



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Special Village Board Workshop
Tuesday, April 14, 2025
6:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

A. Call to Order – 6:00 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Ohl, Acting Village President Simon, Trustees Christiansen, Fasules, Kalinich and Thompson answered “Present.” Trustee Gould was absent.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Deputy Village Manager Irizarry, and Village Attorney Stephanides.

D. Audience Participation

E. Grocery Tax Follow Up

The statewide grocery tax (1%) was officially eliminated effective January 1, 2026. While this has no impact on state budget, it will have significant impact on municipalities. The anticipated financial impact for the Village is expected as of this month next year to be a loss of \$845,000.

Options:

1. Local grocery tax, at 1% rate, administered by IDOR
2. Home Rule Sales tax, minimum that can be increased is 1.5%
3. Food & Beverage Tax, 1.5% current rate
4. No Action

Finance Commission has voted 6-1 to recommend that the Village Board implement a local grocery tax.

About 50 communities have already passed a grocery tax, and more are now starting to be approved locally, such as the municipalities of Wheaton, Lombard, and Downers Grove.

Ordinance must be filed by October 1, 2025 by state law. The Board expressed that they are amendable to approving at the April 28th Village Board Meeting.

Public Comment

Norris Eber asked from how many grocery stores does the Village collect taxes? His concern is whether the Village could lose grocery stores in future, and what could be offered for them to stay in the Village?

Commissioner Thompson responded about a new long-term lease for the Jewel/Osco store in the Village and that the Village has other levels to encourage stores to remain.

The Board thanked the Finance Commission their hard work on this project.

F. Adjourn – 6:30 P.M.

Mover: Trustee Thompson; Second: Trustee Kalinich. Unanimous vote to adjourn.