



MINUTES  
Special Village Board of Trustees Meeting  
Village of Arlington Heights

AHML Makerplace  
112 N. Belmont Ave.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
July 14, 2025  
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Tinaglia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Tinaglia and the following Trustees responded to roll: James Bertucci, Robin LaBedz, Tom Schwingbeck, Scott Shirley, Greg Zyck, Carina Santa Maria, Bill Manganaro, and Wendy Dunnington.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Diana Mikula, and Jack Cascone

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

President Tinaglia moved the Public Comment section on the agenda to allow for the public in attendance to speak prior to beginning the Village Board 2025 Goal Setting under the New Business section.

12 residents spoke during the Public Comment section. Comments were in regard to the following topics: consideration of historic preservation designations, safe streets initiatives, budgeting for sustainability issues, short-term rental regulations, speed-calming policies, affordable housing for seniors and working-families, renter-friendly policies, and zoning for smaller lot sizes; promotion of the Arlington Heights Senior Center; encouragement to keep Downtown Arlington Heights vibrant and an economic engine for the Village; and the report of loud vehicles (exhaust/mufflers) disrupting residents at their homes particularly in the area of Windsor/Hintz/Palatine roads.

V. NEW BUSINESS

## A. Village Board 2025 Goal Setting

Village Manager Randy Recklaus provided opening remarks about the importance and purpose of the 2-year goal-setting process.

The Village Board began discussion about the Board's interactions with itself and with Village staff. Several Trustees commented on how well the Board interacts with each other and asked staff to consider providing information earlier in order to allow the Board additional time to consider the items.

Village Manager Recklaus reviewed how Village staff achieved, and continue to achieve, the nine 2024–2025 Strategic Priorities, including: redeveloping Arlington Park; maintaining good fiscal stewardship; pursuing environmentally sustainable programs and business practices; maintaining high-quality core municipal services; enhancing public safety; embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts with an emphasis on creating a sense of belonging and engagement; maintaining long-term design, construction, and maintenance of the Village's infrastructure program; seeking economic development initiatives to strengthen the local economy; and expanding attainable housing.

Village Manager Recklaus reviewed new and ongoing themes, trends, and challenges identified by Village staff, the results of the Polco National Community Survey, and feedback from Village Commissions.

The Village Board also discussed themes, trends, and challenges they believe will impact the Village in coming years. Items discussed include: affordable/attainable housing, historic districts and historic preservation, short-term rental regulations, zoning changes, housing stock, and cost of living; basic public services and public safety response times; crime prevention; gateway projects; redeveloping empty land and properties and encouraging developers to shepherd their projects in a timely fashion; task force creation; quick wins; stewardship of Village finances, taxes, resource allocations, and offering great services; developing the Arlington Park property with considerations on residential units and entertainment/recreation; street safety for everyone, speeding, and e-bike regulations and education; service provisions for non-profits closing and meeting needs for food, clothes, and other items; environmental considerations for composting, battery recycling, and reducing plastics redefining the participation in and areas of focus of the Village's Commissions; collaborating and partnering with stakeholders like the school districts, Park District, Library, and public; providing Village staff the resources and support needed to serve the Village; and business development and connecting the North and South corridors of the Village.

Finally, the Village Board discussed strategic priorities for 2026–2027 based on the themes, trends, and challenges. Village staff categorized like-ideas from the discussion into 14 high-level strategic priority topics. Each Trustee informally voted on which four topics they found most important to focus on over the next 2-year cycle. After a ranking of their consensus was concluded, the following eight topics received the most votes and will be developed into strategic priorities:

1. Redevelopment of Arlington Park
2. Affordable/Attainable Housing
3. Business Development and Redevelopment
4. Street Safety
5. Historic Preservation
6. Sustainability
7. Task Force and Commission Development

## 8. Arts and Entertainment.

The Village Board also agreed that Basic Core Services, Fiscal Responsibility, and Public Safety are continuous priorities for the Village Board and Village staff, and are not limited to a 2-year cycle.

Village Manager Recklaus indicated Village staff will create a 2026–2027 strategic priority proposal for the Village Board to review and formally approve. Once approved, the document will serve as a basis for Village staff to create a 2-year business plan with detailed objectives as to how the priorities will be met.

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee LaBedz and seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.