

Village President D. Besson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

- 1.0 ROLL CALL** –Pres. D. Besson. Trustees: M. Bennett, T. Brinkmeier, J. Chesney, M. Eternicka, S. Riemer and I. Thomson. Administrator S. Kulik, Police Chief E. Cera, Lt. T. Henner, Lt. A. Jacobi, Health Officer K. Davidson and Village Attorney J. Wesolowski. Audience (14).
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**
  - 3.1 Motion** (Bennett, Chesney) to approve minutes: September 22, 2025; motion passes unanimously.
  - 3.2 Motion** (Bennett, Chesney) to approve claims paid with the September 2025 Check Register: \$1,891,196.39; motion passes unanimously.
  - 3.3 Motion** (Bennett, Chesney) to approve claims paid with September PCard: \$49,428.44; motion passes unanimously.
  - 3.4 Motion** (Bennett, Chesney) to approve payrolls for the periods ending 08/29/25 (\$147,244.12) and 09/12/25 (\$152,963.27); motion passes unanimously.
- 4.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 4.1 Committee of the Whole** – M. Bennett
    - 4.1.1 Motion** (Bennett, Chesney) to approve Resolution 25-41 an agreement with the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network for stormwater education and outreach services for fiscal years 2026-2027; motion passes unanimously.
- 5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 5.1 Library Board Meeting – September 25, 2025** – I. Thomson reported.
- 6.0 VILLAGE OFFICIALS REPORT**
  - 6.1 Village Administrator**
    - 6.1.1 Purchase Orders authorized** - S. Kulik reported on the issuances, no action required.
  - 6.2 Schoetz Park discussion regarding baseball fields** –

Ireneusz Karaban, 11817 W. Woodside Dr, Hales Corners addressed the Board regarding the noise, traffic and parking issues during baseball tournaments. He commented that more than just Whitnall Youth Baseball (WYB) has been out on the fields, although it is better this year than last. He reported a batting cage that is right outside his property boundary that is very loud even from inside his home.

Mike Maneage, 5310 S. 116<sup>th</sup> St, Hales Corners addressed the Board and agreed with Mr. Karaban but also stated that speeding is a problem as parents race to the park when they are late, trash is blowing all over and ends up in his yard and that the teams can't be all local as he has seen Illinois plates. He inquired as to who owns the park.

D. Besson commented that the park is leased to WYB but the Village owns the land. The lease is for \$1. The contract was renegotiated in 2024 for this season and has an annual renewal. He commented that in 2024 the Milwaukee Angels were also having tournaments there but were no longer permitted.

M. Maneage commented he can't use his driveway as cars pull in rapidly to turn around because they missed the entrance. There are too many diamonds and the fishing pond is dangerous as the parents are parking on the lawn.

Jared Manthe, 11808 W. Woodside Dr, Hales Corners addressed the Board and commented that it has gotten progressively worse since he moved here and that was wondering what happens to the revenue generated by the tournaments. He commented

that he is concerned for safety due to the excessive vehicle traffic and that he was under the impression that the WYB was going to be self-policing this area when this was discussed in 2024. He commented that WYB uses the park exclusively and he did not feel that 50% of the cost of improvements out there should become a taxpayer expense, but fully charge the WYB.

Tim Stachowiak, 11912 W. Woodside Dr, Hales Corners addressed the Board and asked if anyone on the Board knew what kind of revenue was generated by WYB. D. Besson commented that the Village did not know but will ask. T. Stachowiak commented that he is concerned about the safety as well and whatever the WYB thinks they are doing to self-police is clearly not working. He commented that the WYB should have someone who's job it is to monitor the parking on site. He inquired if WYB can post what is happening out there on line. I. Thomson commented that he had requested it in 2024 but will need to follow up on it. I. Karaban commented that the group does have a webpage with this information on it. T. Stachowiak inquired how often the contract is reviewed. D. Besson stated annually. T. Stachowiak asked if the original land limitations on use were. D. Besson said the agreement in 1987 was basically the back of the napkin and very light on details.

Julie Lepkowski, 11818 W. Woodside Dr, Hales Corners addressed the Board and commented that orange cones could be a better deterrent than the current signage telling people not to park on the grass. She asked that limits be placed on WYB to prohibit tournaments on Fathers Day, no games after 3:30 p.m., no tournaments once school starts and limits be placed on WYB as to the number of teams allowed per tournament and limit the number of weekends in total that they may hold them.

Stephanie Marki, 5774 S. Lory Ln, Hales Corners addressed the Board as a member of the WYB board and as a parent whose children participate. She commented that tournaments end by 8 p.m. and that she can see where improvements could be made to work together with the residents and the Village to make sure the program continues to serve and teach children.

