



**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Village Hall Morris Conference Room
675 Village Court
Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Glencoe was called to order in the Village Hall Morris Conference Room by the Village President of the Village of Glencoe, Illinois, at 5:30 p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2026. The following were in attendance:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Village Board		
Howard Roin	Village President	Present
Joe Halwax	Trustee	Present
Georgia Mihalopoulos	Trustee	Present
Dudley Onderdonk	Trustee	Present
Michael Rosenblat	Trustee	Present
Gary Ruben	Trustee	Present
Hilary Scott	Trustee	Present
Village Staff		
Philip Kiraly	Village Manager	Present
Steven Elrod	Village Attorney	Present
Taylor Baxter	Development Services Director	Present
Katy Darr	Human Resources Manager	Present
Adam Hall	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Sean Loughran	Public Safety Director	Present
Stella Nanos	Glencoe Golf Club General Manager	Present
Monica Sarna	Public Works Director	Present
Margaret Schwarz	Assistant CFO	Present

II. REVIEW OF THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR A RESTAURANT AND FOOD SERVICE VENDOR FOR THE NEW CLUBHOUSE AT THE GLENCOE GOLF CLUB

Village Manager Philip Kiraly provided a brief introduction of the process to identify the restaurant and food service partner for the new clubhouse at the Glencoe Golf Club. He noted that this evening’s presentation provides the Trustees an opportunity to ask questions and offer comments, and that staff intends to bring a formal contract agreement for Village Board consideration this spring.

Glencoe Golf Club General Manager Stella Nanos explained that in late 2025, staff issued a Request for Proposals seeking an experienced food service provider to operate

the new clubhouse restaurant. The RFP outlined the Village's objective of establishing a long-term concession agreement with a partner capable of providing year-round food and beverage service that would offer a distinctive dining and entertainment experience, deliver high-quality concessions, maximize revenue, incorporate sustainable practices, and enhance the overall appeal of the Golf Club.

She stated that under the proposed arrangement, the selected vendor would be responsible for operating the restaurant, bar, and event programming with a menu designed to attract both golf patrons and the broader community. The operator would also be expected to build a consistent customer base through innovative offerings, strong service and special events programming, while implementing a comprehensive marketing strategy and working collaboratively with Golf Club staff to ensure seamless experience for all visitors. She noted that the overall goal of the food and beverage operation is to promote public enjoyment, complement the Golf Club and support the Village's broader vision of enhancing community quality of life.

General Manager Nanos reviewed the RFP process, explaining that five proposals were received by the submission deadline. Staff conducted a detailed evaluation of the proposals using a comparison matrix that assessed financial terms, menu concepts and pricing, marketing strategies, sustainability practices, staffing plans, training programs, operational experience, and references. Based on that review, four firms were invited to participate in the first round of interviews.

Following the initial interviews, the field was narrowed to three finalists. A second round of interviews was then conducted with a ten-member panel that included President Roin, Trustee Halwax, Gillian Goodman (resident and Friends of the Glencoe Golf Club Board member), Joe Krouse (local restaurateur), and staff. After discussion and deliberation, the panel concluded that two vendors warranted further consideration.

General Manager Nanos explained that because Houspitality Grill House Group proposed a menu concept that was more upscale than their typical operations, the panel arranged a tasting to assist in the final evaluation. Eight members of the interview panel attended the tasting, which featured a selection of appetizers, entrees, and desserts served in a special event format with professional wait staff. The panel determined that the tasting effectively demonstrated the vendor's ability to deliver a high-quality dining and special events program.

Based on the evaluation process, General Manager Nanos reported that staff recommends Houspitality Grill House Group as the preferred vendor for contract negotiations. Their experience and qualifications distinguished them during the selection process, and staff believes their team is well positioned to successfully launch the restaurant and establish a vibrant food and beverage program at the Glencoe Golf Club.

Village Manager Kiraly underscored one important point in this selection process for the Glencoe clubhouse, and that is the restaurant needs to be a place where people want to gather and dine and have family gatherings. He noted that people are eager, stakes are high, and success is important.

Trustees shared questions and comments regarding the timeline and different ranges of foods. General Manager Nanos advised that the vendor will be ready to mobilize by April 1 to accommodate golf operations, but that the full restaurant, bar and events operations

would not be ready until late summer or early fall, at which time the vendor would occupy the space. She noted that the vendor will have a range of foods including a children's menu, breakfast and brunch items. She noted that staff is currently negotiating the lease agreement, and final terms have yet to be formally agreed upon.

General Manager Nanos concluded with staff planning to bring a vendor agreement to the Village Board for its review and consideration at a future meeting. The Board was supportive of staff continuing to negotiate and develop an agreement for consideration.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:11 p.m., President Roin asked for a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Open Meetings Act 2(c)(21) Review of Closed Session Minutes, and 2(c)(11) Probable or Imminent Litigation.

Trustee Onderdonk moved, seconded by Trustee Halwax, to move into closed session.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

APPROVED	
AYES:	Halwax, Mihalopoulos, Onderdonk, Rosenblat, Ruben, Scott (6)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSENT:	None (0)

V. ADJOURN

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Board reconvened into open session at 6:53 p.m. Trustee Mihalopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.