



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Special Village Board Workshop Meeting
Monday, August 25, 2025
6:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

A. Call to Order – 6:03 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Hannah, President Burket and Trustees Bhagwakar, Christiansen, Kalinich, and Thompson answered “Present.” Trustee Simon was absent.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Irizarry, Village Attorney Stephanides, Finance Director Brankin, Interim Public Works Director Hubsy, Economic Development & Communications Director Hannah, Professional Engineer Daubert, Village Engineer Peebles, Management Analyst Barrett, Deputy Police Chief Vavra, and Police Commander Downey.

D. Audience Participation

There was no off-agenda audience participation.

E. Traffic Speed Management

1) Discussion of Roadway Speed Management

Village Manager Franz introduced the topic of the session and then asked Assistant Village Manager Irizarry to review the meeting topics prior to discussion and public comment.

Emily Bukala, resident, gave a presentation regarding the Slow Down Glen Ellyn campaign, including background information and a personal anecdote. She continued by making the case for lowering the speed limit to 25mph.

Linda Richmond, resident, continued the presentation with statistics on vehicle speed and traffic safety.

Ms. Bukala continued the presentation by citing a physician’s opinion and then status of neighboring communities, wrapping up with possible solutions.

Village Manager Franz pointed out that many on-line comments had been received and they were available to the Board to review.

Trustee Thompson asked staff if a traffic study must be done to lower the speed limit. Assistant Village Manager Irizarry replied, with additional comment from Village Attorney Stephanides.

Trustee Thompson asked follow-up questions about the need for a traffic study. Village Engineer Daubert replied. Discussion ensued regarding traffic studies as well as traffic safety.

Trustee Kalinich voiced her support of lowering the speed limit and asked about the logistics of lowering the speed. Village Engineer Daubert replied. Discussion regarding logistics and timelines continued.

President Burket asked Police Commander Downey for a Police Department point-of-view of the issue. Police Commander Downey replied. Follow-up questions were asked by Trustees Bhagwakar and Christiansen. Police Commander Downey replied, reiterating the need for a traffic study to truly understand the situation. Village Engineer Daubert added comments regarding traffic study.

Deputy Police Chief Vavra commented on the availability of automated warning systems and cost of applying this technology to specific streets.

Alison Porton, resident and traffic planner, asked if there was a way to expedite change, and spoke about her appreciation of the engineering aspect of the requirements.

Trustee Bhagwakar asked what had been done in the past to slow traffic in hot spots. Village Engineer Daubert replied.

Trustee Kalinich asked if the angular vs. parallel parking matters for safety. Village Engineer Daubert replied. Trustee Bhagwakar asked a follow-up question. Village Engineer Daubert replied.

Tessa Schwarz, resident, spoke on behalf of mothers in the community concerned with speed and safety.

Jeff Hughes, resident and Homeowners Association president at Baker Hill, said that a predominant topic of conversation in the association is slowing traffic down for resident safety.

Scott Milkovley, resident, supported the engineering study but wanted to caution studying past data which can miss current trends.

A resident who had spoken previously stressed the urgency of the issue.

Village Manager Franz wrapped the session up by confirming that there is interest in having the engineering team put together a scope/cost Request For Proposal (RFP) for the next budget cycle. Trustee Christiansen wanted to know what would move down in priority if this moved up. Trustee Thompson added that the focus should be kept narrow on this issue as a prioritization. Final discussion points were made.

F. Adjourn – 7:02 P.M.

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