

THE VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
4th OF JULY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 12, 2026

In Attendance: Linda Scheck Mayor Bill McLeod
Craig Kuehne Amy Decker
Pawel Sienko Karrie Miletic
Ben Gibbs

Excused: Jon Pape – Assistant Village Manager
Michala Souronis – NOW Arena

Village Staff: Dan O'Malley, Deputy Village Manager
Sue Tompkins – Finance Department
Hallie Karle – Administrative Events Assistant – General Government
Alicia Guerrero – Levy representative
Kevin McGraw – Public Works Department
Brian Fulkerson – Levy representative
Adam Marak – Police Department

Guest: None

CALL TO ORDER

Linda called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Craig made a motion, seconded by Ben to approve the minutes from the **January 8, 2026** meeting, vote taken, motion carried, minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Move to committee reports

NEW BUSINESS

Linda shared information sent from a Hoffman Estates resident who owns a business, Game Show Gurus, who requested the Commission include his minute trivia show at NW 4th Fest 2026. Commission discussed. Activities have already been contracted for 2026. Linda will pass along the information to the Chamber and other commissions that plan monthly activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPONSORS – Pawel reported that potential sponsorships have reached \$33,500.00. He is working with Wintrust for stage sponsorship. Elgin Kia to return as Drone Show sponsor. He is in talks with Main Event and Cabela's.

PARADE – Amy and Hallie distributed parade theme ideas and asked the Commission to vote for a theme that would celebrate the 250th Anniversary. Phil Green has agreed to announce the parade again. Karrie will check with Park District to advise who will be the co-announcer.

MARKETING – Craig is changing up the marketing/website to reflect the 250th Anniversary theme. Linda asked that he update the dates on the current website.

KIDS ZONE – Karrie circulated a detailed recap of the entertainment and activities she has contracted to begin at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm both days. She suggested a DJ fill in the time (3-5pm) until the main stage entertainment begins at 5-5:30pm.

ENTERTAINMENT – Ben advised that the sound and stage contracts have been submitted and signed.

The main stage line up with be:

Friday, July 3rd – Hello Weekend to open for 7th Heaven – Fireworks night

Saturday, July 4th – David’s House opening for Rod Tuff & the Bench Press – Drone Show night

BEER – Linda asked if the large tent that housed bingo could become a beer tent to draw guests to the food vendor tent area.

PUBLIC WORKS – Kevin reviewed the site plan and changes that are available following the reconstruction of the concession building. Large cement pad installed could be a kid’s zone activity area. Dan pointed out a drainage area that would be unusable.

CARNIVAL/FIREWORKS/DRONE SHOW – Dan advised that the carnival will most likely be onsite from Wednesday through Sunday – TBD.

BINGO – no report

POLICE – no report

FOOD VENDORS/VOLUNTEERS – Linda circulated applications to all food vendors who participated in 2025. My Cocina Grill, Gilmores Treats and the Hawaiian Food Truck are NOT returning.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting will be **Thursday, March 12, 2026** at 4:00pm at Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ben, vote taken, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.

Respectfully submitted – Linda Scheck, Food/Volunteer chair