



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Special Village Board Workshop Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Room

A. Call to Order – 6:06 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

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

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Irizarry, Village Attorney Stephanides, Public Works Director Hubsy, Community Development Director Henaghan, Management Analyst Barrett, and Police Chief Norton.

D. Audience Participation

There was no off-agenda audience participation.

E. Presentation

1) Discussion of Electronic Mobility E-Bike/E-Scooter Device Regulations

Village Manager Franz opened the meeting and introduced Management Analyst Barrett, who gave an overview of the current ordinance and further data for the discussion.

Chief Norton then spoke about e-bikes, including different classes of e-bikes. He asked the Board to make a determination and the Police Department will implement their decision. He explained this statement in more depth.

Trustee Kalinich asked for more information on the partnership with schools in educating on this topic. Chief Norton replied. She then reviewed actions taken by Hadley Middle School to educate students about e-bike safety.

Chief Norton spoke about the enforcement effort and added that the Department does not actively seek violators. The Department will address complaints and issue tickets when necessary.

Trustee Bhagwakar thought that the ordinance should impact outlier offenders and not the general population genuinely making an effort to ride safely. She then asked if pedal assist technology can be turned off. Chief Norton replied.

President Burket spoke about the challenge of creating and implementing an e-bike ordinance. Trustee Kalinich pointed out that e-bicycles are not allowed on the sidewalk per Illinois law. Trustee Bhagwakar suggested designating e-bike routes. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Kalinich brought up research conducted by the organization Ride Illinois that could be useful.

Trustee Duncan asked if it is easy to determine what class an e-vehicle belongs to just by briefly looking at it. Chief Norton replied that it is not easily determined.

Trustee Simon asked what the police see as the most significant issue to address. Chief Norton replied, adding that parental responsibility would be more desirable than writing tickets to minors. Trustee Simon followed up, asking what the Police Department defines as egregious behavior. Chief Norton replied.

Village Manager Franz added historical information on this topic. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Simon asked what problem a further ordinance is meant to solve. Chief Norton replied. She followed up by asking if an age requirement would be satisfactory. Discussion continued about the ordinance being a tool to increase safety.

Trustee Kalinich asked Village Attorney Stephanides about the fine on page 5 of the proposed ordinance and whether it applied to parking only. Village Attorney Stephanides confirmed it did.

Trustee Bhagwakar reminded everyone that older riders are not an issue.

Carolyn Oesterle, resident, gave her thoughts on the ordinance and e-bikes.

Patricia Spense, resident, wanted to make the Village aware of an upcoming Sierra Club program regarding e-bikes.

Jim Campbell, resident, thought that none of this is useful not enforced, giving reasons for his opinion.

It was felt that the Board needed more time to digest all information put forth. Village Manager Franz summarized the outstanding issues. It was also felt that the 16-year old minimum age requirement might be helpful. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Simon asked what the impact of helmets would be. Chief Norton replied.

President Burkett asked the definition of a side street in the Village. Chief Norton replied.

Trustee Kalinich added that the number one concern she fields from residents concerns e-bikes on sidewalks.

F. Adjourn – 7:08 P.M.

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