

THE VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
4th OF JULY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 18, 2025

In Attendance: Pawel Sienko
Amy Decker
Ben Gibbs
Craig Kuehne
Karrie Miletic
Michala Souronis – NOW Arena

Excused: Mark Wondolkowski – Police Department
Alicia Guerrero
Mayor Bill McLeod
Linda Scheck

Village Staff: Dan O’Malley, Deputy Village Manager
Jon Pape – Assistant Village Manager
Sue Tompkins – Finance Department
Kevin McGraw – Public Works Department
Hallie Karle – Administrative Events Assistant – General Government

Guest: None

CALL TO ORDER

Jon called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ben moved to approve the minutes of **August 14, 2025,** meeting seconded by Ben, vote taken, motion carried, minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion moved on to agenda items

NEW BUSINESS

A) Fireworks and Drone Show

Confirmed the fireworks are on Friday, July 3rd and the parade and drone show on Saturday, 7/4. Commission discussed options to add to drone night. This included handing out swag that says 250, sky divers, having Elgin Symphony Orchestra play while drones are going, and adding more drones to make show longer. Ben to reach out to ESO, and different drone vendor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPONSORS – Pawel mentioned Wintrust would like to move away from sponsoring kidzone, and in new contract offered to sponsor the stage.

PARADE – Discussed participants to add to parade, and the challenges of gathering them. No high schools in district or surrounding area are available as school is not in session and therefore can’t make the band participate. Reached out to Environmental Encroachment and the Columbus Saints and waiting for their response.

MARKETING – No report.

KIDS ZONE - No report.

ENTERTAINMENT – Ben discussed bands that he has on hold for the 3rd and 4th, and mentioned he reached out for a quote for a larger stage.

BEER – No report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Kevin mentioned the layout should remain very similar even with new building.

CARNIVAL/FIREWORKS/DRONE SHOW – Discussed in New Business.

BINGO – No report.

POLICE – No report.

FOOD VENDORS – No report.

VOLUNTEERS – No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting will be on October 9, at 4:00pm at Village Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Amy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ben, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Hallie Karle