

**JOINT VILLAGE-LIBRARY MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 8:30 A.M.**

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| VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: | President Hayes; Trustees: Bertucci, Dunnington, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia                                                                                                     |
| VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:  | Baldino, Grasse, Shirley                                                                                                                                                           |
| VILLAGE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: | Randy Recklaus, Village Manager                                                                                                                                                    |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES PRESENT:      | President Somary; Trustees: Borrell, Galla, Kelly, Medal, Ruhl, Zyck                                                                                                               |
| LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT:         | Mike Driskell, Executive Director;<br>Dana Revilla, Deputy Director;<br>Sasha Vasilic, Communications and Marketing Director; Katie Myers, Senior & Accessible Services Supervisor |

**SUBJECTS:**

Update from the Arlington Heights Memorial Library

Update from the Village of Arlington Heights

Other Business

Public Comment

Adjournment

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Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Presidents Hayes and Somary made introductory comments commending the level of intergovernmental cooperation present in Arlington Heights. Mayor Hayes noted that the first joint meeting of the Library and Village Boards occurred in 1996. He acknowledged that this would be his last such meeting and reflected on his years of service and acknowledged the contributions of Andi Ruhl and Greg Zyck of the Library Board as well. Both Zyck and Ruhl also spoke

positively of their time on the Board.

### **Library Topics of Interest**

Executive Director Driskell began his presentation by highlighting awards that the Library won recently.

Driskell went on to highlight new projects such as the purchase of a new bookmobile and book lockers at facilities across the community to increase the Library's reach. He also outlined upcoming capital projects, efforts to make the website more ADA friendly, and current joint Village-Library programs.

Lastly Katie Myers outlined the Library's role in the Senior Center.

### **Village Topics of Interest**

Village Manager Recklaus further highlighted joint efforts between the agencies, noting that the Senior Center is a good example of these joint efforts. He went on to describe the many leadership changes occurring at the department head and elected official level in the Village.

Trustee Schwingbeck indicated he had to leave due to a family emergency at 9am.

Recklaus then went on to discuss the increasing calls for service in the Fire Department and the need for, and plans to implement, a 5<sup>th</sup> ambulance. He also described reducing crime rates in the community, but discussed how the types and durations of calls have increased, putting a strain on police officers. He also pointed out how difficult it is to recruit officers in today's environment. Recklaus went on to show how successful the department has been in reducing traffic accidents in the community over the past 10 years.

Next, Recklaus outlined the new lead service line replacement program and how it will impact residents. He went on to discuss the recent Memorandum of Understanding executed with the Chicago Bears Football Club and School Districts 15, 211, and 214. Lastly, he mentioned the new Facebook page for the Senior Center.

After the presentation, Trustees from both boards asked clarifying questions on the issues presented and all participants were invited to get a tour of the Senior Center.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Public Comment**

No members of the public provided comment.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Hayes adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.