

# Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

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**Betty Cheever Council Chambers**

**October 7, 2025**

**07:00 PM**

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## 1. Call to Order

Deputy Village Clerk Mary Kate Guy called the meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 pm. in the Betty Cheever Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Civic Center.

Deputy Village Clerk Mary Kate Guy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## 2. Roll Call

**Council Attendance (Present):** Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Tully, Commissioner Davenport, Commissioner Sarver, Commissioner Roe

**Council Attendance (Not Present):** Mayor Barnett

**Non-Voting:** Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Deputy Village Clerk Mary Kate Guy

A. Motion: Appoint an Acting Mayor for the October 7, 2025 Village Council Meeting

**MOTION:** To **Appoint an Acting Mayor for the October 7, 2025 Village Council Meeting**, as presented.

**RESULT:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Gilmartin

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Tully

**AYES:** Commissioners Gilmartin, Tully, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Sadowski-Fugitt

## 3. Proclamations

A. Fire Prevention Week

Commissioner Gilmartin read the proclamation and presented it to Downers Grove Fire Chief Scott Spinazola and Deputy Chief Rob Pekelder. Chief Spinazola thanked the Council and invited everyone to the Night at the Firehouse on Wednesday, October 8th at Fire Station No. 5.

B. Code Compliance Month

Commissioner Tully read the proclamation and presented it to Community Development Director Stan Popovich.

#### C. Community Planning Month

Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt read the proclamation and presented it to Community Development Director Stan Popovich.

## 4. Minutes of Council Meetings

**MIN 2024-10534**      A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2025

**MOTION:** To **Adopt Village Council Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025**, as presented.

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Gilmartin

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Tully

**AYES:** Commissioners Gilmartin, Tully, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, and Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt

## 5. Public Comments

Sandra Reinert, resident, expressed concerns about the Village getting rid of the sticker program, especially for seniors.

An unnamed resident, a teacher in Downers Grove, spoke about the presence of ICE in the community and gave the Council suggestions on how to help those in the community who are affected by ICE.

Bill Alrich, member of AccessibleDG, spoke about exploring options for affordable and supportive housing in Downers Grove.

Renee Norris, resident, expressed concerns with getting rid of the Village solid waste sticker program.

Janet Winningham expressed concerns about the Washington Street train crossing, the cost of the Village Streetscape Plan and the lack of parking in the downtown area.

Gloria Walsh-Rock expressed content about the Greener Grove Recycling Extravaganza event.

An unnamed resident expressed concerns about the Village getting rid of the solid waste sticker program.

A resident named Cheryl asked how the discussion on the refuse contract came about.

Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt explained that the contract with the current solid waste provider was coming to a close, so the Village decided to go out to bid. She explained that a discussion on this will continue at the October 14, 2025 Village Council meeting. She also spoke about Mayor Barnett's comments regarding ICE at the September 16, 2025 Village Council meeting.

## **6. Consent Agenda**

**COR 2025-10841**      A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6623, Payroll - September 19, 2025

**BIL 2025-10849**      B. Bills Payable: No. 6898 - October 7, 2025

**RES 2025-10904**      C. Resolution: Approve a Renewal Agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois for Medical Claim Administration Services

### **RESOLUTION 2025-67**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RENEWAL AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM THERETO BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS FOR MEDICAL CLAIM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

**RES 2025-10906**      D. Resolution: Approve a Renewal Agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois for Stop Loss Insurance Coverage

### **RESOLUTION 2025-68**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE COVERAGE**

**RES 2025-10908**      E. Resolution: Approve a Renewal Agreement with Humana for Medicare Advantage Insurance for Retirees Over 65

### **RESOLUTION 2025-69**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND HUMANA FOR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE INSURANCE FOR RETIREES OVER 65**

**RES 2025-10907**      F. Resolution: Approve a Claims Administration Agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois

### **RESOLUTION 2025-70**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

**RES 2025-10905** G. Resolution: Authorize the Participation in the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program

**RESOLUTION 2025-71**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

**MOTION:** To **Adopt the Consent Agenda of the October 7, 2025 Village Council Meeting**, as presented.

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Gilmartin

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Davenport

**AYES:** Commissioners Gilmartin, Davenport, Roe, Sarver, Tully and Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt

## **7. First Reading**

**ORD 2025-10915** A. Ordinance: Establishing Regulations for Electric Scooters

Manager Fieldman provided a brief background on this item and reviewed the proposed changes..

