

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chair I. Thomson.

- 1.0 **Roll Call** – Present: Chair I. Thomson, Trustees: M. Bennett, T. Brinkmeier (arrival 6:50 p.m.), J. Chesney, and Pres. D. Besson. Trustees M. Eternicka, absent. Staff: Village Administrator S. Kulik. Audience (5).
- 2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Casey Poehlman, 5601 S. 113th St., Hales Corners addressed the Committee regarding a Village easement that he is requesting be cleared of debris as the drainage pipe appears clogged. S. Kulik reported she would let Public Works staff know and he may contact her in a few days.
- 3.0 **AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 3.1 **Minutes August 4, 2025** – no changes, placed on file.
 - 3.2 **Appointments – A. Dunning, Plan Commission & J. Fischer, Library Board** – D. Besson introduced A. Dunning.

Alyssa Dunning, 5600 S. New Berlin Rd, Hales Corners introduced herself to the Committee. I. Thomson inquired if there were any conflict with Ms. Dunning's employer. D. Besson reported that in the event her employer would come before the Plan Commission, Ms. Dunning would recuse herself. **Motion** (Besson, Chesney) to forward recommendation to the Village Board for approval; motion passes 6-0-1.

Judee Fischer, 9110 Wildflower Ct., Hales Corners introduced herself to the Committee. **Motion** (Besson, Chesney) to forward recommendation to the Village Board for approval; motion passes 6-0-1
 - 3.3 **Sherpers request for 90th Anniversary special event** – N. Sherper, 5750 S. 108th St, Hales Corners addressed the Committee regarding the request. He reported that the event is intended to be held on Oct. 11, 2025 from noon to 9 p.m. including a brewery truck, food vendors, band from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., games and more in the parking lot as outlined in the map provided to the Committee.

S. Riemer asked for additional information on traffic control on the site during the event. N. Sherper responded that they will have canopy structures, a stage and will rope off the area and if required would provide barricades.

D. Besson commented that the ropes would not stop a car and asked if the area would be cordoned off where the alcohol sales are to prevent underage access to the spirits and asked if staff handling that were trained. N. Sherper responded that the brew truck had licensed and trained bartenders. He reported that the entire area will be crowd controlled and pass through a barrier to enter the green space on the map for controlled access to the entire event.

D. Besson responded that safety is always a concern and asked that he contact the Police & Fire Departments to see if they had any recommendations regarding the plan.

M. Bennett commented that it seemed like an adequate plan for safety but it would be nice to see additional barriers for safety.

I. Thomson commented that parking employee vehicles outside the roped area have worked at other venues.

Motion (Chesney, Besson) to forward to the Village Board without recommendation subject to Police & Fire Department written review of the plan to be submitted to the Village Administrator for inclusion in the BOT packet; motion passes 6-0-1.
 - 3.4 **Historic Society – Tree Donation proposal** – D. Besson provided an email from the requestor and the arborist recommendation on the tree placement to be 30 feet from the Ben Hunt Cabin and the Library to ensure the canopy of the mature tree in later years would not damage either building. He commented that he would send this request back to the Library Board for them to reconsider its placement on the Library grounds.

M. Bennett asked if that request would then be outside the 20 ft Ben Hunt Cabin property line. D. Besson said it would be.

S. Riemer commented it would be a shame if incorrect placement today would result in the memorial tree having to be removed in the future. S. Kulik commented that the Village recently removed some mature trees that had damaged the Library roof and the Ben Hunt Cabin is a far more delicate structure.

M. Bennett commented that the 30 ft should be from both the Ben Hunt Cabin and the Library facility.

D. Besson commented that the Library Board could have a special meeting to reconsider this item.

Motion (Besson, Bennett) to deny 20 foot or closer placement to the Ben Hunt Cabin and to recommend to the Library Board to permit the tree to be planted on their grounds 30 feet or greater from the cabin or library per the arborist recommendation; motion passes 6-0-1.

3.5 **IT Department Update – referred from August Meeting** - S. Kulik reported on memo included in the packet. T. Brinkmeier asked if the Village had any security exposures and requested that the Village get the Microsoft 365 implemented using an outside contractor to secure the network. M. Bennett commented that she would recommend that the Village try again to fill the authorized position as well. S. Kulik commented that what she would like to see is outsourcing the new computer setups if that is possible as it can take a long time to get them configured and set up of use.

