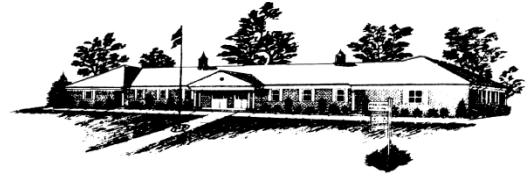


# Village of Hales Corners

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## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE Minutes April 29, 2026 Village Hall (Meadows Room)

1.0 **Call to Order & Roll Call**- N. Wilkes called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: N. Wilkes, Dan Besson, Diane Besson, E. Valaitis, A. Dunning, J. Gilboy, R. Lindner, I. Thomson

### 2.0 **Treasurer's Report**

- D. Besson presented Treasurer Report

### 3.0 **Treasurer Election**

- The committee elected Diane Besson as Treasurer

### 4.0 **Safety & Security Review**

- Officer Henner was not present.

### 5.0 **Food and Drink Vendors**

- DPW and Police Dept. determined it was not safe to have food trucks on New Berlin Rd.
- Food Truck vendors will be parked in the Upper Library Lot and in front of the Pool House.

6.0 **Theme Confirmed as *Proud Past. Bright Future.***

7.0 **Website Review**- N. Wilkes will have updates made on Village website.

### 8.0 **Events**

#### 8.1 **Firecracker Four**

- The new route will be posted on the Village website.

#### 8.2 **Holz Car Show**

- Dan Besson reported Car Show is all set.

#### 8.3 **Children's Parade**

- A. Dunning ordered new color-coded signage for the children's parade lineup.
- A. Dunning reported waiting for Festival Foods to review and approve the submitted request for Ice Cream donation.
- I. Thomson will check with the Fire Chief about leading the Children's Parade.

#### 8.4 **Ice Cream & Children's Games**

- Field Games lines will be marked on Friday, 7/3 at 6 p.m., followed by water balloon filling.
- E. Valaitis will purchase water balloons.

### **8.5 Patriotic Pet Costume Contest**

- N. Wilkes reported she is all set with judges and prizes.

### **8.6 Pie Baking Contest**

- Diane Besson will emcee the Pie Baking Contest.

### **8.7 Hot Dog Eating Competition**

- A. Dunning will add another Facebook post looking for an emcee and coordinator.
- N. Wilkes reported that Elmer's American will sponsor the event, providing a \$100 contribution and Gift Certificates for the top three winners.
- Three 8-ft. Tables are needed, and 8 chairs from the Review Stand.
- I. Thomson will warm hot dogs at the Pie Contest, and Dan Besson will bring the hot dogs over to the Hot Dog Contest.

### **8.8 Bed Races**

- Trophies, Medals, and Ribbons are in.
- R. Lindner still needs to look at bed repairs.
- J. Gilboy to ask Reis Automotive for help with the bed.

### **8.9 Big Parade**

- O. Sterny reached out to the surrounding communities of Greendale and Franklin in search of new parade units. She has also talked to Rock Ventures about The Milkmen's team mascot. The Admiral's Roscoe is confirmed. She also contacted Kwik Trip about their mascot, Red.
- The UW Marching Band has been contacted; still waiting for confirmation.
- N. Wilkes to provide contact for the House of Harley to O. Sterny.
- Whitnall Cheer has submitted its application; still waiting to hear from Whitnall Band.
- Ian has submitted requests to the Dancing Grannies and Golden Gals MKE.
- The Chamber of Commerce will have a float.
- Retiring HC Elementary Principal Lori Komars is this year's Parade Marshal. The district will provide a vehicle.
- Ian is updating the online parade application.
- The committee discussed who will be doing the parade review stand setup on 7/3, Dan will reach out to Jeff Chesney and Todd Brinkmeier and Alyssa will reach out to N&S towing to make pizza arrangements.

### **New in 2026 Discussion**

- Ideal Logos is currently taking online presales of the Commemorative T-shirts through May 31. The Committee earns \$5 per t-shirt sale. Thirty t-shirts have already been purchased. Committee members will post t-shirt sale Flyers around the community.
- The Committee has decided not to provide a Cornhole Tournament or Tug of War competition due to a lack of volunteers to coordinate.

**Adjournment:** 7:40 pm Motion by N. Wilkes; second by Dan Besson.

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, May 20, at 6:30 pm.**