

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GURNEE VILLAGE BOARD GURNEE VILLAGE HALL AUGUST 24, 2026	
Call to Order	Mayor Hood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Other Officials in Attendance	Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; Bryan Winter, Village Attorney; David Ziegler, Community Development Director; Heather Galan, Public Works Director; Brian Gosnell, Finance Director; Christine Palmieri, Director of Human Resources; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director; Nick Leach, Village Engineer; Ryan Nelson, Information Systems Director; David Douglass, Deputy Fire Chief; Jeremy Gaughan, Police Chief; Jason Kalinowski, Deputy Police Chief.
Roll Call	PRESENT: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O'Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside ABSENT: 0-
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance.
A. PUBLIC COMMENT	Garrett McMahon 2008 Madison Ave. Gurnee, IL Mr. McMahon, a resident of the Westgate neighborhood, expressed concerns regarding the Dilleys Road corridor and the volume of heavy truck traffic in the area. Mr. McMahon requested that the Village of Gurnee file a formal complaint with the Lake County Division of Transportation regarding truck traffic. He noted that the recent toll increase has heightened residents' concerns about the issue. Mr. McMahon suggested that the Village consider increased weight restrictions on Dilley's Road and/or targeted truck weight inspections and enforcement.
B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA	It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call, AYE: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O'Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside NAY: 0- None ABSENT: 0- None Motion Carried.
C. CONSENT AGENDA / OMNIBUS VOTE	The Village Administrator read the consent agenda for an omnibus vote as follows. 1. Approval of minutes from the August 10, 2026 meeting. 2. Approval of Ord. 2026 – 64 authorizing a Plat Amendment to Lot 29 in Hunt Club Farms – Unit 1 Subdivision. 3. Approval of Res. 2026 – 04 establishing certain property of the Village of Gurnee to be surplus (Police Units #141, #154, #156, #157, #162, #174 and #176, Public Works Unit #268, two snowplows, two tailgate spreaders, two tool chests, one shouldering attachment, one generator, one pressure washer, one angle grinder and miscellaneous Information Systems equipment). 4. Approval of Information System Division's recommendation to purchase a one-year VMWare Support subscription from Zones LLC at a total cost of \$37,578.24. (State of Illinois Innovation and Technology

Contract).

- 5. Approval of Payroll for the period ending August 7, 2026 in the amount of \$1,128,211.19.
- 6. Approval of Bills for the period ending August 24, 2026 in the amount of \$919,363.56.

It was moved by Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Garner to approve the Consent Agenda for an omnibus vote as read.

Roll call,
AYE: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O'Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. REPORTS

None.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of Engineering Division recommendation to award the Grove Avenue Drainage Improvement Project to the low bidder, Curran Contracting, at a cost of \$79,500.00.

Administrator Muetz said the Grove Drainage Ditch project will involve modifications to the section between Grove Avenue and Route 41 to improve the ditch's hydraulic capacity and reduce upstream flooding that has impacted the building at 4200 Grove during significant storm events. The proposed improvements include the installation of additional drainage structures and regrading the existing ditch to increase its stormwater conveyance capacity. The Engineering Division opened bids on August 10th. Four bids were received with Curran Contracting being the low bidder at \$79,500.00. He stated although Curran Contracting has not previously performed work for the Village, staff reviewed the contractor's qualifications and references and found the firm to be reputable and capable of successfully completing the project. While the project came in slightly over the Engineer's Estimate, there is funding available to cover the difference.

It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Engineering Division recommendation to award the Grove Avenue Drainage Improvement Project to the low bidder, Curran Contracting, at a cost of \$79,500.00.

Roll call,
AYE: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O'Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

- 2. Approval of Finance Division recommendation to award Voluntary Life Insurance with Long-Term Care benefits to Trustmark (no cost to the Village).

Administrator Muetz said at the July 27th Committee of the Whole

meeting staff reviewed Trustmark’s Voluntary Life Insurance with Long-Term Care benefit offering. He reminded the Board that long-term care provides financial assistance for services that may be needed due to aging, chronic illness, disability or cognitive impairment when individuals can no longer perform everyday activities independently. The Trustmark program combines life insurance protection with built-in long-term care benefits and caregiver support services, enhancing the Village's voluntary benefits package at no direct cost to the Village. Administrator Muetz stated at the advice of Attorney Winter, staff is requesting formal approval from the Village Board to finalize the plan design and prepare for an October 1st start date. He concluded by reiterating there is no direct cost to the Village.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Ross to approve of Finance Division recommendation to award Voluntary Life Insurance with Long-Term Care benefits to Trustmark (no cost to the Village).

Roll call,
AYE: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O’Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Moss 2086 Windsong Ct. Gurnee, IL	Mr. Moss stated his concerns about an incident that occurred a few weekends ago in the Westgate neighborhood. Mr. Moss inquired about increasing surveillance in the area.
Erin Worthington 2451 Lawson Blvd. Gurnee, IL	Ms. Worthington expressed concerns similar to Mr. Moss. She stated issues like this must be addressed so they do not expand. Ms. Worthington asked that the Village take the issue seriously.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment to Executive Session

The Village Attorney stated that tonight’s Executive Session will reference:

5 ILCS 120/2 2 (c) (1) which states: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body of legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity.

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) which states: Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

It was moved by Trustee O’Brien, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session.

Roll call,
AYE: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O’Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside
NAY: 0- None
ABSENT: 0- None
Motion Carried.

Recall to Order

Mayor Hood adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Hood recalled the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

PRESENT: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O’Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside
ABSENT: 0-

1. Approval of Res. 2026 – 05 authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and general release of claims.

It was moved by Trustee Garner, seconded by Trustee Thorstenson to approve of Res. 2026 – 05 authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and general release of claims as discussed in executive session.

Roll call,

AYE: 6- Ware, Garner, Ross, O'Brien, Thorstenson, Woodside

NAY: 0- None

ABSENT: 0- None

Motion Carried.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Garner to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE: Motion Carried.

Mayor Hood adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

**Andrew Harris,
Village Clerk**