

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS,
LAKE COUNTY, IL HELD JANUARY 13, 2026 7:00 PM**

- I. President Koch called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: Trustees Marquardt, Takaoka, Forster, Lundeen, President Koch. Trustee Schenk was absent. Trustee Oppenheim gave prior notice that he would not be in attendance. A quorum was established.

Also, present were: Village Manager Timony, Director of Community Development Jennings, Public Works Director Venatta, Chief Kreis, Deputy Chief Holubetz, Village Attorney Ferolo, and Recording Secretary Koehl.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Officials Reports

- A. Village President
- B. Village Manager
- C. Assistant Village Manager
- D. Finance Director/Treasurer

- 1. Cash and Investment Reports – October and November 2025

E. Chief of Police

- 1. Police Department Report – November 2025 (Enclosed in Packet)

F. Public Works Director/Village Engineer

G. Director of Community Development

V. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

Items under the Omnibus Vote Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If any one (board member, staff, or citizen) wishes to have a separate vote on any item, it will be pulled from the Omnibus Vote Agenda and voted on separately.

- A. APPROVAL OF RETROACTIVE VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED DECEMBER 30, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,561,396.73
- B. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED JANUARY 13, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$737,925.15
- C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2025

- D. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2026-001 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE EVERLEIGH DEVELOPMENT 555 LAKEVIEW PARKWAY
- E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2026-002 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN VILLAGE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND HAVING LITTLE VALUE TO DISPOSE OF IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER
- F. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2026-001 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KEVIN TIMONY AS DIRECTOR AND CHRIS VENATTA AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO SWALCO FOR THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
- G. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2026-002 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS AND HAWTHORN SCHOOL DISTRICT 73 FOR EMERGENCY USE OF THE VILLAGE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

President Koch called for a motion to approve Omnibus Agenda Items A-G.

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Lundeen, to approve Omnibus Agenda Items A-G.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 – Marquardt, Forster, Takaoka, Lundeen, Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2 – Oppenheim, Schenk

Motion Carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

- 1. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2026-003 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE AND CONTRACTING OF DRONE HARDWARE AND RELATED SERVICES FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC., FOR A DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER TAKEOFF PROGRAM AND THE TOTAL POTENTIAL FORTY-EIGHT MONTH EXPENDITURE OF \$179,997.

Chief Kreis provided a summary of the ordinance and outlined the reasons for requesting a bid waiver. He stated that the company has agreed to permit the Village to use the product on a trial basis for up to one year, with the ability to terminate the agreement at any time during that period without charge.

*** Trustee Schenk arrived at 7:15 pm. ***

President Koch called for a motion to approve New Business Item 1 ORDINANCE 2026-003 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE AND CONTRACTING OF DRONE HARDWARE AND RELATED SERVICES FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC., FOR A DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER TAKEOFF PROGRAM AND THE TOTAL POTENTIAL FORTY-EIGHT MONTH EXPENDITURE OF \$179,997.

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Forster, to approve New Business Item 1 ORDINANCE 2026-003 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE AND CONTRACTING OF DRONE HARDWARE AND RELATED SERVICES FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC., FOR A DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER TAKEOFF PROGRAM AND THE TOTAL POTENTIAL FORTY-EIGHT MONTH EXPENDITURE OF \$179,997.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 5 –Forster, Takaoka, Marquart, Lundeen, Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSTAIN: 1 - Schenk

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Oppenheim

Motion Carried.

IX. Communications

Village Manager Timony advised that residents who missed the Village Christmas tree pick-up may place undecorated trees at the curb this week for collection by Waste Management on their regular garbage day. After this week, residents may bring their trees to the Public Works facility at 490 Greenleaf.

He further advised that applications are currently available for residents who wish to participate in the Military Banner Program. Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.vernonhills.org/m/newsflash/home/detail/993>

Rechargeable battery recycling is available through SWALCO called Call2Recycle and recently renamed The Battery Network. Locations can be found at <https://batterynetwork.org/stewards/state-recycling-laws/illinois/>.

X. Adjournment

President Koch called for a motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting and move to Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Trustee Schenk, second by Trustee Forster, to adjourn the Village Board Meeting and move to Committee of the Whole.

Voice vote:

All in Favor.

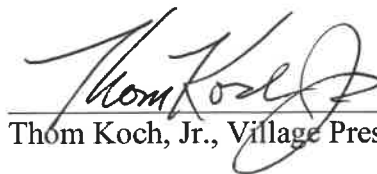
Motion Carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved this 3rd day of February, 2026.



Kevin Timony, Village Manager/Clerk



Thom Koch, Jr., Village President