

Village of Hoffman Estates

**SPECIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

January 5, 2026

1. Roll Call

Members in Attendance:

**Karen Mills, Chairperson
Gary Pilafas, Vice Chairman
Anna Newell, Trustee
Gary Stanton, Trustee
Karen Arnet, Trustee
Mayor William D. McLeod**

Members Absent:

Patrick Kinnane, Trustee

**Management Team Members
in Attendance:**

**E. Palm, Village Manager
D. O'Malley, Deputy Village Manager
J. Pape, Assistant Village Manager
A. Janura, Corporation Counsel
J. Dickson, Assistant Corporation Counsel
A. Wax, Fire Chief
J. Bending, Deputy Police Chief
R. Musiala, Finance Director
J. Horn, Planning & Transportation Director
R. Signorella, Multimedia Production Manager
T. Cuevas, Administrative Intern**

Guests:

Jake McLoughlin, FGM

The Special Public Health & Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Authorization of the Design, Floor Plans and Site Plan for the construction of new
Fire Station #22.**

An item summary sheet Fire Chief Wax and Dan O'Malley was presented to Committee.

Mr. O'Malley, Chief Wax, and architect Jake McLoughlin, presented updated designs and site layouts.

Several board members inquired as to why the design wasn't replicated like Station #21 as they all liked it. Mr. McLoughlin stated several factors that went into the decision in its size and orientation. The original size was reduced after evaluating space needs and storage requirements,

referencing efficiencies learned from Fire Station 21. Station 22 will be approximately 23,000 square feet, larger than Station 21 and Station 24, housing 8–14 personnel. A mezzanine provides the storage space needed and helps reduce total building size.

Trustee Mills asked why it wasn't designed so more of it shows on Higgins Road. Mr. McLaughlin indicated multiple massing and layout options had been studied, considering access, stormwater management, topography, and cost factors. Due to shared access easements with an adjacent bank and stormwater flow requirements hinders moving the building closer to Higgins Road. Its current orientation provides the most efficient use of the site.

Trustee Arnet and other board members asked about the lighting and choice of colors. Mr. Palm noted that if the board is okay with the general shape, discussions on the coloring and other details can be sorted out later.

Trustee Pilafas inquired about the price difference between the six options. Mr. O'Malley explained the massing options came in before the estimates.

Trustee Mills asked about the smaller bay tacked on at the end of the building. Mr. McLaughlin cited a few reasons for the design, one being next to residential property and not make it seem like one giant mass. The other consideration was access easement to the west. They didn't want a tall building so close to the driveway and bank.

Mayor McLeod noted that he liked the idea of having different looks for the fire stations especially as it shows sensitivity to the residents around the individual facilities.

Motion by Trustee Pilafas, seconded by Mayor McLeod to authorize Design, Floor Plans and Site Plan for the construction of new Fire Station #22. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
- 5. OTHER**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Pilafas, seconded by Trustee Arnet, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Jennifer Djordjevic, Director of Operations and
Outreach, Office of the Mayor & Board

Date