

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
June 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Village Hall
740 Hillgrove Avenue, Board Room
Western Springs, IL 60558
6:15 p.m.

Present

Chair Chen, Member Nawrocki, President Heidi Rudolph, Village Manager Ellen Baer, Deputy Village Manager Casey Biernacki, Director of Community Development Heather Valone, Deputy Village Clerk Jill Izzo, Human Resources Manager Daisy Chavez, Director of Municipal Services Matthew Supert, Alex Corral (Clever Drinker)

Electronic Participation: None.

Call to Order

Chair Chen moved to open the committee meeting, seconded by Member Nawrocki. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Chen and Member Nawrocki. The General Government Committee meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Items

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Chen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2026, seconded by Trustee Nawrocki. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. St. John of the Cross Parish Raffle License and Bond Waiver Application

Chair Chen expressed that this item has been presented over many years and that it remains similar to passed approved raffles. Chair Chen motioned to approve the item and move it to the Village Board for consideration. Trustee Nawrocki seconded the motion.

4. The Clever Drinker, 4354 Johnson Avenue, The Clever Drinker LLC - Class "O" Liquor License

Director of Community Valone presented this item and informed the Committee that the Liquor Commission had reviewed and recommended the approval of the license.

Chair Chen questioned the hours of the business and then asked if the shop would sell retail and include wine tastings. Alex Corral, representing the Clever Drinker, informed the Committee that there were no wine tastings planned from the start as the retail shop is being developed. He explained the application included two phases. In the first phase, they are focusing more on the education of wine for purchase. A later phase will include onboarding additional specialized staff to assist in wine tasting experiences. Chair Chen questioned if there was outdoor consumption planned, which Mr. Corral informed her there was not. Chair Chen requested a review of the Liquor Commission questions and answers, which Director Valone provided.

Chair Chen motioned to approve the item and move it to the Village Board for consideration. Trustee Nawrocki seconded the motion.

5. Proclamation – June 2026 PRIDE Month

Chair Chen informed the Committee that the proclamation would be read during the Village Board meeting, later that evening.

6. Proclamation - Juneteenth

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7. Adjournment

Chair Chen moved, seconded by Member Nawrocki, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Biernacki

Deputy Village Manager, Casey Biernacki