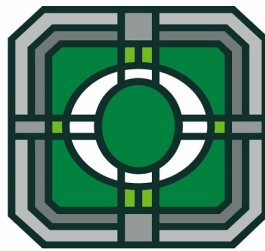


VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2026

6:00 PM

Village Hall

Committee of the Whole

*Village President James V. Dodge, Jr.
Village Clerk Mary Ryan Norwell
Trustees, William R. Healy, Cynthia Nelson Katsenes, Michael R. Milani,
Dina Lawrence, John Lawler and Joanna M. L. Leafblad*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M.

Present: 6 - Trustee Healy; Trustee Nelson Katsenes; Trustee Lawrence; Trustee Lawler; Trustee M. L. Leafblad and President Dodge, Jr.

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026-0475 Approval of the May 4, 2026, Committee of the Whole Minutes

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of May 4, 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, seconded by Trustee M. L. Leafblad, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Lawler, Trustee M. L. Leafblad, and President Dodge Jr.

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS AND VISITORS FOR AGENDA-SPECIFIC PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Dan LaPorte addressed the Committee regarding traffic on West Avenue during baseball games. (refer to audio)

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

2026-0506 Introduction of Therapy Dog Petals

The men and women of the Orland Park Police Department are its greatest asset. Sworn officers and tele-communicators are oftentimes on the front lines of critical incidents and witness situations that result in a high degree of stress and anxiety following traumatic events. Additionally, victims, in particular children, are highly susceptible to depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from abuse or neglect.

With the Police Department's transition to 12-hour shifts which began in February 2026, the Department has acquired a second therapy dog through Cook County Tails of Redemption Program. This addition will allow the Department's therapy dogs to serve alternating shifts, increasing their availability to both the public and fellow public safety personnel.

The Police Department worked with the Cook County Sheriff's Office Tails of

Redemption Program. In 2018, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart launched Tails of Redemption Program uniting dogs, individuals in custody, and members of the community in a journey of rehabilitation and hope. Inmates not only learn to train dogs in basic obedience, and preparing the animals for adoption, but they also acquire essential life skills such as patience, compassion, and problem-solving, thus enhancing their job readiness upon release.

The Tails of Redemption Program currently works with 3 local shelters. The program began with a partnership with Chicago Animal Care and Control. In 2021, Cicero Waggin' Tails and South Suburban Humane Society joined the Tails of Redemption Program.

The Police Department's new therapy dog, Petals, has received basic obedience training from Cook County inmates and advanced training will be provided with a K9 specialist. Police Officer Minx has been assigned as Petals' handler. In order to advance Petals' public availability, Petals will accompany Officer Minx whenever he is on shift.

Police Chief Eric Ross, President Dodge, and Village Manager George Koczvara had comments. (refer to audio)

This item was a presentation only NO ACTION was required.

RECESS

President Dodge entertained a motion to recess for Therapy Dog Petals' reception.

A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence, seconded by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, that this matter be RECESS. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Lawler, Trustee M. L. Leafblad, and President Dodge Jr.

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

RECONVENE MEETING

The meeting was reconvened at 6:25 P.M.

Present: 6 - Trustee Healy; Trustee Nelson Katsenes; Trustee Lawrence; Trustee Lawler; Trustee M. L. Leafblad and President Dodge, Jr.

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

2026-0512 Proclamation Honoring Belle Tire - Business of the Month of June 2026

Mayor Dodge presented a proclamation honoring Belle Tire as Orland Park Business of the Month for June 2026.

President Dodge made comments. (refer to audio)

Rick Calandra Manager of Bell Tire presented information on the subject. (refer to audio)

Village Clerk Mary Ryan Norwell read the Proclamation aloud. (refer to audio)

This item was a presentation only NO ACTION was required.

2026-0511 Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce - Monthly Update

Georgia Hicks, Executive Director of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce, provided an update regarding Chamber matters.

Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce President Dan McMillian had comments. (refer to audio)

Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Georgia Hicks presented information on the matter. (refer to audio)

Trustee Leafblad and President Dodge had comments. (refer to audio)

This item was a presentation only NO ACTION was required.

2026-0509 New Orland Park Police Squad Car Designs

In 1988, the Orland Park Police Department changed over squad cars from Dodge Diplomats (powder blue in color/ with Orland Park "Golf Capital of the World Logo") In 1989-1990 the Police Department moved on to Chevy Caprice's and changed the squad car design/logo to the current RED/WHITE/BLUE striping design. For the last 36 years, the Police Department has had the same squad car design. Many police agencies throughout our region have changed their squad car designs and have modernized the look of their patrol cars. The Orland Park Police Department felt it was long overdue to modernize the look of the patrol squad cars and move out of 1990.

The proposed new designs keeps the RED/WHITE/BLUE patriotic theme with a new modern look. The image is sleek and professional with a friendlier modern look to build trust with the community.

The new designs are a morale boost with patrol officers who have longed for a

new modern look.

There are 6 new patrol squads being added to our existing fleet. We will be rolling out the selected new design on the 6 new squads. As other existing squads reach their expiration, we will be placing the new design on the squads until the whole patrol fleet is completed.

We hope the Orland Park community embraces the look of the new Orland Park Patrol cars.

Police Chief Eric Rossi presented information on the matter. (refer to audio)

Trustees Leafblad, Lawler, Healy, Lawrence, Katsenes, President Dodge and Village Manager George Koczwara had comments. (refer to audio)

President Dodge had questions and comments. (refer to audio)

Chief Rossi responded to President Dodge. (refer to audio)

Trustee Katsenes had questions. (refer to audio)

Chief Rossi responded to Trustee Katsenes. (refer to audio)

This item was for discussion only NO ACTION was required.

2026-0484 Purchase of Henderson Mark E Dump Body and FSH™ V-Box Spreaders

Henderson offers state-of-the-art snow and ice plow packages with updated user controls and body versatility. The frame mounted V-Boxes utilize corrosion-resistant stainless steel for extended usable life. To ensure safe operation of the vehicles, up-fit packages include high visibility emergency lighting packages and multiple cameras.

The Village has taken delivery of eight (8) total trucks from FY 2023 through FY 2025 that were upfitted with this specified equipment and setup. Standardizing the Village snow and ice equipment has ensured safe operation of the equipment while minimizing employee training.

In 2025, the ordered trucks were specified with frame-mounted V-Boxes. A frame-mounted V-Box spreader removes the dump bed from the build and provides savings of \$38,882.82 per unit. With a rear hitch plate, the trucks are used as traffic attenuator trucks and to tow the Village's air brake trailers when not being used for snow and ice.

Dump bodies are utilized throughout the year to support Public Works projects. The current fleet of dump bodies requires one (1) additional dump body to meet the needs of the Village and replace older units that require excessive

maintenance and rebuilding due to rust and corrosion.

Three (3) Peterbilt 548 chassis trucks are scheduled for mid-2026 delivery. Two (2) trucks will be up-fitted with the frame-mounted V-Box and plow package, and the third will be up-fitted with a dump bed, slide-in V-Box and plow package.

Staff recommends utilizing the National Purchasing Partners contract PS22170 for the purchase and installation of two (2) frame mounted Henderson FSH™ V-Box spreaders with plow packages at the National Purchasing Partners discounted price of \$264,607.72.

Staff also recommends utilizing the National Purchasing Partners contract PS22170 for the purchase and installation of one (1) Henderson Mark E stainless steel dump body and a slide-in FSH™ V-Box spreader with plow package at the National Purchasing Partners discounted price of \$171,186.68.

The upfitting of all three (3) vehicles has a total not to exceed amount of \$435,794.40.

This agenda item was considered by the Committee of the Whole and the Village Board of Trustees on the same night.

I move to approve the contract with Henderson Products in an amount not to exceed \$435,794.40, and as fully presented.

(Full motion - not necessary to be read)

I move to approve participation in a joint purchasing cooperative and authorize the approval and execution of a vendor contract for the purchase and installation of two (2) frame-mounted Henderson FSH™ V-Box spreaders with plow packages and one (1) Mark E stainless steel dump body with a slide-in FSH™ V-Box spreader with plow package from Henderson Products of Huntley, Illinois, via National Purchasing Partners contract PS22170 for an amount not to exceed \$435,794.40.

A motion was made by Trustee M. L. Leafblad, seconded by Trustee Lawler, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Lawler, Trustee M. L. Leafblad, and President Dodge Jr.

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

2026-0520 2026 Shoreline Restoration Projects - Award

The Public Works Department currently maintains one hundred ninety-five (195)

stormwater basins and has active stewardship contracts to manage the shorelines of one hundred seventeen (117) of them. These stewardships are effective at reducing the rate of degradation of the basins, but natural processes such as erosion and sedimentation are impossible to eliminate completely. These issues have become prominent at two (2) of the Village's stormwater basins - Village Square Pond and Brook Hill Pond #2 - and the work necessary to correct these issues goes beyond the normal scope of the storm basin stewardship contracts.

Village Square Pond is a wet pond located in the Village Square of Orland subdivision. Erosion has severely impacted large swaths of this pond's shoreline, particularly along the northern shore. In some areas, the waterline has encroached several feet closer to the surrounding homes and is beginning to erode land on residents' properties. A reconstruction of the shoreline is necessary to halt the advance of erosion and restore portions of the land that have already been washed away.

Brook Hill Pond #2 is a dry pond in the Brook Hills subdivision with a small creek flowing through it. The creek has accumulated sediment over the years that restricts flow through the pond, and much of this sediment comes from the eroding slopes between the creek and the neighboring homes. The pond also has a low spot that experiences chronic standing water and has been a frequent source of concern for the nearby residents. The slopes of the creek require stabilization, the creek itself needs to be cleared to improve flow, and the low spot needs to be re-graded to allow proper drainage.

On March 31, 2026, Public Works issued an informal RFP via email to the Village's five (5) ecological restoration contractors (ERCs) for a project to restore these ponds. The RFP had a due date of May 1, 2026, and three (3) of the ERCs responded with proposals. Stantec (via email) and Davey Resource Group (via phone call) each responded that they would not be submitting proposals for this project. Additionally, after a follow-up conversation to discuss details of their proposal, Pizzo & Associates elected to withdraw their proposal from consideration due to a misunderstanding in project scope that affected their submittal. A summary of proposals is below:

Baxter & Woodman Natural Resources
Village Square Pond: \$307,220.00
Brook Hill Pond #2: \$109,122.50
TOTAL: \$416,342.50

Davey Resource Group
Declined to Submit
TOTAL: N/A

Pizzo & Associates
Submittal Withdrawn

TOTAL: N/A

Stantec Consulting Services

Declined to Submit

TOTAL: N/A

V3 Construction Group

Village Square Pond: \$192,497.00

Brook Hill Pond #2: \$62,480.00

TOTAL: \$254,977.00

This agenda item was considered by the Committee of the Whole and the Village Board of Trustees on the same night.

Trustee Katsenes and Trustee Healy had questions. (refer to audio)

Public Works Director Joel Van Essen responded to their questions. (refer to audio)

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve the contract with V3 Construction Group in an amount not to exceed \$254,977.00, and as fully presented.

(Full motion - not necessary to be read)

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve and authorize the execution of a vendor contract with V3 Construction Group, LTD. of Woodridge, IL as the lowest cost, qualified responsive proposal for the restoration of Village Square Pond and Brook Hill Pond #2 for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$254,977.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence, seconded by Trustee Lawler, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Lawler, Trustee M. L. Leafblad, and President Dodge Jr.

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

2026-0524 2026 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Program - ITB 26-040

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) governs the Village's sanitary sewer system. MWRD requires sanitary sewer systems that discharge into MWRD facilities to implement measures to reduce excessive Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) from entering the system.

In 2015, the Village selected RJN Group, Inc., of Joliet, Illinois ("RJN Group") as

the Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Consultant to provide assistance in developing and implementing a Village-wide comprehensive sanitary sewer evaluation and repair program in order to meet the MWRD requirements for the Inflow and Infiltration Control Program (IICP).

From 2016 to 2023, RJN Group conducted several testing and inspections for the Village sanitary sewer system. RJN and staff have identified “high priority” defects requiring rehabilitation or repairs that created a multi-year sanitary sewer system rehabilitation to meet MWRD compliance.

In 2024, the Village solicited engineering firms to continue the sanitary sewer evaluation and repair program for the Village, and in December 2024, RJN was approved again by the Board for another five (5) year contract.

Invitation to Bid (ITB) 26-040 for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Program work was published on BidNet Direct from April 29 through May 14, 2026. The project consists of the rehabilitation of approximately eighty-six (86) sanitary manholes, which includes sealing and adjusting manhole frames, replacing frames and covers, installing internal chimney seals, installing a barrel section and cone, grouting joints and full manholes, cementitious sealing, epoxy coating, repairing bench and trough. The rehabilitation of the manholes will cut down on the infiltration of stormwater during heavy rains. This program is done to meet the yearly requirements of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to address inflow and infiltration of stormwater.

Through BidNet, eight (8) vendors were sent courtesy emails, twenty-nine (29) vendors downloaded all of the bid documents, and four (4) bids were submitted for consideration. Bids were opened publicly and evaluated for completeness by the Clerk’s Office at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026. A summary of the bids is as follows:

Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC, of Bedford Park, IL - \$801,926.25
Kim Construction Company Inc., of Steger, IL - \$898,118.00
Hoerr Construction, Inc., of Goodfield, IL - \$965,545.00
Airy’s, Inc., of Joliet, IL - \$1,107,191.00

Village staff and RJN Group reviewed the bids, and the cost estimates were evaluated/compared for similar past work related to sanitary manhole rehabilitation and deemed fair and reasonable.

The Village of Orland Park, RJN Group, and many other villages have had positive experiences working with Visu-Sewer, Inc. on sanitary rehabilitation projects. Therefore, Village staff is recommending Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC, of Bedford Park, Illinois, the lowest bidder, be awarded the 2026 Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation Project in an amount of \$801,926.25, plus a \$28,073.00 contingency, for a total not-to-exceed contract price of \$829,999.25. Contingency

is being requested for possible manhole replacement instead of rehab due to the enhanced deteriorated condition of some manholes or anything that comes up unexpectedly during the sanitary manhole rehabilitation project.

This agenda was considered by the Committee of the Whole and the Village Board of Trustees on the same night.

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve the contract with Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC in the amount of \$801,926.25, plus a \$28,073.00 contingency, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$829,999.25, and as fully presented.

(Full motion - not necessary to be read)

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve the authorization and execution of a Contractor Agreement between the Village of Orland Park and Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC, of Bedford Park, Illinois, as the lowest qualified responsive bidder for ITB #26-040 - 2026 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Program for a cost of \$801,926.25 plus a contingency of \$28,073.00, for a total not-to-exceed contract price of \$829,999.25.

A motion was made by Trustee Lawler, seconded by Trustee Healy, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Lawler, Trustee M. L. Leafblad, and President Dodge Jr.

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

2026-0493 Evening hours at the Village Hall

The Finance Department has consistently prioritized providing excellent customer service to Village residents. Over the years, adjustments were made to cashier window hours to better accommodate residents who worked during normal business hours and needed additional flexibility to pay water bills and conduct other Village business in person.

Village records confirm formal cashier window hour adjustments in both 1992 and 2004. In 1992, evening and limited Saturday hours were introduced to improve accessibility for working residents. In 2004, the Village further modified operations by extending cashier window hours during Board meeting evenings while reducing regularly scheduled Saturday hours due to low utilization. For many years since, the cashier window has remained open during Board meeting evenings until 7:00 p.m.

Separately, temporary operational adjustments to customer service and public

access hours were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the implementation of extended evening cashiering hours, customer service operations and payment methods have significantly evolved. With our new implementation of Tyler Utility Billing and Citizen Access, residents now have the ability to make payments online 24 hours per day, seven days per week for utility bills, permits, and other common transactions. As a result, the need for in-person evening payment services has steadily declined.

A review of cashier window activity indicates extremely limited utilization during extended evening hours. Over the past year, fewer than 29 transactions occurred between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Board meeting evenings, with several of those transactions occurring immediately prior to the 5:00 p.m. closing time as customers were already in line before the doors locked.

Additional operational considerations include safety concerns associated with having only one staff member present during evenings when Board meetings are canceled, overtime and/or shift differential costs that are no longer operationally necessary, and staffing inefficiencies caused by staggered part-time scheduling requirements. Eliminating extended evening hours would also allow staff resources to be more effectively utilized during standard business hours to support higher-volume daytime operational needs, including court administration transactions and customer service functions.

Staff is recommending adjustment of cashier window operating hours to Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., eliminating extended evening cashier window hours.

Village Manager George Koczwara presented information on the matter. (refer to audio)

Finance Director Chris Frankenfield had comments. (refer to audio)

Trustee Healy had comments and questions. (refer to audio)

Village Manager Koczwara and Director Frankenfield responded to Trustee Healy. (refer to audio)

Trustee Katsenes had questions. (refer to audio)

Village Manager Koczwara and Director Frankenfield responded to Trustee Katsenes. (refer to audio)

Trustee Leafblad had comments. (refer to audio)

Director Frankenfield responded to Trustee Leafblad. (refer to audio)

President Dodge, Trustee Leafblad and Trustee Healy had comments. (refer to audio)

This was for discussion only **NO ACTION** was required.

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS RELEVANT TO VILLAGE BUSINESS

Resident Pat Lawrencell addressed the Committee regarding a permit application to install a new door. (refer to audio)

ADJOURNMENT 6:54 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, seconded by Trustee M. L. Leafblad, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Lawler, Trustee M. L. Leafblad, and President Dodge Jr.

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Trustee Milani

2026-0552 Audio Recording for the June 1, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting

NO ACTION

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APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ryan Norwell, Village Clerk