



## Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

**Council Chambers**

**May 2, 2023**

**07:00 PM**

In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 9:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 5 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by Council. Thank you.

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Barnett called to order the Village Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He explained the protocol for the meeting and the guidelines to submit public comment.

### 2. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Mayor Barnett, Commissioner José, Commissioner Walus, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Kulovany, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Glover

**Council Attendance (Not Present):** None

**Non-Voting:** Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Village Clerk Rosa Berardi

### 3. Proclamation

A. Historic Preservation Month

B. Building Safety Month

Mayor Barnett read and proclaimed May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month and Building Safety Month. Community Development Director Stan Popovich accepted the Building Safety Month Proclamation.

### 4. Minutes of Council Meetings

**MIN 2023-9898** — A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2023

**MOTION:** To adopt the meeting minutes of the April 18, 2023, regular Village Council meeting, as presented.

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Walus

**AYES:** Commissioners José, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett

**NAYES:** None

### 5. Consent Agenda

**BIL 2022-9778** — A. Bills Payable: No. 6728 - May 2, 2023

**COR 2022-9779** — B. Claims Ordinance: No. 6503, Payroll - April 21, 2023

**MOT 2023-9895** — C. Motion: Approve a Contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., of Schaumburg, IL for the 2023 Saratoga Avenue Sidewalk Installation

**Summary:** This motion approve a contract for the 2023 Saratoga Avenue Sidewalk Installation to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., of Schaumburg, IL, in the amount of \$139,736.25.

**MOT 2023-9934** — D. Motion: Approve a Two-Year Agreement with Ray O’Herron of Downers Gove, Illinois for Police Uniforms and Equipment

**Summary:** This motion approves a two-year police uniform and equipment contract with Ray O’Herron of Downers Gove, Illinois for an amount not to exceed \$217,730.00, an average of \$108,865.00 per year.

**RES 2023-9859** — E. Resolution: Authorize the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Downers Grove **RES 2023-33**

**Summary:** This resolution authorizes the disposal of personal property owned by the Village of Downers Grove

### **RESOLUTION 2023-33**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

**RES 2023-9945** — F. Resolution: Approve a Master License Agreement with Unite Private Networks- Illinois, LLC for the Use of the Village's Rights-of-Way **RES 2023-34**

**Summary:** This resolutions authorizes the execution of a Master License Agreement between Unite Private Networks - Illinois, LLC and the Village for use of the Village's rights-of-way for the installation, operation and maintenance of an underground fiber optics telecommunications system.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-34**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS - ILLINOIS, LLC**

***MOTION:** To adopt all items on the Consent Agenda, as presented*

***RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José*

***SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Walus*

***AYES:** Commissioners José, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett*

***NAYES:** None*

## **6. Active Agenda**

**ORD 2023-9922** — A. Ordinance: Providing for an Amendment to Ordinance #5891 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 **ORD 5979**

**Summary:** This ordinance provides for an amendment to Ordinance #5891 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

### **ORDINANCE 5979**

#### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #5891 AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**MOTION:** *To adopt AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #5891 AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 as presented*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner Hosé*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Walus*

**AYES:** *Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

**RES 2023-9940** — B. Resolution: Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services **RES 2023-35**

**Summary:** This resolution authorizes an amendment to a contract for professional engineering services for the design of pedestrian safety improvements related to Downers Grove North and South High Schools, to HR Green of McHenry, Illinois in the amount of \$368,810, increasing the total contract amount to \$570,936.

**RESOLUTION 2023-35**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND HR GREEN, INC.**

**MOTION:** *To adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND HR GREEN, INC., as presented*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner Hosé*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Walus*

**AYES:** *Commissioners Hosé, Walus, Glover, Gilmartin, Kulovany, Sadowski-Fugitt, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

**7. Motion to Adjourn Sine Die (without Date)**

**MOT 2023-9946** — A. Motion: Motion to adjourn Sine Die

**MOTION:** *To adjourn the May 1, 2023 Village Council Meeting Sine Die, as presented.*

**RESULT:** *Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** *Commissioner Walus*

**SECONDED BY:** *Commissioner Kulovany*

**AYES:** *Commissioners Walus, Kulovany, Glover, Gilmartin, Sadowski-Fugitt, Hosé, Mayor Barnett*

**NAYES:** *None*

Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried unanimously.

**8. Swearing-in Ceremony of Mayor and Commissioners**

Honorable Judge Ann Celine Walsh, with the DuPage County Circuit Court, swore in Mayor Robert T. Barnett.

Honorable Judge Leah D. Setzen, with the DuPage County Circuit Court, swore in Commissioner Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt.

Honorable Judge Ann Celine Walsh, with the DuPage County Circuit Court, swore in Commissioner Martin T. Tully.

Honorable Judge Ann Celine Walsh with the DuPage County Circuit Court, swore in Commissioner Michael Davenport.

## 9. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport

## 10. Public Comments

No Public Comments.