S. Riemer said the list he provided is a list for two people and outsourcing. He further asked if the intent was to hire another person. S. Kulik commented that it was put in the budget but we were unsuccessful in finding the right candidate. She stated the Village needs a special type of person who understands that as we are so small, everyone ends up doing things to keep the Village moving that are not listed in job duties, we just do them because they needed doing. Everyone steps up and helps. That person is hard to find.

D. Besson commented that the list needs to go back to Derek and to drill down more to see what we can do to outsource more tasks.

I. Thomson inquired if the Village's insurance provider have any specific requirements. S. Kulik commented that they do and that is why we started the multifactor authentication (MFA) contract a few years ago and VPN access is limited to Department Heads. Also, the auditors recommended to have an onboard and off board policy in 2024's audit to eliminate an internal control weakness and the Board adopted that policy in early 2025.

I. Thomson inquired if we were aware if any neighboring communities had excess capacity to assist us. S. Kulik commented that Greendale is using the school district and that maybe the Whitnall School District would be able to assist. She also stated that she feels the network is secured and is protected adequately. She did state that migrating to Microsoft 365 is something that would be beneficial for insurance premiums as they are not likely to go down for cyber coverage but the 365 platform could reduce the amount of increase.

T. Brinkmeier inquired if we are hosting on our own server or cloud based. S. Kulik commented it is both. She commented that emails are now required for each firefighter due to reporting for ambulance calls and that includes the part timers. The part time employees rotating in and out are time consuming for him to continue to activate and deactivate.

Consensus to obtain quotes for an outside contractor to migrate the Village accounts to Microsoft 365 and to direct staff to attempt to fill the vacant position.

3.6 **Village Hall staffing update** – S. Kulik reported on filling the vacant position.

3.7 **Massage License – Clarity Massage - J. Reimer agent – Motion** (Chesney, Bennett) to forward to the Village Board for approval.

3.8 **Reconsideration on Deer Culling approval** – D. Besson commented on the recent Board of Appeals voting to allow a section of the park fence to be 9 feet high to deter deer from jumping. Based upon that 9ft approval, he believes it is time to revoke the deer culling permissions to discharge firearms in the Village and that he is willing to leave it open for

them to request it again if the need comes back. He commented that they had culled 14 deer in 2024 and that the pounds of meat harvested that was reported, the math did not add up. With the size of the park at over 600 acres, and the 240 acres in Hales Corners he wondered by only Hales Corners permitted discharging a fire arm for control of the population of deer in the park. He commented that the County had not held up to their part by failing to notify residents through mailings. He stated that he would like to rescind the permission to discharge a fire arm, allow the County to come back if the need arises, and that the 9ft fence should address the population issue based upon how much protection they claim it will provide and that the 8ft in the experimental garden is reported to be working. He commented that 30 years ago when the permission was first granted, the damage and population were more than they are now.

Motion (Besson, Brinkmeier) to rescind authorization to discharge a firearm for the purposes of deer management and to allow the County to restate their need in the future should it be necessary.

S. Riemer commented that he understands the County and the Village work together on this and that the reason there is less deer is the culling program is working. He further commented that he does not want to see deer in residential areas. In addition, if they have had no safety issues and that record is perfect it seems like the program is working. He stated that the fence issue is separate from the culling issue and that keeping the herd under control is a good thing.

D. Besson commented his neighbors have commented to him that they do not want this to continue. Without Franklin, Greenfield and Greendale participating, we may be drawing them here anyway. Those communities do not allow the County to discharge firearms in the park for deer management. The residents and others walking in the park and at Potters Forest are not seeing the signs and no notice is provided in advance and he is concerned about safety.

M. Bennett inquired if it would make sense to put in on hold versus cancellation to see if the 9ft fence achieves the goal.

D. Besson stated that his motion says the same thing, cancel but they can come back.

S. Riemer commented that Hales Corners is where the County assets affected by the deer are located. If fences work, then culling may fade away naturally and he is ok with continuing to allow the County to manage the herd as they have been.

I. Thomson stated one group wants to guns and the other wants no pests. His concern grew when the County was reluctant to tell the Village when and where they are culling and he does not like that we aren't not included in that and the process is flawed. He commented the County can come back with a proven compelling need. He doesn't like the lack of notice.

M. Bennett asked why the other communities don't allow it. D. Besson reported it was due to safety concerns.

On main motion, motion passes 5-1-1 (Riemer, nay).

- 3.9 **Storm Damage update** – S. Kulik reported on Village infrastructure damage claims and status of repairs. No action.

- 4.0 **Adjournment – Motion** (Chesney, Riemer) to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.; motion passes 6-0-1.

Submitted



Sandra M. Kulik, Administrator