

Meeting Minutes

Village of Downers Grove - Council Meeting

Betty Cheever Council Chambers**February 3, 2026****07:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Roll Call

Council Attendance (Present): Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt , Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Davenport, Commissioner Sarver, Commissioner Roe

Council Attendance (Not Present): Commissioner Tully

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

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

MIN 2025-10921 A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2026

MOTION: To Adopt the Village Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

4. Mayor's Report

REP 2026-11137 A. Report: Fire Prevention Bureau Accreditation

Mayor Barnett explained the steps taken by the Fire Department to be only one of two organizations in the US to earn the Fire Prevention accreditation. He then presented Fire Chief Scott Spinazola and Fire Prevention Chief Chris Hull with an award.

REP 2026-11138 B. Report: Arboretum Designation

Mayor Barnett explained the actions taken by the Village to be only the seventh municipality in Illinois to achieve the Arboretum designation. He then presented Village Forester Greg

Soltwisch, Sustainability Coordinator Jason Michnick and Public Works Director Dave Moody with an award.

5. Public Comments

Mayor Barnett explained the protocol for public comment.

There were no public comments regarding items that were not on the agenda.

6. Consent Agenda

COR 2025-11052 A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6639 and 6641, Payroll - January 09, 2026 and January 23, 2026

BIL 2025-11054 B. Bills Payable: No. 6922 February 03, 2026

RES2026-11067 C. Resolution: Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Kenig, Lindgren, O'Hara, Aboona, Inc.

RES 2026-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND KENIG, LINDGREN, O'HARA, ABOONA, INC.

RES 2026-11075 D. Resolution: Authorize the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Downers Grove

RES 2026-07

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

RES 2025-11045 E. Resolution: Authorize an Extension of the Annual Occupational Medical Evaluation and Fitness for Duty Examination Agreement with Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital

RES 2026-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL EVALUATION AND FITNESS FOR DUTY EXAMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ADVENTIST BOLINGBROOK HOSPITAL

MOT 2026-11074 F. Motion: Approve a One Year Contract to Boughton Materials of Illinois LLC, to Supply Crushed Limestone

MOTION: To adopt the Consent Agenda of the February 03, 2026, Village Council Meeting, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

7. Active Agenda

ORD 2026-11069 A. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located at 424 Hill Street

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 424 HILL STREET**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6174**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

ORD 2026-11070 B. Ordinance: Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, to Designate the Property at 1434 Butterfield Road as Planned Unit Development #73 (Oak Grove Centre)

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY AT 1434 BUTTERFIELD ROAD AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT #73 (OAK GROVE CENTRE)**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6175**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

ORD 2026-11071 C. Ordinance: Rezoning Certain Property Located at 1434 Butterfield Road (Oak Grove Centre)

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1434 BUTTERFIELD ROAD (OAK GROVE CENTRE)**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6176**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

ORD 2026-11072 D. Ordinance: Authorizing a Special Use for 1434 Butterfield Road to Permit a Drive-Through

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR 1434 BUTTERFIELD ROAD TO PERMIT A DRIVE-THROUGH**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6177**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMENTS

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt spoke about the size of another Seven Brew's parking lot and expressed that she is pleased that the site of this Seven-Brew's parking lot is large enough to accommodate traffic appropriately - particularly the drive-through queuing.

Mayor Barnett explained that all of the items under the Active Agenda have previously been discussed by the Council.

ORD 2026-11073 E. Ordinance: Concerning the Monitoring of Immigration Enforcement Activities

MOTION: To adopt **AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE MONITORING OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6178**

RESULT: Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

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

NAYES: Mayor Barnett

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Mack, a resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance.

Scott Melrose, a resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance.

Eileen Briner, a resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance.

Laura Hois, a resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance.

Laura Kamedulski, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.

Molly Hesse, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.
Holly Plys, a resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance.
Carol Davis, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.
Lilliana Ruiz, DGN student, expressed support for this ordinance.
Vikki Beening, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.
Larry Bolocca, a resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance.
Ed Pawlik, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.
Rebecca Borg, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.
Robin Tryloff, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.
Eli Borg, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.
Selma Moberg, a resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance.
Irene Hogstrom, a resident, expressed support for this ordinance.

VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Barnett thanked everyone that commented and attended the meeting.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt apologized for the immigrants and families of immigrants that had to listen to unfactual information. She read data that indicated that immigrants have been incarcerated less than American born citizens. She further explained her stance to support this ordinance and to protect the immigrants in the community. She noted that if crimes are committed, no matter who commits them, the police will investigate. She said this ordinance shows everyone that lives in the community that they have rights.

Mayor Barnett explained that the Trust Act of 2017 defines what the Village will and will not do - the Village must be in full compliance with the Trust Act. Mayor Barnett asked Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt how this will fix any of the things mentioned. Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt explained that though the Village cannot stop ICE, it can document their actions and show the community that the Village will do what it can to protect its residents.

Commissioner Sarver said that the snickering and smug looks that came from the audience when certain members of the public were speaking said it all for her. She explained she will stand by this ordinance and told Mayor Barnett that though she did not think the ordinance would solve the world's problems, it is one step in the right direction.

Commissioner Roe said he will be supporting this and noted that the purpose of this ordinance is not to interfere with ICE or to provide the public with any false hope. He said this is about the constitution and the rule of law and it confirms the Council's commitment to the residents of Downers Grove. He related that what the ordinance means to him is that the Village is watching, recording, and will keep ICE accountable. He read data indicating that only a small percentage of immigrants have committed crimes. Commissioner Roe shared that he takes no joy in approving this ordinance and his favorite day will be overturning it.

Commissioner Davenport explained he can no longer trust that ICE will do their job lawfully. He explained nothing in the ordinance will obstruct ICE from doing their job and even if this

ordinance does not do anything to protect the people of Downers Grove, he is in support of it. He further explained that the Village will do what it can, while abiding by the law.

Commissioner Gilmartin thanked everyone who commented on this topic. He said that he's in favor of this ordinance and is of the opinion that because the Village is a home rule community, the Council can decide what is done with Village data, property and activities. The Village is under no obligation to support ICE and this is within the Council's purview. He shared his concern that this could bring false hope and he wishes that more could be done, but assured everyone that the Village is doing what it can within its limitations. Commissioner Gilmartin said that he looks forward to the day that federal officials are acting in the manner they should be and the Council can overturn this ordinance.

Mayor Barnett started by sharing he is not in favor of this ordinance but he also agrees with much of what Commissioner Gilmartin said. He said the issue is not about the Village's authority and explained that he does not support the ordinance because it would not push back against ICE or stop them from entering the community. He agreed that recent ICE activity is horrible, but he made it clear that there is nothing the Village can do to prevent ICE from taking anyone in Downers Grove - ICE is a federal agency operating under Congress to conduct immigration enforcement. He shared the problem is the tactics used by ICE - they are not using any empathy or de-escalation measures. He shared he agrees that this ordinance could be repealed one day, but he would much rather this be a resolution instead. The Mayor explained he trusts the people that work for the Village more than anyone else but he worries. He asked what will happen next - when ICE returns to Chicago. He said the residents of Downers Grove are not as limited with what they can do as the Council is - he asked all to be a firewall and help those at risk to stay connected to their community. The Mayor asked that everyone help their neighbors, especially those people that are afraid.

8. Manager's Report

INF 2026-11139

A. Information: Discussion of the Proposed Public Art Program

Village Manager Dave Fieldman used a PowerPoint to present this item. He provided the background information and explained that this is a continuation of several discussions - the first of which began during Long Range Planning in August of 2025. He provided a recap of the last Council discussion and explained that the next steps include the Council's direction on the implementation of the initial phase of the program and the issuance of a Request for Proposal {RFP} - including the process and schedule. He provided details of the RFP drafted by Staff and noted that when the Council awards the Public Art contract, it will also award the Flexible Amenity Areas contract on the same night - this allows the Council to make sure they have a full picture of how the two important projects are inter-connected.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Lark, founder of the Macho Monument Movement, requested the Village Council consider the placement of a monument honoring Randy Poffo in the Linda Kunze Plaza. He explained if

chosen for this project, his organization would cover 25% of the cost of the monument. Next, he used a PowerPoint to display examples of art produced by artist Erik Blome. He requested that the Council select Mr. Blome to construct a sculpture. Mr. Lark estimated the cost for the monument at approximately \$70K and shared that it could take up to a year for completion. He reiterated that his organization wants to work with the Village to complete this project.

VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMENTS

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt said she is in support of continuing in this phase and issuing the RFP. She suggested that planters that the Village may already have on hand be placed on any empty pedestals until art is ready for placement.