Kristine Chmielewski, 5231 Robinwood Ln, Hales Corners addressed the Board and commented that it has gotten louder over the years. She inquired about how many local children were actually part of WYB. How many local teams are in the tournaments? Do any Village Board of WYB Board members live near the park? Police have more work to do that monitor the park for violations.

Brittany Mlachnik, 11807 W. Woodside Dr, Hales Corners address the board and commented on the safety concerns mentioned by others, that the noise is alarming, that trash piles up along the fence that is not picked up and the entrance / exit to the parking lot are not followed by the parents.

D. Besson commented that a meeting was scheduled with WYB to go over the contract and he will notify residents in the area about the results of that discussion as he felt the comments made by the residents were valid.

M. Bennett stated she has concerns about the tournaments and would like to limit them. She stated that she wondered if the amount we are asking the WYB to come up with to fix the park is too high and that is why they are increasing the tournaments to make money.

D. Besson reported that hopefully they can make more progress to address the residents concerns.

### 6.3 Police Chief

**6.3.1 2026 Departmental Budget Proposal** – Lt. Henner and Lt. Jacobi presented the 2026 requests. S. Kulik commented on the prefunding of the Equipment Replacement Fund request of \$75,000 and that she added in \$38,000 to complete the prefunding of the 911 upgrades. She further prefunded \$17,000 in body camera expenses that had been paid by grants for the past several years.

M. Bennett asked for a detailed command structure. A. Henner commented that they currently have a Chief, 2 Lieutenants and 3 Sergeants and the new structure would be a Chief, Captain and 4 Sergeants which was the traditional structure that during the development of staff the transition plan was to go back to this structure after all positions were trained.

M. Bennett asked about increase in evidence processing account. S. Kulik reported that was the \$17,000 that was just discussed for the body camera footage storage contract.

M. Eternicka asked about the significant drop in costs for Records. A. Henner commented that the previous contract with Lexipol was expensive and they have found a better provider to obtain Policy & Procedure updates.

S. Riemer asked for information on the increased costs for in the equipment repairs account. A. Jacobi commented that an engine blew in one of the squads resulting in one very high invoice.

M. Bennett inquired if the Police Department was interested in the wellness app requested by the Fire Department. D. Besson commented he had spoken with Chief Cera and he wanted to wait to see how the product rolls out and what the utilization would be before they commit.

**Motion** (Chesney, Bennett) to prefund \$17,000 for the body camera storage, \$75,000 for the squad car replacement program and \$38,000 towards the remaining 911 System upgrades; motion passes unanimously.

#### 6.4 Health Officer

##### 6.4.1 **2026 Departmental Budget Proposal** - Health Ofc. K. Davidson presented the 2026 request. S. Kulik reported on grant status.

M. Eternicka asked about costs for telephone services. S. Kulik reported that phones, as well as other items, had been covered by the grants in the past, due to the funding loss, the grant funds are being allocated towards wages and benefits. M. Eternicka inquired about training costs. S. Kulik reported that it was also something that had been grant funded in the past. Kelly will need to work with DHS to complete the new health officer training. S. Kulik reported that the changes to the grant funding is basically going back to what the Village typically received pre COVID.

T. Brinkmeier inquired over costs and charges into 110 & 120 wage items and the difference between 2025 & 2026. S. Kulik explained that 110 is for fulltime employees and the 120- Temporary is permanent part-time employees. The department had 3 fulltime employees when 2025 was developed and a 0.20 FTE part time sanitarian. The department reduction in force to address the funding shortfall was eliminate 1.80 FTE. The one employee that was retained from fulltime that is now part-time, gets charged to 120 now and will in 2026 as well. The fulltime position is the Health Officer and the part-time is the sanitarian and clerical support.

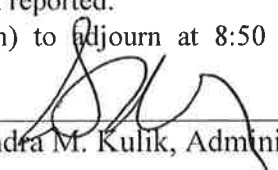
M. Eternicka asked about the audit account. S. Kulik reported that she was able to get a waiver for the DHS audit as funds are significantly reduced, therefore no audit is required. The waiver will be requested again in 2026 and highly likely to be approved as the dollars we receive are so low and as the DHS has less staff as well to review this.

S. Riemer asked about request for utilities. S. Kulik commented that we only operated the facility for 3 months in 2023, 2024 had more staff using more utilities, and 2025 we had better data but still were guessing on the costs as we had no history to review it. For 2026, we have less staff and better history to build off of.

**7.0 VILLAGE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**7.1 MMSD/ICC Meeting 10/13/25** – D. Besson reported.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT – Motion** (Chesney, Thomson) to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; motion passes unanimously.



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Sandra M. Kulik, Administrator/Clerk