



VILLAGE COUNCIL & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

VILLAGE HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 E. WOOD STREET
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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schwantz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT :	Mayor Jim Schwantz, Councilman District 1 Greg Langer, Councilman District 2 Scott Lamerand, Councilman District 3 Doug Myslinski, Councilman District 4 Joe Falkenberg, Councilman District 5 Kollin Kozlowski, Councilman District 6 Brad Helms
ABSENT :	

Also Present:

Village Clerk Maureen Pasqualucci, Village Manager Reid Ottesen, Deputy Village Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Village Attorney Patrick Brankin & Rick Veenstra, Director of Community Development Mike Jacobs, Director of Planning & Zoning Ben Vyverberg, Director of Public Works Matt Barry, Police Chief William Nord, Police Deputy Chief David Brandwein, Fire Chief Scott Mackeben, IT Director Larry Schroth, Director of Finance Andrew Brown, Director of Human Resources Monika Pandya

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Schwantz invited everyone to stand and join him in the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Consider a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the Proposed CY 2026 Operating Budget & Capital Investment Plan

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL
MOVER:	Brad Helms
SECONDER:	Joe Falkenberg
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

Village Manager Reid Ottesen explained that this is the required public hearing for the budget. Ottesen further noted that this is a balanced budget with no increase to the Village's property tax levy and the Village's levy has only increased 2.45% since 2010. He thanked staff for their efforts on the CY2026 budget and mentioned the final budget adoption on December 1st.

Councilman Lamerand explained that we look 20 years out in budget planning, having reviewed all the needs year-to-year, including infrastructure. He noted this budget has no debt. He discussed the achievements of attaining debt-free status within the community, TIF dollars provided back to the community, economic development, and tax savings from new developments, while re-purposing buildings for Village facilities without putting something brand new in place. Councilman Lamerand stressed maintaining an open and honest dialogue and fostering trust is important to the Council, along with the community.

No one came forward for recognition of the audience during the Proposed Budget CY2026 Public Hearing.

Close to the Public Hearing

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Brad Helms
SECONDER:	Joe Falkenberg
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Village Council & Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting - November 10, 2025

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Doug Myslinski
SECONDER:	Joe Falkenberg
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Consider a Resolution Reaffirming a Commitment of Safety, Respect and Trust to all Residents of Palatine

Resolution #R-26-25

Village Manager Reid Ottesen expressed appreciation for all the audience input. Ottesen informed the public and council about a new page on the Village website and mentioned that this is an ongoing process.

Mayor Schwantz spoke about the accessibility of this form of government, that council is here to listen, and acknowledged the frustrating process of recent events.

Mayor Schwantz further commented that this is a good spot to start in going forward to foster and nurture trust.

Councilman Falkenberg thanked the residents for engaging in the resolution discussion and mentioned the POC, police community interaction, and resident-led initiatives.

Councilman Langer said that this resolution is a commitment to the community.

Mayor Schwantz opened the floor for public comments on the resolution.

Valeria Delgado, resident and a spokesperson for immigrant residents, expressed their discomfort with ICE in the neighborhood and called for Council to pass an ordinance.

Joyce Slavik, resident, commented on the start of this process and called for more action, police, council, etc.

Keith Gronke, resident, called for more action from police and expressed concern about ICE's activity in the neighborhood.

Laura Hernandez, resident, wants to see more connections and engagement within the community.

Judy Janes, resident, thanked the Council for taking action and wants a task force and representation for the immigrant community.

Roman Golash, resident, supports the police efforts, expressed concern about the previous administration. He also mentioned ICE efforts in other cities are hindered.

Frank Skorski, resident, expressed concern about illegal immigrants, mentioned the village hands tied, and discussed rights.

Nicole Gronke, resident, thanked the police and wanted an identification requirement from law enforcement when requested.

John Laprise, resident, appreciated past actions and also questioned the Council's actions.

Minor, student at St. Theresa school, spoke about the Council pursuing more action, not words.

