



MINUTES
President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Board Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
March 17, 2025
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll: Richard Baldino, James Bertucci, Wendy Dunnington, Nicolle Grasse, Robin LaBedz, Tom Schwingbeck, Scott Shirley, Jim Tinaglia. Trustees were absent.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Diana Mikula, Emily Rodman, Cris Papierniak, Hart Passman, and Becky Hume.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 03/03/2025 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Tinaglia moved to Approve. Trustee LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: President Hayes, Trustee Baldino, Trustee Bertucci, Trustee Dunnington, Trustee Grasse, Trustee LaBedz, Trustee Schwingbeck, Trustee Shirley, Trustee Tinaglia

Nays: None

V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. 03/15/2025 Warrant Register

Trustee Bertucci moved to Approve in the amount of \$1,903,009.82. Trustee Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: President Hayes, Trustee Baldino, Trustee Bertucci, Trustee Dunnington, Trustee

Grasse, Trustee LaBedz, Trustee Schwingbeck, Trustee Shirley, Trustee Tinaglia
Nays: None

VI. RECOGNITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Dunnington proposed that the Village Board approve a New Art in Public Places program that includes funding, to enable the Arts Commission to create a new robust program. A mural is a simple way to create or nurture aspects of culture and creativity in a city and is great for artistic placemaking and city marketing. Public art is proven to drive economic activity, boost mental health, and instill a sense of public safety as it can turn a dark unused alleyway into an Instagram-able destination. Art can boost tourism and support local business. Art also decreases traffic accidents by increasing the visibility of pedestrian spaces and encourages drivers to slow down. Public art isn't just murals and sculptures either, it can include decorative transformer cabinets of Public Utilities, bus shelters, working pianos around town, and beautiful crosswalks. Public art could celebrate our town's history, our growing Asian and Eastern European community, the music scene, or the former racetrack. Murals on public parking garages could add beauty to our downtown area, and murals on our utility transformer cabinets would add art throughout all areas of the entire Village. She believes a commitment to funding public art will increase revenue and ensure the Village stays vibrant. She requested a Committee of the Whole meeting, so the Board can discuss and recommend to the Village Board approval for an Art in Public Places Program. She asked for the Arts Commission's membership to be filled to capacity.

Mr. Recklaus noted that the new Planning Director has experience with mural Ordinances and that one could be developed. He cautioned that the next couple of months with new Board member orientations are going to be dense with meetings. He said if this is something that the Board wants, staff will make time for it. He noted the Arts Commission may have thoughts and perspectives on these issues too. We can have the Board develop a framework and send it to the Commission to work on, or have the Commission begin and come to the Board with recommendations.

President Hayes and all the Trustees agreed that this was a good idea and wished to pursue it. They recalled the successful Ponies on Parade program and shared public art experiences they had experienced in other communities, like Chalk the Block, painted sculptures, umbrella ceilings, and murals. Consensus emerged that the Board would like the Arts Commission to begin working on ideas that they then bring to the Board. Trustee Shirley said he would prefer to approve specific items and programs that had dollar amounts associated with them rather than allocating a prescribed amount to be spent. He also suggested the Village's light pole banners be refreshed. President Hayes recalled a previous sculpture program that was halted during the recession. Trustee Tinaglia said if there was a mural ordinance in place, architects could dedicate public art spaces in new building proposals. Trustee Bertucci suggested the Youth Commission could be involved as well, and perhaps local youth artists could participate.

Trustee Grasse reminded residents that Early Voting started today in Village Hall.

Kim Dyer said she once served as the Chair of the Youth Commission, and they tried to do a project painting garbage containers in the parks. She offered to share her knowledge with the Youth or Arts Commissions. Her main reason for speaking tonight was to say we need more police officers in Arlington Heights. They're running low and officers who had worked their way to the day shift have now had to move back to nights because the department has lost people. Elk Grove Village is offering to take these people away from us for their current salary with a \$30,000 bonus. She asked the Board to think about this

when planning the budget. She asked the Board to make Arlington Heights a more appealing place for our police officers to come to. We want to make our Village friendly, but people need to feel safe.

