



**BOLINGBROOK
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**

Meeting of: January 26, 2026

COMMISSION OFFICERS

Chairperson: Bill Kohl

Vice Chairperson: Pat Treadway

Secretary: Ruth Blumenstein-Costello

Treasurer – Mary Wolak

Commissioners: Bill Kohl, Anthony Barauskis, Ruth Blumenstein-Costello, Ed Bouley, Judy Bredeweg, Celia Chretien, Jeanette Ginocchio, Ron Ginocchio, Dominick Guida, Mark Hayes, Joe Noce, Mike O’Connor, Joeseeph Picciuca, Ed Russell, Melfa Sarkaria, Pat Smith, Pat Treadway, Susan Varno, Jerry Wolak, Mary Wolak

GUEST: None

Village Liaison: Marti Barton

Fountaindale Public Library District Liaison: Debra Dudak

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Pledge of allegiance led by Chair Bill Kohl

Minutes Approval- Motion Ron Ginocchio, Second Michael O”Connor

Agenda Approval- Motion Dominick Guida, Second Susan Varno

Chairperson Report: Wednesday night, January 28, 2026, the garden club will be using the annex for a meeting to plan the spring plant sale. Bill Kohl brought in brochures from museums around the southwest Chicagoland region for commissioners to review for ideas. Pat Treadway has been cataloguing Bolingbrook businesses , building a card file for research. The Bolingbrook IT department is going to provide an index card scanner for those business files which will make research businesses earier and faster than manually searching through index cards.

Vice Chairperson Report: No report

Treasurer Report: HPC's bank balance currently stands at \$2533.85.

Library Liaison Report: The Fountaindale Library will have a temporary exhibit entitled "Reclaiming the Narrative" from February 2 thru the 28th. The exhibit relates the contributions of early black populations that settled along the DuPage River and Joliet. The exhibit is being made available through a grant from Louis University.

Professors of Education at the U of I complimented Fountaindale Library for the extent and completeness of one room school house research, and recommend that students use the Library's resource for their research.

The library's winter reading program will be ending in one month. Participants in the program are entered into a drawing for a Dunkin Donut gift card.

On Veterans Day will have a short program entitled "Donuts for Doughboys". The program will feature information on WWI.

New Business: Bill Kohl announced that Memorial Day and Halloween events are on for this year.

Unfinished Business: Celia Chretien announced that the plans for a butterfly garden in front of the museum have been approved. Planting will be a cooperative endeavor accomplished in the Spring. The planting is to be in the area around the flag pole.

Commissioner Reports: Archives: No Report

Museum: Ruth Blumenstein will be on call for visits outside of normal museum hours.

Media: No report

Motion to adjourn: Joeseoph Picciuca – Seconded: Mary Wolak

Adjournment: 8:15 pm

Next Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Wolak, acting secretary

(In person or on Zoom)

To join a scheduled BHPC meeting being held at the village boardroom use the links provided below. The links for the meetings are the same every month.

Link for the 1st meeting of the month on the 2nd Monday of each month:

Meeting link:

<https://villageofbolingbrook.my.webex.com/villageofbolingbrook.my/j.php?MTID=m34dd2c78a53d36cb4c7fdc8e23dedaf6ugh>

Meeting number: 126 501 9025
Password: bhpc (2472 from phones and video systems)
Join by phone +1-650-479-3208 United States Toll
Access code: 126 501 9025
Host PIN: 8315

Link for the 2nd meeting of the month on the 4th Monday of each month:

Meeting link:

<https://villageofbolingbrook.my.webex.com/villageofbolingbrook.my/j.php?MTID=m5011735b7c23dfaa1f3d71dc7c138fbc>

Meeting number: 126 983 0410
Password: bhpc (2472 from phones and video systems)
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Access code: 126 983 0410
Host PIN: 8315