### **Village Council Comments**

Commissioner Roe thanked Staff for bringing this item back so quickly and said this is exactly what he was looking for.

Commissioner Gilmartin clarified what a high-speed electric scooter is. He asked Staff to explain the difference between high and low speed electric scooters.

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said the State law regulates low speed scooters as those that do not exceed 10 miles per hour and high speed scooters as those that exceed 10 miles per hour.

Commissioner Gilmartin said he looks forward to moving forward with this.

Commissioner Davenport asked how the 35 mph speed limit regulation was decided. Attorney Petrarca said it is State law.

Commissioner Davenport asked if there is any insight to why that specific speed was decided. Attorney Petrarca said she did not know.

Manager Fieldman noted that all of the local streets in Downers Grove have speed limits of 30, 25 or 20 which ties this directly to the streets under the direct control of the Village, as opposed to the County or State.

Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt clarified that electric scooters are regulated by State law to be operated by those ages 18 and up.

Commissioner Davenport reminded everyone about the education component that will accompany these regulations.

Manager Fieldman shared that preliminary discussions have been had with the Park District and School Districts and they are willing to participate in this effort.

Commissioner Davenport asked if the Village can reach out to the private schools as well. Manager Fieldman said Staff can do that.

### **Public Comments**

Phil Kilakis, resident, said his concern is that these devices will not be seen at night. He said he would like to see a requirement for lights on all bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooter, etc. so they can be seen at night.

Norm Kerr, resident, asked how the Village will handle enforcement.

Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt said as part of the original ordinance, lights and reflectors are required on all bikes. She said in terms of enforcement, it will be if patrol officers happen to be in the area and will be similar to traffic enforcement. She also noted that motorbikes are not legal on the streets in Downers Grove and the Village is actively working on enforcing this.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked why the age limit is 18 years old.

Attorney Petrarca said this mirrors the State law for low-speed electric scooters.

**ORD 2025-10916** B. Ordinance: Proposing the Establishment of Special Service Area Number 14 (Talon Preserve) in the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois and Providing for a Public Hearing and Other Procedures in Connection Therewith

Community Development Director Stan Popovich presented this item via PowerPoint. He provided an explanation as to why the proposed SSA was being established and provided an explanation about the steps involved with moving forward with the SSA.

### **Village Council Comments**

Commissioner Tully explained that stormwater basins being neglected is a frequent occurrence and implementing this special service area helps to prevent those situations.

## **8. Attorney's Report**

Pursuant to Section 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca presented the following for Village Council consideration:

1. An ordinance establishing regulations for electric scooters.
2. An ordinance proposing the establishment of Special Service Area Number 14 (Talon Preserve) in the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, and providing for a public hearing and other procedures in connection therewith.

## 9. Manager's Report

There was no Manager's Report.

## 10. Council Member Reports

Commissioner Tully spoke of the success of the Recycling Extravaganza. He spoke about the visit from the German high school students last week. He shared that their town in Germany has a mayor and 33 council members and thanked both Village and EDC Staff for the events they planned during their visit. He congratulated Lisa Rasin who was the Montrew Dunham Award recipient. He shared that the 100 Club of DuPage County would be holding their 42nd Annual Valor Awards dinner on Wednesday, October 29th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lisle Naperville. He noted that there are 261 days left until Rotary Grove Fest.

Commissioner Davenport echoed Commissioner Tully's comments. He shared that he had the privilege to attend the groundbreaking at 750 Curtiss Street earlier and that looks forward to having new residents in that building.

Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt reminded all about the Night at the Firehouse event at Fire Station No. 5 located at 6701 Main Street, and shared that SCARCE will be in attendance and collecting old, unusable smoke alarms. She also spoke about the Silent Parade on October 10th at 7:00 p.m. which starts in Hinsdale and proceeds west to Route 53 in Lisle. She also shared that EQDG will be hosting a movie screening and discussion of Will and Harper on Monday, October 27th at the Tivoli Theater.

## 11. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION: To Adjourn the October 7, 2025 Village Council Meeting.**

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

**MOTIONED TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Gilmartin

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Davenport

**AYES:** Commissioners Gilmartin, Davenport, Roe, Sarver, Tully and Acting Mayor Sadowski-Fugitt

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kate Guy  
Deputy Village Clerk