



Village of Downers Grove

Village Council – Minutes

Table 1 - Detailed information on this Village Council meeting.

Meeting Location	Civic Center – Betty Cheever Council Chambers
Meeting Address	850 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
Meeting Date	April 21, 2026 at 07:00 PM

Call to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Cub Scouts Webolos Den Pack #3057.

Roll Call.

Council Attendance (Present).

Mayor Barnett, Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt, Commissioner Gilmartin, Commissioner Tully (remote), Commissioner Davenport, Commissioner Roe, Commissioner Sarver.

Council Attendance (Not Present).

None.

Non-Voting.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca, and Village Clerk Rosa Berardi.

A. Motion: Allowing for Electronic Participation for the April 21, 2026 Village Council Meeting

Motion: To Allow for Commissioner Tully to Participate Electronically.

Result: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt.

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilmartin.

Ayes: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Galmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None.

Proclamations.

- A. Earth Day
- B. Arbor Day
- C. Historian of the Year - Rich Kulovany

Mayor Barnett read the Earth Day and Arbor Day proclamations. He presented the Earth Day proclamation to Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Jason Michnick and the Arbor Day proclamation to Public Works Director Dave Moody.

Next, Mayor Barnett presented the Historian of the Year proclamation to Rich Kulovany. Mr. Kulovany then addressed the Council from the podium.

Minutes of Council Meetings.

MIN 2025-10930 A. Minutes: Village Council Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2026.

MIN 2026-11225 B. Minutes: Executive Session Meeting Minutes for Approval Only - April 14, 2026.

Motion: To Adopt the Village Council Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026, as presented and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for Approval Only.

Result: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt .

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilmartin.

Ayes: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Tully, Davenport,

Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None.

MIN 2026-11225 B. Minutes: Executive Session Meeting Minutes for Approval Only - April 14, 2026.

Public Comments.

John LaDonne, resident, complimented the work completed by the Public Works staff on a recent water main break in his area.

Doug and Jennifer Blanchard, residents of 35th Street, spoke about the danger of the intersection at Highland and 35th Street because of low visibility - noting that their daughter had been in an accident there seven years ago and their neighbors were involved in a fatal accident there on March 27, 2026. Mr. Blanchard cited the Village Municipal Code regarding intersection visibility requirements and requested the following: the property owners at that intersection be required to remove any landscape obstructing visibility, a traffic study be performed, and a traffic light be installed.

Mayor Barnett acknowledged the comments, noting that the fatal accident is still under investigation and will not be ignored.

Consent Agenda.

COR 2026-11119 A. Claims Ordinance: No. 6651, Payroll - April 03, 2026.

BIL 2026-11085 B. Bills Payable: No. 6936 - April 21, 2026.

RES 2026-11206 C. Resolution: Amending the Downers Grove Compensation Plan Effective the First Full Pay Period in May 2026.

Resolution 2026-35

A Resolution Amending the Downers Grove Compensation Plan by Adopting a Revised Plan Effective the First Full Pay Period in May, 2026.

MOT 2026-11223 D. Motion: Approving the Purchase of Portable Radios, Mobile Radios and Airtime.

RES 2026-11204 E. Resolution: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of DuPage for the 39th Street Water Quality Structures Project.

Resolution 2026-36

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of DuPage and the Village of Downers Grove and the County of DuPage for the 39th Street Water Quality Structures Project.

MOT 2026-11208 F. Motion: Approving an Agreement with Great Lakes Urban Forestry for an Enhanced Tree Inventory and Urban Forest Management Plan.

RES 2026-11222 G. Resolution: Amending the Policy of the Village of Downers Grove Concerning Maintenance of Storm Water Control Structures and Creek Channels.

Resolution 2026-37

A Resolution Amending the Policy of the Village of Downers Grove Concerning Maintenance of Storm Water Control Structures and Creek Channels.

MOT 2026-11224 H. Motion: Approving a Contract with DCG Roofing Solutions for the Fire Station #105 Roof Replacement.

Motion: To **Approve the Consent Agenda of the April 21, 2026, Village Council Meeting**, as presented.

Result: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt .

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilmartin.

Ayes: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Tully, Davenport, Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None.

Active Agenda.

ORD 2026-11190 A. Ordinance: Authorizing the Extension of Special Use Ordinance #6101 for 1250-1254 Ogden Avenue to Permit a Drive-through to September 4, 2026

MOTION: To adopt **An Ordinance Authorizing an Extension of the Special Use Ordinance Number 6101 for 1250-1254 Ogden Avenue to Permit a Drive-through to September 4, 2026**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6193.**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt.

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilmartin.

Ayes: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Tully, Davenport, Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None

ORD 2026-11207 B. Ordinance: Providing for an Amendment to Ordinance #6062 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

MOTION: To adopt **An Ordinance Providing for an Amendment to Ordinance # 6062 and the Village of Downers Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**, as presented. **ORDINANCE 6194.**

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt.

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilmartin.

Ayes: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None.

Village Council Comments

Commissioner Gilmartin requested that the upcoming June healthcare discussion also include the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) trust, noting it funds health insurance for retirees from prior to 2009. Village Manager Fieldman confirmed that OPEB would be added to the discussion.

