

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

1. President Koch called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.
2. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: Trustees Forster, Takaoka, Schenk, Oppenheim, Marquardt, President Koch. Trustee Lundeen 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, Deputy Chief Holubetz, Village Attorney Ferolo, and Recording Secretary Koehl.

3. Citizens Wishing to Address the Committee

None.

4. Items of Business

**A. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OF
JANUARY 13, 2026**

President Koch called for a motion to approve item A, THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2026.

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Forster, to approve item A, THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2026.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Forster, Schenk, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Lundeen

Motion Carried.

**B. DISCUSSION: SIGN VARIATION REQUEST, US BANK, 175 N. MILWAUKEE
AVENUE, REVIEW OF PZC RECOMMENDATION**

Director Jennings gave a presentation on the proposed sign variation. Discussion focused on whether the signage should be limited to tenants of the subject property or whether adjacent properties should also be permitted to advertise on the sign. After discussion with the sign installer and the bank branch manager, the Committee reached consensus to allow the sign to advertise only the tenants of 155 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

Director Jennings will prepare an ordinance reflecting this decision and present it at a future Village Board meeting for consideration and approval.

5. Adjournment

President Koch called for a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting and move into closed session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 [Sec. 2(c)(21)] Review of Minutes of the Open Meetings Act with no further action to take place.

Motion by Trustee Schenk, second by Trustee Oppenheim, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting and move into closed session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 [Sec. 2(c)(21)] Review of Minutes of the Open Meetings Act with no further action to take place.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Forster, Schenk, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Lundeen

Motion Carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Approved this 17th day of February, 2026.



Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



Thom Koch Jr., Village President