Salaam Yusif spoke about the misconceptions of Islam and Muhammad. He said the prophets Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad all speak of peace and were sent to their people with this message.

President Hayes said that the Village is a very welcoming community, and he says it all the time at the prayer breakfast every year. Arlington Heights is a community of very strong, religious, and faithful people of many different faiths and cultures. We appreciate the strength of all of our different churches, no matter what the denomination.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VIII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda should fill out a card, located in the back of the room, and hand it to the Village Clerk. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

This Agenda consists of proposals and recommendations that, in the opinion of the Village Manager, will be acceptable to all members of the Board of Trustees. The purpose of this Agenda is to save time by taking only one roll call vote instead of separate votes on each item. Consideration of this Consent Agenda will be governed by the following rules and procedures prior to roll call vote:

1. Any Trustee who wishes to vote "no" or "pass" on any Consent Agenda items should so indicate.
2. Upon the request of any one Trustee, any item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately after adoption of the Consent Agenda.
3. Citizens in the audience may request that the Board remove any item from this Consent Agenda for separate consideration after adoption of the Consent Agenda.
4. One roll call vote will be taken and will cover all remaining Consent Agenda items.

Resident Rob Brodecki said he was pleased with the Vail Promenade project, item IX. J. He said it looks fantastic. He hopes that it goes through, gets installed and then is used as a model for other intersections and actions around the Village.

Trustee Grasse moved to Approve. Trustee LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: President Hayes, Trustee Baldino, Trustee Bertucci, Trustee Dunnington, Trustee Grasse, Trustee LaBedz, Trustee Schwingbeck, Trustee Shirley, Trustee Tinaglia

Nays: None

- A. Resolution Declaring a Surplus of Tax Increment Financing Funds from the TIF V Special Tax Allocation Fund

R2025-039

B. Ordinance Approving Sign Variations for Golf VX at 644 E. Rand Rd.

2028-11

C. Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two Ford Pickup Trucks for Police

R2025-040

D. Resolution Approving N Forrest Avenue Stormwater Improvements - Addendum #2

R2025-041 / A2025-23

E. Resolution to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for IDOT Project 62N91-Watermain Relocation

R2025-043 / A2025-24

F. Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two Ford E-Transit Cargo Vans for Public Works

R2025-043

G. Resolution Awarding the Concrete Flatwork 2025 Contract

R2025-044 / A2025-25

H. Resolution Awarding the Stump Removal and Restoration Contract 2025

R2025-045 / A2025-26

I. Resolution Authorizing 2025 Certificate of Authority - Salt Purchase through ID-CMS

R2025-046

J. Resolution for Invest in Cook (IIC) Grant Application for Engineering Services for the Vail Promenade: Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Project

R2025-047

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Aleena Patel to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026

Trustee Schwingbeck moved to Concur in the Mayor's Appointment. Trustee Shirley Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: President Hayes, Trustee Baldino, Trustee Bertucci, Trustee Dunnington, Trustee Grasse, Trustee LaBedz, Trustee Schwingbeck, Trustee Shirley, Trustee Tinaglia

Nays: None

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Patel.

B. Appointment of Maria Georgakopoulos to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026

Trustee LaBedz moved to Concur in the Mayor's Appointment. Trustee Grasse Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: President Hayes, Trustee Baldino, Trustee Bertucci, Trustee Dunnington, Trustee Grasse, Trustee LaBedz, Trustee Schwingbeck, Trustee Shirley, Trustee Tinaglia

Nays: None

President Hayes administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Georgakopoulos.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services, such as an American Sign Language interpreter or written materials in accessible formats, should contact the Health & Human Services Department, at 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, healthmail@vah.com or 847/368-5760.

Trustee Baldino moved to Adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Trustee LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: President Hayes, Trustee Baldino, Trustee Bertucci, Trustee Dunnington, Trustee Grasse, Trustee LaBedz, Trustee Schwingbeck, Trustee Shirley, Trustee Tinaglia

Nays: None

Becky Hume - Village Clerk