

**Village of Hoffman Estates**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**April 27, 2026**

**I. Roll call**

**Members in Attendance:**

**Gary Pilafas, Chair  
Anna Newell, Vice Chairperson  
Karen Mills, Trustee  
Gary Stanton, Trustee  
Karen Arnet, Trustee**

**Electronic Attendance:**

**Patrick Kinnane, Trustee  
William McLeod, Mayor**

**Management Team Members  
in Attendance:**

**Dan O'Malley, Deputy Village Manager  
Jana Dickson, Asst. Corporation Counsel  
Art Janura, Corporation Counsel  
Kasia Cawley, Chief of Police  
Rachel Musiala, Finance Director  
Joe Nebel, PW Director  
Darek Raszka, Director of IT  
Dr. Audra Marks, Asst. HHS Director  
Kevin McGraw, Streets Superintendent PW  
Patty Richter, Village Clerk  
Ric Signorella, Multimedia Prod. Manager**

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Stanton, seconded by Trustee Arnet, to allow Mayor McLeod and Trustee Kinnane to attend the meeting electronically. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Stanton, seconded by Trustee Mills, to approve the Finance Committee Minutes from March 23, 2026. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for engineering services for the evaluation and development of construction documents for the NOW Arena main entrance monumental stair repair or replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$66,770.**

An item summary by Dan O'Malley was presented to committee.

Mr. O'Malley noted the arena is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and officials are evaluating aging infrastructure, particularly the front stairs. Public Works conducts annual inspections and has completed minor repairs over the years, but a more detailed structural analysis is now recommended. An RFP was issued for engineering services, and one proposal was received from DB Sterling, a firm known and trusted by staff. Approval is being sought for a professional services agreement with DB Sterling to complete the evaluation.

Trustee Pilafas asked if they x-ray the stairs to determine what is needed. Mr. O'Malley indicated they use radar to see where the weaknesses exist and will take samples of the core to better understand structurally where things are.

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## **5. REPORTS**

### **A. Finance Committee Monthly Report**

The Finance Department Monthly Report was received and filed.

Trustee Pilafas asked what happened to the permit revenue? Ms. Musiala explained the Village was expecting the permit in December, but it arrived in January. She noted 2025 suffered but 2026 will benefit from it.

### **B. Information Technology Department Monthly Report**

The Information Technology Department Monthly Report was received and filed.

### **C. NOW Arena Monthly Report**

The NOW Arena Monthly Report was received and filed.

Mr. Gibbs commented on upcoming events and Beer Garden completion. The schedule for the season was announced the week prior. Soft opening may happen.

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
7. **ITEMS IN REVIEW**
8. **OTHER**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Arnet, seconded by Trustee Stanton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

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Jennifer Djordjevic, Dir. Of Operations /  
Outreach, Office of the Mayor & Board

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Date