

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, 825 MIDWAY DRIVE, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Trilla.

2. ROLL CALL

Those physically present at roll call were Mayor Frank Trilla, Village Clerk Gretchen Boerwinkle, Village Trustees Mark Astrella, Sue Berglund, Umberto Davi, Gayle Neal and Greg Ruffolo, Attorney Michael Durkin, Village Administrator Sean Halloran, Assistant Village Administrator Alex Arteaga, Director of Community Development Michael Krol, Director of Parks and Recreation Dustin Kleefisch, Director of Public Works Rick Valent, Chief Lauren Kaspar, and Deputy Clerk Christine Mardegan.

ABSENT: Trustee Michael Mistele, Chief Financial Officer Amy Curtin, and Deputy Chief Gerard Wodka.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trilla asked Administrator Halloran to lead everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. VISITORS' BUSINESS

Several residents of Virginia Court spoke about their concerns regarding stormwater runoff, sewers, and flooding in the area from Route 83 to Clarendon Hills Road between 75th Street and I-55. The residents who spoke included:

Paul Farber	Robert Porter	Sue Kamuda
Tia Russell	Barry Zelinski	Thomas Szafranski
Mary Bergstrom	Dragan Ristic	

Items of most concern included:

- Increased flooding in yards, streets, and basements
- Concern for contamination and blockage of Sawmill Creek - chemicals, debris, and branches
- Upstream run off from the surrounding area, lack of natural wetlands
- Issues have been ongoing for decades

- Would like County and Village support to resolve issues
- Flooding issues on Executive Drive were resolved. Residents would like to see the same for this area.

Additionally, residents brought in supporting pictures and newspaper articles. Along with voicing their concerns, a petition was submitted, signed by twenty-three (23) concerned residents, requesting that the Village take measures to address the flooding problem. The residents also shared some ideas for resolution.

Mayor Trilla acknowledged the problem and indicated he'd like to invite the residents to return for another meeting, during which the Village will invite representatives from DuPage County, possibly Darien, and appropriate engineering teams to address questions and concerns.

Mayor Trilla thanked each of the residents for their participation and for attending the meeting. He noted that the Village has been exploring ways to slow the flow of water and expressed appreciation to those who provided new information. Mayor Trilla emphasized that, while no promises can be made at this time, the Village will continue to meet with residents to discuss the issue. He concluded by noting that this is a regional problem.

5. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Trilla read over each item in the Omnibus Vote Agenda for the record.

- a. Waive Reading of Minutes (Approve)
- b. Minutes - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting October 13, 2025 (APPROVE)
- c. Warrants of \$ 819,680.51
- d. MOTION - MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE ACTIVE ADULTS NASHVILLE EXTENDED TRAVEL TRIP (PASS)

Mayor Trilla asked the Board if there were any items to be removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Berglund to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Neal, and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mistele.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

6. LEGAL SERVICES

6.a. RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-55 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ELROD FRIEDMAN LLP (ADOPT)

Administrator Halloran reviewed the three resolutions appointing various legal counsel for the Village to handle different legal matters concerning the Village.

Legal counsel provides support in areas including policy and ordinance development, labor and employment matters, contracts, land use and development, economic development agreements, and risk management. The Village's legal services structure has been effective and provides expertise in specialized practice areas while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Storino, Ramello & Durkin

Storino, Ramello & Durkin currently serves as the Village's General Legal Counsel. The firm provides legal services for Board meetings, ordinance and resolution preparation, contract review, personnel matters, code enforcement, and general day-to-day legal guidance.

Elrod Friedman LLP

The firm provides legal services related to redevelopment agreements, business district incentives, economic incentive negotiations, real estate transactions, and land use matters tied to commercial redevelopment.

Clark Baird Smith LLP

Clark Baird Smith is a labor and employment firm with significant experience in police and fire pension matters, litigation, and Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA) cases.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Ruffolo and seconded by Trustee Davi to adopt Resolution 25-R-55 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Neal and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mistele.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6.b. RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-56 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - STORINO, RAMELLO & DURKIN (ADOPT)

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Astrella to adopt Resolution 25-R-56 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Neal and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mistele.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6.c. RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-57 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK AND CLARK BAIRD SMITH LLP (ADOPT)

MOTION: Made by Trustee Astrella and seconded by Trustee Berglund to adopt Resolution 25-R-57 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Neal and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mistele.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

7. RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-58- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK ESTIMATING THE PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE 2025 PROPERTY TAX LEVY (ADOPT)

Administrator Halloran explained that staff is recommending a 2.5% decrease in tax levy. The Village does not levy a property tax for general fund purposes. The tax is levied for special recreation. The following expenditures are funded by the Special Recreation Tax Levy:

- Membership in the Southeast Association for Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR)
- Expenditures in assisting recreation participants requiring ADA accommodations, such as one-on-one aides.
- Improvement to Village parks and playgrounds to provide better accessibility.

The proposed Special Recreation Tax Levy for 2025 is \$65,885, which is a 2.5% decrease from the prior year's requested tax levy.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Astrella and seconded by Trustee Ruffolo to adopt Resolution 25-R-58 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Neal and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mistele.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. ORDINANCE NO. 25-0-26 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-1-1 ENTITLED "CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT", OF CHAPTER 1, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", OF TITLE 5 ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS", OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, ILLINOIS (PASS)

Chief Kaspar offered background on the ordinance request. In early September, staff were made aware that a patrol officer had applied with the Police Pension Fund for a duty-disability pension. Said officer is currently on leave of absence from the Department while the Police Pension Board conducts the duty-disability application process. Due to the length of time associated with the duty disability process, staff is facing a long-term manpower shortage and is seeking to temporarily increase the department's composition to alleviate this burden.

The current composition of the Willowbrook Police Department as provided by Title 5, Chapter 1, Section 5-1-1 of the municipal code is as follows:

Chief of Police -1

Deputy Chief of Police -2

Sergeants - 4

Patrol Officers - in such numbers as may be provided from time to time by the Mayor and Board of Trustees for a total department composition not to exceed twenty-seven (27) members.

The current total number of sworn officers is twenty-six (26) in the police department leaving one vacancy currently.

The passage of the attached ordinance will serve to temporarily amend the Village Code to allow for the total department composition to increase to twenty-eight (28) members.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Astrella and seconded by Trustee Berglund to pass Ordinance 25-0-26 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Neal, and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mistele.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRIOR BUSINESS

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Neal thanked the Parks and Recreation team for their work and efforts in hosting the wonderful Boo Bash Halloween event this past weekend. She also thanked the Mayor for his support of the parks.

Trustee Ruffolo echoed what Trustee Neal said and added that he was at the event from start to finish. Everyone had a great time.

Trustee Mistele was not present.

Trustee Berglund had no report but agreed with Trustee Neal.

Trustee Davi stated that several years ago, he attended a government-related dinner where the topic focused on how a community successfully addressed flooding issues within their area. He emphasized the importance of responding to residents' concerns and expressed support for the Mayor's suggestion to hold another meeting with the affected residents. Trustee Davi concluded that action needs to be taken to assist the community.

Trustee Astrella had no report.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Durkin reminded the Board that there is an executive session this evening and thanked the Mayor and the Board on behalf of himself and his firm for the continued partnership with Willowbrook.

11. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Boerwinkle had no report.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Halloran congratulated Director Kleefisch and his team for their efforts for the past weekend's events. The Boo Bash was attended by 654 people.

The Administrator also thanked the Public Works Department for their ongoing work and resilience in addressing the recent main water breaks in the area.

Lastly, Director Krol deserves recognition for his contributions to the Community Rating System, where his diligent monitoring helped residents receive a 20 percent discount on flood insurance.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor expressed concern with the topics raised by the residents at this meeting. While the Village has historical data on the issue, more study is needed to resolve this regional issue, and he wants to include more knowledgeable voices on the issue to find a resolution. The Village

will continue to follow the problem and continue to work to find a solution.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Trilla stated there will be an Executive session during tonight's meeting to discuss the following:

5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5) - The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether particular parcel should be acquired.

5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) - The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Astrella to adjourn the Regular Meeting and recess to closed session at the hour of 7:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Neal, and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mistele.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ, and APPROVED.

November 10, 2025

Frank A. Trilla, Mayor

Minutes transcribed by Deputy Clerk Christine Mardegan.