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VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING 2121 Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133

Thursday, January 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Village President Craig called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Trustees: Gutierrez, Broccolino, Kunkel, Albuck

ABSENT: Trustee(s): Porter

Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bernie Paul, Interim Village Manager Sage and Department Heads.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Kunkel and second by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the agenda.

Voice Vote

All Ayes

Upon voice vote, motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Streaming Tax

Finance Director Navarete spoke to FY2026 budget as proposed last October. She stated that the Board had been notified at that time that staff were exploring new revenue sources, such as the streaming tax, which is up for discussion tonight. She noted that the cable franchise fee is decreasing from 2015 to 2024 reflecting a revenue loss of \$178,000 dollars. She noted that cable subscriptions have declined and the use

of streaming services has increased. It was noted that people are moving away from cable subscriptions and opting for streaming services in an effort to save money. She stated that because of this revenue loss staff is proposing a five percent streaming tax in an effort to recapture the lost revenue from the cable subscription fees.

Interim Village Manager Sage noted that several communities have implemented the streaming tax and that it is an amusement tax. She summarized several streaming services, their fees and roughly what the Village could potentially collect in revenue should the Board agree to the implementation of a streaming tax. She also noted that the captured revenue would fluctuate depending on how many streaming services each household had. She noted that should the Board agree to a streaming tax, an ordinance would need to be created amending the Village code.

Trustee Bankole noted that she would consider doing away with the cable franchise fee and replacing it with the streaming tax and not having the streaming tax as an additional tax, stating her concern about having to increase the fuel tax last year. She also pointed out that we still have possible revenue flow through cannabis dispensaries. She asked staff to provide a status update on the proposed location by Caputo's.

Trustee Bankole left the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Discussion ensued as to whether the streaming tax would replace the cable franchise fee or if it would be implemented as a separate tax. Village Attorney Paul provided a summary on the history of the cable franchise fee and why it was created. Further discussion as to the purpose of this tax ensued.

Questions fielded and answered.

Interim Village Manager Sage asked for direction from the Board and President Craig asked that she create a draft ordinance and provide a communications plan for Board review.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Albuck and second by Trustee Kunkel to adjourn.

Voice Vote

All Ayes

Upon Voice Vote, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Kristy Merrill, Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this: 5th day of February 2026.