Commissioner Sarver related that she's on board with this phase.

Commissioner Davenport agreed with his fellow Commissioners to continue with this phase. He said he looks forward to the Randy Poffo monument to be submitted as an RFP. He suggested using borrowed or loaned art to display in the empty areas. He asked how many more opportunities there will be after the first phase, which only includes the three flexible amenity areas and the Linda Kunze Plaza. Manager Fieldman said there will be dozens of more opportunities as the program expands beyond downtown and into the Fairview area, and other parts of the Village. The Commissioner thanked the Randy Poppo group for offering funds to pay for the monument, and suggested that as this project expands, the Village look into some kind of loaned art pieces.

Commissioner Roe thanked Mr. Larko with the Macho Monument Movement for the presentation. He also thanked Village Staff for their work. He said he is ok with having empty pedestals and does not think there should be temporary art. He said he likes the structure of the RFP and the idea of looking into loaned or borrowed art for the pedestals until the Council can come together on more permanent pieces.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked for clarification on borrowing art. Commissioner Davenport noted that he thought some designated areas could be used for borrowed art, maybe around a theme and the art could be created by local artists or high school students. Mayor Barnett added that this may happen somewhere down the road but not for the first stage. Commissioner Gilmartin asked for clarification about the RFP. Manager Fieldman explained that the goal is to give the Council as much latitude as possible when picking the firm that is contracted, so that means the RFP will include general questions - digging into the art itself later in the process.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked about public engagement. Manager Fieldman explained that the contracts would be awarded first and then the selected artists would engage in a public process. Commissioner Gilmartin expressed he was uneasy with this process. Commissioner Davenport said when thinking about the artist(s) as the professional(s), such as engineers and architects were during the Guiding DG projects, it is not usual - the Council can collectively decide which artist(s) will be well suited and most responsive to the community and with building up this project.

Commissioner Roe said it is unknown whether there will only be one artist or up to four artists selected during the RFP process. Manager Fieldman confirmed there could be up to four artists that are selected.

Mayor Barnett noted that the Council needs to pick the artist(s) based on their qualifications, see some examples of their work, and then let the artist(s) solicit opinions from community members on the types of art to be developed. Commissioner Gilmartin asked that experience working with community committees, or the like, be outlined as a requirement in the RFP. Manager Fieldman said that could be added as an additional bullet point in the RFP.

Mayor Barnett said generally with RFPs the Village does not solicit people - the RFPs are just thrown out there for people to respond to. Manager Fieldman said they are posted in the typical places that get the most responses, but on occasion the process has gone beyond that. The Mayor noted that he wanted to be sure that the word is passed along to the District 99 community, because their art programs are significant. Manager Fieldman said this will be mentioned at the next Staff meeting with District 99. Commissioner Davenport thanked the Mayor for mentioning that.

Commissioner Gilmartin asked if it would be possible to dedicate one of these spots to a student. Commissioner Davenport said he does not want too many hurdles in place for the students. Manager Fieldman explained that Staff will do what they can to limit hurdles and will work with the Council moving forward to designate spots to certain demographics. Commissioner Gilmartin asked that this be pushed out on the Village website and through Village social media avenues.

Manager Fieldman related that Staff has heard the Council's direction, which includes the selection of a wide variety of artists - people who can produce art and deliver. He said per Council direction, the process will be as open as possible - making sure that people feel welcome and encouraged to apply, regardless of skill level.

9. Council Member Report

Commissioner Sarver shared that she is the Council liaison to District 58 and will be meeting with the District soon. She will report back once that meeting happens.

Commissioner Gilmartin shared that the 100 Women Who Care group is going to have their first meeting of 2026 on February 4 at 7 p.m. at Neat restaurant in Westmont. 100 Women who Care is a grassroots giving circle made up of local women committed to making a big impact through simple collective philanthropy.

Commissioner Roe reminded all that February 14th is the deadline for residents to select their carts for the new Solid Waste contract..

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt spoke about awards won by the Downers Grove Park District - particularly the Lights Camera Action award that is based on their overall marketing for the year. She also related that some of the middle tennis courts at McCollum Park will be converted permanently to pickleball courts. She also shared that the Passport to Dining program is scheduled for Wednesday April 15, 2026.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: To Adjourn the February 3, 2026, Village Council Meeting.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTIONED TO APPROVE: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gilmartin

AYES: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport and Mayor Barnett

NAYES: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk