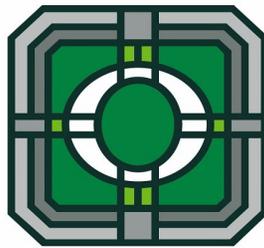


# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Recreation and Administration Building**

**America 250 Committee**

## CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

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**Present:** 5 - Callahan; Gorman; Craig; Hawley, Paca-Shah

**Absent:** 2 - Wehmeier; Stasukewicz

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2026

**A motion was made by Paca-Shah, seconded by Callahan, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 5 - Callahan, Gorman, Wehmeier, Hawley and Paca-Shah

**Nay,** 0

## ESTABLISH BYLAWS

Postponed

**A motion was made by Paca-Shah, seconded by Callahan, that this matter be CONTINUED to the America 250 Committee due back on 3/11/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 5 - Callahan, Gorman, Wehmeier, Hawley and Paca-Shah

**Nay,** 0

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

-Erin reminded all member to submit their address and contact information if not done.

-Erin showed the Comm Dept/Public Works Dept banner light pole design. Dawne Craig requested white line on outline of "250." Erin will forward this request to the Comm & Public Works Depts.

-Erin presented the four America 250 Orland Park logos that the Comm Dept prepared. They all voted on the circle logo #4 on handout with request to switch the "Orland Park" and "Illinois" (they want "Orland Park" larger and "Illinois" smaller); change font to our existing VOP logo font and wanted to make sure there is no copyright/trademark on the existing national America 250 logo.

-Group discussion on parade float ideas including incorporation of the constitution, declaration of independence, crossing the Delaware and other patriotic suggestions/recommendations including having pass outs (candy, wet wipes, etc.), American flag, grandstand for Veterans, and suggestion to add more historical elements to the event.

-Group discussion on working with local schools or theater guilds on set pieces, props, costumes, etc.

-Erin indicated the passport/local business suggestion was forwarded to the

chamber to lead this element.

-Brian Callahan requested transportation options for seniors to events. Brian Callahan left meeting at 7:05pm.

**New Business**

-Libby Paulson presented the 16pg handbook about the 250 years history of Orland Park that shows timelines and has 1-2pages to add America 250 events, QR code, etc. to distribute at facilities, events, etc.

-Dawne Craig suggested reaching out to Amazon (new retail site) for donation/event support.

-Group discussion on asking participants of the online/photo submission for the Patriotic House Decorating contest to allow us to list their address and or host a walking tour.

-Dawne Craig suggested plants for small businesses. Libby Paulson recommended ribbons on trees.

-Dawne Craig inquired about size and quantities of bunting and other decor at our facilities to make it large/highly visible.

**NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS**

n/a

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURNED 7:49PM**

**Aye,** 4 - Gorman, Craig, Hawley and Paca-Shah

**Nay,** 0

**Absent,** 2 - Callahan, Wehmeier and Stasukewicz