK

Trustee Albuck provided several updates and personal remarks. He commented on the importance of properly observing holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day, shared personal experiences as a veteran and expressed appreciation for efforts to ensure holidays are recognized appropriately. He thanked the Development Commission for their work on the sign ordinance as well as the Environmental Committee for hosting the Apiary event, noting the replacement of a front-yard tree through the program. He shared personal reflections related to military service and noted a commitment to continued professionalism.

11-E. LIZA GUTIERREZ

Trustee Gutierrez acknowledged the prior comments made by Trustee Albuck and extended Juneteenth greetings, noting its importance in U.S. history. She announced that the Historical Committee will participate in the upcoming Movie in the Park event and that the Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Committee (CIDC) will be supporting local Pride Month activities, in partnership with the Kenneth Young Center, including the Northwest Pridefest on June 27th and additional related events and fundraisers hosted by local organizations. She spoke to the Hanover Township Paint-A-Thon program, which assists eligible residents, those over 60, veterans, or individuals with permanent disabilities, with exterior home painting, and encouraged community participation. She asked whether the Village's master plan includes preservation of potential historical items within Village facilities, noting that the Historical Committee will identify items they believe should be considered for preservation. She commented on earlier discussion regarding paid holidays and referenced the State of Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act, suggesting a review of prior board discussions and current policies relating to paid leave, personal days, and holiday observances for both full-time and part-time employees and concluded by extending Father's Day wishes to the community and to her dad who she knows is watching the meeting.

11-F. HERB PORTER

Trustee Porter congratulated President Craig on his 25 years of service and offered congratulations to recent graduates and their families. He spoke to the upcoming Juneteenth celebration, at the Sports Complex, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and noted that the event will feature musical performances and entertainment, including the 40-Plus Double Dutch group. He emphasized the cultural significance of Juneteenth, noting that it is one of three major holidays traditionally celebrated in the Black community, along with Kwanzaa and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He expressed gratitude for the Village's support in recognizing these observances. He closed by referencing a recent participation by a police department liaison officer who demonstrated double-dutch skills at a children's event, highlighting the department's engagement and talent within the community.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote:

All Ayes.

Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Recorded and transcribed Kristy Merrill, Village Clerk

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