Tony Vargas, resident, questioned if ICE agents could enter government properties and description of those properties. Vargas also questioned ICE agents and school properties and if residents have any alternatives.

Lee Bennett, resident, called for a new ordinance and Real ID identification.

Tom Wood, resident, spoke about tax dollars, broken laws, and called for more Council action and leadership.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Doug Myslinski
SECONDER:	Joe Falkenberg
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

B. As Submitted

Mayor Schwantz announced upcoming events:

Friday, November 21: 5 PM – 9 PM

Holidays on the Town

Support Local Businesses of Downtown Palatine

Saturday, November 22: 1:00 PM – 5:00PM

Many Paws Global Rescue Adoption Event

Lamplighter Inn Tavern and Grille

Saturday, November 22: 4:45 PM – 7 PM

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Towne Square

Weekends, November 28 through December 22

Palatine Jaycees Annual Tree and Wreath Sale

Palatine Aquatic Center Parking Lot

Toys for Tots Holiday Toy Drive

The Village of Palatine has once again partnered with the United States Marine Corps for the annual Toys for Tots Drive. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Village Hall, the Police Department and Fire Station #82 through December 8th. Toys collected will be distributed to children in the Palatine area. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Leaf Collection Report

The final scheduled leaf collection for all zones started today, Monday, November 17th and will continue throughout the week until all leaves have been collected. Curbside bagged and bundled yard waste collection ends the week of December 8.

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

VII. RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Brad Helms
SECONDER:	Greg Langer
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

VIII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. POLICE POLICY & CODE SERVICES COMMITTEE DOUG MYSLINSKI, CHAIR

1. Consider an Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Permit a Rear Yard Setback Reduction for an Addition at 524 N. Rohlwing Road
Council District: Four

Director of Planning & Zoning Ben Vyverberg spoke about the petitioner intending to add a screen-in porch with a 23 feet rear yard setback instead of the required 40 feet, which necessitates a special use permit.

Councilman Myslinski asked if the surrounding neighbors had been notified and Vyverberg answered that there was no participation and the standard mailing was completed as required.

The petitioner, John Wright, thanked the committee.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Joe Falkenberg
SECONDER:	Scott Lamerand
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

2. Consider an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Transfer for the Continued Operation of an Auto Repair Use at 1098 E. Dundee Road
Council District: Four

Director of Planning & Zoning Ben Vyverberg presented a special use transfer from CarX to a new auto repair shop. He noted that there is a cross-access easement on Dundee Road for this business.

Councilman Myslinski commented on the median curve and cross access right-of-way.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Joe Falkenberg
SECONDER:	Greg Langer
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

3. As Submitted

Nothing Submitted.

B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SCOTT LAMERAND, CHAIR

1. Consider an Ordinance Annexing 160 E. Wilmette Avenue into the Village of Palatine
Council District: Two

Director of Community Development Mike Jacobs presented the property at 160 E. Wilmette, which is under consideration for annexation into Palatine.

Jacobs noted that the surrounding properties have already been incorporated into the Village of Palatine, one in 2019 and the other in 2018.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Jim Schwantz
SECONDER:	Doug Myslinski
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

2. As Submitted

Nothing Submitted.

C. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
KOLLIN KOZLOWSKI, CHAIR

1. Consider an Ordinance Granting a Variance from Chapter 16 Rights-of-Way of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Allow Commonwealth Edison to Install Two Utility Poles at 855 W. Northwest Highway
Council District: One

This item was remanded back to staff for further discussion at a future meeting.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Jim Schwantz
SECONDER:	Greg Langer
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

2. As Submitted

Nothing Submitted.

