

Utility Commission Minutes

March 4, 2026

Noon-Hoffman Estates Police Department-1st Floor Conference Room

Members in Attendance

Joanmarie Wermes, Chair
Tricia O'Brien
Jim Bamberger
Anna Newell

Members Absent

Staff Liaison in Attendance

Kevin McGraw

Call to Order

Chairman Joanmarie Wermes called to order the meeting of the Hoffman Estates Utility Commission at 12:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2026

A motion to approve minutes was made by Tricia O'Brien seconded by Jim Bamberger and accepted.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Staff Liaison Report

None.

Old Business

AT&T currently is working in North Hoffman Estates. It has an approved Right of Way permit. We have many stipulations on the permit conditions involving resident contract prior and restoration with all their impact. New fiber companies are approaching the Village and we currently are working on an MLA (Master Licensing Agreement) to set standards forward. Major impacts already are occurring on Beverly Road and will soon impact the three west subdivisions with access issues on Beacon Point, Essex and Chatham Lane due to the Compass Data Center and its power needs with ComEd. Under Unfinished Business there was a discussion on the Hog Energy Contest that members decided to table at the January meeting. The commission has a budget of \$500 and has 750 Mop Toppers in stock.

New Business

The 2026 contest versus other avenues to pursue, including which Hoffman Estates fourth grade schools to contact and whether it could only be that grade level. The possibility to open the contest to the third though fifth grades was a thought brought forth. Another was whether more pr could be arranged. Jim suggested having a table at the fishing derby and the possibility that the chamber might do some advertising.

Tricia said perhaps the Village could make us some flyers. Anna said we could attend the National Night Out event on the first Tuesday of August. Would teachers and principals be in attendance?

Jim mentioned attending the District 54 Teachers Institute Day to let them know about the contest. Holding another Cub Day program was discussed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Tricia to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be on May 6, 2026.

The minutes were composed and submitted by Chairman Joanmarie Wermes.