## 11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Barnett congratulated the Council members that were sworn in, thanked them for choosing to serve, and for being elected with votes of confidence from the community. He also thanked the existing Council, as well as outgoing Commissioners Walus and Kulovany, for their many years of service; further stating, that the community was a better place because of them. The Mayor spoke of what an honor it had been to serve on the Village Council and work as a team. He said Downers Grove was defined by its people. The Mayor explained that having a community that worked together was the best way to ensure a better future for all. He spoke of how Downers Grove elections took place every two years and every two years the residents affirmed their commitment to one another; every two years offered opportunities for restarts and new beginnings. Mayor Barnett said that no matter who they voted for, the residents of Downers Grove could rest assured that the Village Council valued all their input and respected each of them as individuals - the Council looked to move forward, not back. He encouraged all to get involved within the community. The Mayor spoke of his commitments to the community in the past as a Commissioner and now as Mayor. He said he welcomed change and would take difficult conversations head on, which is something he and the Council had already been practicing. The Mayor said that continuous improvement had been, and would remain, the Council's focus by improving the following: municipal services, the Village's impact on the shared environment, and the diversity, inclusion and awareness of the differences that make each person real. He also added that the Council would focus on the improvement of the transparency of local government, the infrastructure everyone depended on, the accessibility to (and safety for) all those that traversed through the community, the quality of public spaces, and the fiscal strength of the Village. The Mayor explained that his goal was to continue to ensure that local government was practical, effective, and accessible. He thanked the community, friends and neighbors. Mayor Barnett thanked his wife Carrie and their children for their commitment to fitting service into their family life. Lastly, he thanked his parents Bob and Janet for their support, encouragement, and example. Mayor Barnett said that he was humbled and grateful to be elected as Mayor again, and he looked forward to the next four years of working together for Downers Grove.

## 12. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Mike Davenport thanked the residents for trusting in him. He said he looked forward to beginning his service on the Council. He spoke of the Month of May being Mental Health Awareness Month and that the organizations grit2 and Navigate Adolescence were sponsoring activities around town. Commissioner Davenport explained that everyone was affected by mental health issues in one way or another. He encouraged everyone to check out the website [umatterhere.org](http://umatterhere.org). Commissioner Davenport reminded residents that the Rotary Grove Fest began on June 22, 2023.

Commissioner Glover congratulated the Mayor and Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt on their reelection and the new Commissioners on their election. He said he looked forward to working together and under the Mayor's leadership again. The Commissioner concluded by stating that he would miss Commissioners Kulovany and Walus, but had hopes that he would see them around town.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt thanked the residents for putting their trust and faith in her. She said she hoped to continue to earn their trust and faith every day over the next four years. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said that she would miss Commissioners Kulovany and Walus. She expressed her excitement to serve again with her colleagues and getting to know Commissioners Tully and Davenport. She thanked her husband, daughter, and the friends that lived in Downers Grove, and the surrounding suburbs, for all of their support.

Commissioner Tully expressed his gratitude to the community for returning him to the Village Council. He explained it was his third term on the Council, the first of which was in May 2001. Commissioner Tully reviewed his experience on the Council as both Commissioner and Mayor. He said during his time on the Council, he had served with eight different Village Councils, four Mayors (including himself), 20 different Commissioners, four Village Managers, two Village Attorneys, numerous Police and Fire Chiefs and Public Works Directors. He said he looked forward to working with the current Village Council and Village staff to build upon past successes for the continued betterment of the community. The Commissioner congratulated the Mayor and Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt and Davenport on their recent election. He also expressed his deep respect for Commissioner Kulovany and his public service through not-for-profits, Village Boards and Commissions and with the Village Council. He wished Commissioner Kulovany the best of luck in the next chapter of his journey. Commissioner Tully also spoke of Commissioner Walus and his recollection of when she interviewed for an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Village Council. He spoke of how Commissioner Walus grew into her role as Commissioner quickly and excelled at it, making it her own quickly. He said she was always a huge champion for the Village. Commissioner Tully echoed Commissioner Davenport's declaration of National Mental Health Month. He spoke of NAMI DuPage, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He said that NAMI was having a Shine a Light Annual Spring Gala on May 6, 2023, beginning at 5:30 at the Chicago Marriott in Naperville. Next, Commissioner Tully said that Hope's Front Door, which served as a first responder to neighbors who were facing financial or medical crises, was having a Hands of Hope Luncheon on May 16, 2023, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Seven Bridges Golf Club. Lastly, he also reminded everyone of the approaching Rotary Grove Fest.

Commissioner Gilmartin stated that Commissioners Walus and Kulovany would be missed and he was excited to see what was next in their journeys. He welcomed Commissioners Tully and Davenport and congratulated the Mayor and Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt on their reelection. Commissioner Gilmartin said he was looking forward to getting a lot of work done.

Commissioner José commented on his belief that the community was better because of Commissioners Walus and Kulovany. He also congratulated the Mayor and Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt and said that it had been an honor to work with each of them. Commissioner José also congratulated Commissioner Davenport, stating that he brought a vast amount of experience with him and he looked forward to Commissioner Davenport's contributions. Commissioner José welcomed Commissioner Tully back to the Village Council and added that it would take some time getting used to calling him Commissioner Tully, and not Mayor. Commissioner José concluded by stating that he looked forward to continuing to serve the community and getting some good work done.

### **13. Adjournment**

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

***MOTION:** To adjourn the May 2, 2023 Village Council Meeting*

***RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

***MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner José*

***SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt*

***AYES:** Commissioners José, Sadowski-Fugitt, Davenport, Tully, Glover, Gilmartin, Mayor Barnett*

***NAYES:** None*

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Mayor Barnett declared the motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi  
Village Clerk