D. BUSINESS FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
JOE FALKENBERG, CHAIR

1. Consider a Resolution to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Palatine, Illinois and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 150, Public Employees Division

Village Manager Reid Ottesen spoke about a collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Palatine and Public Works Local 150, and another between the Village of Palatine and Palatine firefighters' Local 4488. Ottesen explained that an agreement was reached and aligns with both current and proposed budgets. He noted both expired last year and are up for renewal.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Doug Myslinski
SECONDER:	Kollin Kozlowski
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

2. Consider a Resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Palatine and Palatine Firefighters, Local No. 4588, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, CLC

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Kollin Kozlowski
SECONDER:	Brad Helms
AYES:	Jim Schwantz, Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

3. As Submitted

Nothing Submitted.

E. ADMINISTRATION, TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE
GREG LANGER, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

Nothing Submitted.

F. FIRE POLICY & COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE
BRAD HELMS, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

Nothing Submitted.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

All items are considered to be routine by the Village Council and will be enacted by one motion, with waiver of first reading. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

The motion was to approve items A. to F. and H. to I. and move G. to a future meeting.

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL
MOVER:	Scott Lamerand
SECONDER:	Doug Myslinski
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

- A. Consider a Motion to Approve Warrant 2025 #22
- B. Consider an Ordinance to Amend Salary Ordinance, O-040-25, Establishing Rates of Compensation for Certain Officers and Employees of the Village of Palatine Effective November 18, 2025

Ordinance #O-109-25

- C. Consider a Resolution Granting a Security Deposit Reduction for the Estates at Arcadia Subdivision
Council District: Two
Resolution #R-27-25
- D. Consider an Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Permit a Rear Yard Setback Reduction for an Addition at 524 N. Rohlwing Road
Council District: Four
Ordinance #O-110-25
- E. Consider an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Transfer for the Continued Operation of an Auto Repair Use at 1098 E. Dundee Road
Council District: Four
Ordinance #O-111-25
- F. Consider an Ordinance Annexing 160 E. Wilmette Avenue into the Village of Palatine
Council District: Two
Ordinance #O-112-25
- G. Consider an Ordinance Granting a Variance from Chapter 16 Rights-of-Way of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Allow Commonwealth Edison to Install Two Utility Poles at 855 W. Northwest Highway
Council District: One
- H. Consider a Resolution to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Palatine, Illinois and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 150, Public Employees Division
Resolution #R-28-25
- I. Consider a Resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Palatine and Palatine Firefighters, Local No. 4588, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, CLC
Resolution #R-29-25

X. RECONVENE THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Brad Helms
SECONDER:	Greg Langer
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

XI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**A. ADMINISTRATION, TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE**
GREG LANGER, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

No Report.

B. BUSINESS FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

JOE FALKENBERG, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

No Report.

C. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SCOTT LAMERAND, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

No Report.

D. FIRE POLICY & COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE

BRAD HELMS, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

No Report.

E. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

KOLLIN KOZLOWSKI, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

No Report.

F. POLICE POLICY & CODE SERVICES COMMITTEE

DOUG MYSLINSKI, CHAIR

1. As Submitted

No Report.

XII. REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICERS**A. VILLAGE MANAGER**

1. As Submitted

No Report.

B. VILLAGE CLERK**1. As Submitted**

No Report.

C. VILLAGE ATTORNEY**1. As Submitted**

No Report.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED

No Closed Session requested.

XIV. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Lee Bennett, resident, discussed identification and trust between the police and immigrants while also suggesting the idea of appropriate identification such as Real ID.

Frank Skorski, resident, applauded the police, criticized previous state administrations, discussed IDs like passports, and supported a Federal Identification system.

Laura Hernandez, resident, discussed her concerns regarding the rights of immigrants, law enforcement, the role of IDs, and the distrust and discomfort many feel towards the Police.

Tony Vargas, resident of 57 years, expressed interest in joining a committee focused on community engagement, and highlighted the importance of a clear path to citizenship.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Brad Helms
SECONDER:	Joe Falkenberg
AYES:	Greg Langer, Scott Lamerand, Doug Myslinski, Joe Falkenberg, Kollin Kozlowski, Brad Helms
NAYS:	None

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Maureen Pasqualucci
Village Clerk