MOT 2026-11205 C. Motion: Approving a Contract with Sculpture Milwaukee for the Selection and Installation of Public Art in Linda Kunze Plaza and Three Flexible Amenity Areas

MOTION: A motion to **Authorize Execution of a Contract for Public Art Selection and Installation with Sculpture Milwaukee**, as presented.

RESULT: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt .

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilmartin.

Ayes: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None.

First Reading

MOT 2026-11199 A. Motion: Approving a Contract with Performance Construction & Engineering for the 39th Street Reconstruction, Shared Use Path, and Water Main Improvements Project (ST-068 & WA-028)

Director of Engineering Scott Vasko presented using a PowerPoint. He reviewed the locations, timeline and details of the project.

Village Council Comment

Commissioner Sarver asked if the timeline of May through November was a realistic timeline. Mr. Vasko confirmed the plan is to begin water main work in May and reconstruction in July.

Commissioner Davenport asked about the number of lead service water line replacements. Mr. Vasko estimated between 4-7.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt expressed appreciation for the project's implementation of the Active Transportation Plan and the addition of a new storm sewer to address flooding.

Mayor Barnett asked about shared use path connections on Fairview going north, noting that at Main Street there are sidewalks on both sides and a connection north toward Lyman Woods. Mr. Vasco said there were no plans for Fairview going north at this time and noted future work is planned for the west side of 39th with an eventual connection to the new subdivision to the east. The Mayor then asked if the smaller trees could be moved, rather than removed completely.

Commissioner Gilmartin noted that this project came in at 35% under budget. He also highlighted the project as an example of effective bundling of infrastructure work with the implementation of the ATP.

Commissioner Roe noted that this is his morning walking path and asked about the timeline relative to the school year, noting that 39th Street is a primary walking route to Highland School. Mr. Vasco acknowledged this concern and committed to reviewing the construction schedule with the contractor. Commissioner Roe also requested that the sight line issues at Fairview and 39th Street be improved as a part of this project and asked if the sidewalks that jogged would be straightened. Mr. Vasco said in some areas they would be trying to save some trees, but for the most part, they will try to keep the sidewalk a foot off the property line.

Manager Fieldman said that Staff would follow up on the tree relocation opportunities and the construction schedule, as it relates to the school season.

Manager's Report.

Before providing the Priority Action Item (PAI) update, Manager Fieldman shared follow-up comments regarding the earlier discussion about the intersection of Highland Avenue and 35th Street. He noted that DuPage County has begun a detailed review of the intersection, including speed surveys, a sign audit, a sight distance study, a traffic signal warrant analysis, and a review of crash data,

including fatal crash analyses. The County expects to share its findings early this summer, and Village staff will continue to follow up in partnership with DuPage County.

Next, he reviewed the PAI and shared that most projects are underway and on schedule. Manager Fieldman highlighted that the creation of the Tax Increment Financing District for the Fairview area was completed the prior week. He also noted that the solid waste contract with Republic Services is in effect, with Staff continuing to work with Republic to resolve outstanding cart issues. With regard to the Attainable Housing Study, he reported that the Village has engaged the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus through their Homes for a Changing Region program. The kickoff meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd. The Planning and Zoning Commission will serve as the advisory group, with their first meeting on April 27th. He added that focus group meetings will occur in early to mid-May and a public survey will be open to all residents. The study is expected to come before the Village Council around the August 18th meeting .

Lastly, Manager Fieldman recognized Commissioner Davenport for completing his 16th career marathon at the Boston Marathon the previous day.

Council Member Reports.

Commissioner Davenport said that the Boston Marathon was his last marathon, as he just turned 60. He thanked his colleagues, Village staff and friends for their support.

Commissioner Roe noted that the Americans and the Holocaust exhibit is open at the library for the next month.

Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt reported as liaison to the Park District and shared that at their Thursday meeting they would consider bids for the upgrades to McCullum Park and approve the appointment of the new executive director. She also noted that Greener Grove had many Earth Week events remaining. She

thanked all that attended the Passport to Dining event the week prior. Lastly, the Commissioner wished Commissioner Roe a happy birthday.

Commissioner Tully congratulated Commissioner Davenport on his completion of the Boston Marathon. He noted that the Downtown Wine Walk takes place on May 7th and the Rotary Grove Fest is in 65 days.

Commissioner Sarver also congratulated Commissioner Davenport and wished Commissioner Roe an happy birthday. She noted that in honor of Arbor Day, she and Commissioner Sudowski Fugate both planted trees. Lastly, she announced that she, and other elected officials, will be speaking at Downers Grove South High School that Thursday.

Commissioner Gilmartin wished Commissioner Roe a happy birthday and congratulated Commissioner Davenport on completing the Boston Marathon.

Mayor's Report.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Adjournment.

Mayor Barnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: To adjourn the April 21, 2026, Village Council Meeting.

Result: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Sadowski-Fugitt .

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilmartin.

Ayes: Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt, Gilmartin, Roe, Sarver, Davenport, Tully, Mayor Barnett.

Nays: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Berardi
Village Clerk