

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Margaret P. Fuller

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Margaret P. Fuller
Clerk	Dianne H. Larson
Deputy Clerk	Marcia Pollowy
Trustees	George Alex Mark Dobrzycki Arlene Jezierny Demetrios Mougolias Roy Schmidt Lester Szlendak (Late)
Attorney	Paul Stephanides

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Krzywicki White, 7429 W. Winona: Because I had been responsible for record keeping of all village accounts for over 30 years as Accountant and then Comptroller, the matter of proper disclosure of financial information is very dear to my heart. At the last board meeting I was greatly disturbed upon hearing the Finance Chairman read and distribute documents, which contained certain statements, which really appear to be not only misleading but also blatantly untrue. On page #6 of the packet that was distributed there is a village computer report, which shows that for the year 03'-04' total general fund revenue was about \$9,076,000, and total expenditures were about \$11,557,000, thereby producing a deficit of about \$2,480,000. There was an explanation of page #6, that's the explanation. Item #6 on page one of the packet reads "Financial Report for the year ended 4-30-04 showing a \$2,480,812.84 deficit due to excessive spending and commitments for the Village Hall, Police Station, 911 Center, computers, telephones, etc. This computer report does not actually state the reason for the deficit, but the Finance Chairman clearly, by his words, leaves no doubt as to why the \$2 million deficit occurred. It seems to me, however, that the Finance Chairman's statements cannot be true if we believe the audit report of 4-30-04 is to be considered true and correct. Page 16 of the audit report clearly shows capital outlay for the Village Hall as being \$4,333,980, but it also clearly shows a transfer of \$3,500,000 from the given at an General Obligation Bond Fund which held the proceeds from the bonds that were issued to fund Village Hall construction. \$4,333,980 cost to date, less \$3,500,000 offsetting bond money would produce a deficit of about \$883,980 at that point. That's different from the \$2 million that was reported. In reality and truth, this means that the balance of the \$2 million deficit for that year, which comes out to be \$1,646,833 was created because of overspending and lack of control in various departments. And never once during the 2003-04 fiscal year did the Finance Chairman call a committee meeting to warn of the pending over expenditure. This board's Finance Chairman is a CPA and CPA's should be very expert in reading audit reports and understanding exactly where blame lies. It just kind of shocked me that such misleading statements would be made at an official village business meeting; in political literature this spin would exist, but I don't believe it should have been done as a public report given at an official board meeting. I have not had an opportunity to develop an opinion about other statements presented in this packet, but I did recognize that some important details were not printed, possibly keeping the reader from getting the true, clear picture of some data. The Mayor and Trustees all seemed to give approval and agreement to this report and the packet of information, which they received in advance and had a chance to study. It's just disturbing to witness what appears to be misrepresentation of financial data.

On another score, I got my first sewer tax bill; I still do believe that it's unfair to single family homes. Seeing that Parkway Towers pays the same; also all other apartment buildings, and all condos.

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E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Fuller

Good Evening. On Friday Feb. 10th Trustee Dobryzcki and I attended a lobbying workshop. The program was sponsored by the West Central Municipal Conference who also sponsored the annual Legislative Drive down held last week. On February 15th, Trustees Alex, Dobryzcki and I drove to Springfield for this session. The Municipal Conference arranged for us to see the Governors budget address, and meet with representatives from IDOT, Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development, and the Tollway authorities. We were able to talk with all our state representatives and state senator. The West Central Lobbyist also arranged for a meeting between me and a representative from Chicago at which time I explained our position on the sewer fees and was told that Chicago is opposing the legislation, what I expected. This was the first time I attended the drive down because I do feel it is geared more for the Mayors, but many other officials were also in attendance, over 35 from the conference group. The group supported legislative initiatives, one of which is the legislation I recommended so that larger municipalities supply documentation of the actual costs when imposing sewer fees on smaller municipalities. It was a great experience to see first hand how state government works, we were able to sit in on committee hearings and all in all it was very productive.

At this time I would like to introduce Sheila Wacholder from Community Pride who will talk about their organization. Every year the village appropriates funds to support this group who works to promote a drug and alcohol free community for our youth. Having Ms. Wacholder provide the board with information on their work helps the board with their financial decisions to support the organization. Shiela.

I'm Shiela Wacholder and I'm the Community Chairperson of Community P.R.I.D.E. I've been involved with the organization for 12-years and we've been going strong ever since—

Dear Mayor Fuller and the Village of Harwood Heights Trustees,

Most of you are familiar with Community P.R.I.D.E., however let me take just a moment to refresh you on who we are and what our goals are. Community P.R.I.D.E. (People Responsibly Involved in Drug Education) is a community coalition working within the villages of Harwood Heights and Norridge, as well as the unincorporated area of Norwood Park Township to promote a drug and alcohol free community for our youth. The dedicated and committed members of Community P.R.I.D.E. consist of School Social Workers, Principals, Teachers, School Board Members, Parent-Teacher Organizations, Chief of Police from Harwood Heights and Norridge, Harwood Heights Youth Officer, In-Touch Sheriff's Department Coordinator, Eisenhower Library Personal, Norridge Park District and Norwood Park Family Services, along with a wonderful network of concerned parents.

The committee meets every month to brainstorm and plan new and exciting events. These events include positive drug/alcohol-free activities for our youth, as well as workshops with educational value to our parents. We also sponsor scholarships for various youth groups to attend training so they can act as positive role models for their peers. We are best known for our Red Ribbon Walk every October; this is a community walk, which involves approximately 500 residents and Community P.R.I.D.E. members who help us kick off our Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week. Community P.R.I.D.E. hosts numerous activities within our local schools that range from motivational speakers to D.J.'s with special messages through dance, along with special hands on activities and much more during the Red Ribbon Week. Community P.R.I.D.E. sponsors and chaperones dances for our students and we hire only D.J.'s that can promote a positive "I've got better things to do with my time, then drugs," message. We sponsor ice-skating and movie parties during holiday breaks, once again to show our youth that there are much better things to do with their time. Community P.R.I.D.E. sponsored a transition into High School program last spring entitled: "Journey to High School: Choose Your Own Path." We invited all eighth grade students to a day at our local park. There were planned activities including a motivational D. J, which gave two wonderful and inspiring programs on making the right choices throughout your high school career. We had representatives from our local high schools who talked to our students regarding all the positive clubs, and extracurricular activities including sports that they can get involved in. The students participated in organized team games and everyone took part in painting a mural expressing where they hoped their path would lead them.

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Community P.R.I.D.E. served lunch and snacks throughout the day. It was a very successful program for our community eighth graders and we look forward to sponsoring it again for the Class of 2006.

Recently, Community P.R.I.D.E. was the recipient of two special awards. These awards are given by the I.D.E.A. the Illinois Drug Education Alliance. In 2004 we sent in an essay portraying Community P.R.I.D.E. as the "Best Prevention Tool Award", we won that honor. This past year we entered under the "Most Valuable Volunteer Organization", this is the I.D.E.A.'s most prestigious award also know as the Betsy Houghton award. Mrs. Houghton was a pioneer who dedicated her entire life to promoting a positive drug free message across the country to our youth. Community P.R.I.D.E. was once again chosen as the winner of this award. We presented both of these plaques to the Village of Harwood Heights and hope that they are displayed proudly at the village hall. This now gives our organization wonderful recognition and will hopefully open the door for us to continue to reach for new and wonderful opportunities.

We have worked very closely with the Village of Norridge, on some very outdated liquor ordinance changes, the changes have taken place within the last year and we hope to work with the Village of Harwood Heights to do the same. We are very proud to have been a large part of the implementation of the B.A.S.S.E.T.T. Training program, which we feel will be a complete asset to the community. Community P.R.I.D.E. is also very involved with any new liquor licenses that are to be issued in the villages. The location and purpose of these establishments are crucial to the villages which we live and work in. We are in the process of planning a "Town Hall Meeting", which will follow the guidelines from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee on the prevention of underage drinking. This will include a continuing program sponsored by Community P.R.I.D.E. to educate the community both young and old on the laws and penalties which occur when underage drinking takes place.

This is just a brief description of what Community P.R.I.D.E. is all about; of course none of these activities or events would be possible without the support of our local governments. The Village of Harwood Heights is our nucleus, and everything we do includes a large portion of this population. We are asking for your support once again, Community P.R.I.D.E. depends on your grant money to continue to grow and serve the community for many years to come. A grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 is being requested so we can explore and promote some new and wonderful ideas and programs, continue to sponsor our youth in their training, and educate our adults on some growing issues. All of the money is given directly back to the community through the various projects, activities and events which have been described above.

What better investment can we make then to provide a safe, drug and alcohol free environment throughout our community for our children to grow up in? What better tool do we have, then continued and updated education for all members of our communities.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: 708-867-1848.

Thank you Ms. Wacholder, you do not have to stay for the rest of the meeting, if you choose to leave we will not be offended.

On the agenda tonight is motion I14 to authorize the village attorney and the planning consultant to prepare the documents for the old village hall site redevelopment. We are near the end of a process for the sale of village property that began with a Request for Qualifications publicized in July of 2005. Three developers responded with their qualifications including, information on the personnel who would work on project, details of similar projects, and financial information including the amount of available credit line, and credit references. The three candidates were interviewed by the Mayor, the Planning Consultant and a team of residents including the Plan Commission Chairman, the Building Commissioner and a resident whose property is adjacent to the proposed development. This team recommended to the board one developer to work with for the redevelopment of the village property project based on their qualifications, several meetings, their understanding of our Comprehensive Plan, and information provided. The Board then authorized the Mayor to negotiate with this developer. Remember, that the village chose not to sell the property to the highest bidder, but rather to advertise and find a qualified developer that we wanted to work with so the plan for the property would meet the goals and criteria that we worked for in the Comprehensive Plan. A hearing was publicized and held by the Plan Commission on January 4th and was continued to January 25th, so that all the engineering

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and traffic reports could be reviewed. On January 25th, 2006 the Plan Commission made their recommendation in favor of the project and last night they approved the minutes and the findings of fact. The motion tonight authorizes the attorney and planning consultant to prepare the draft documents that are needed, based on what the village required of the developer. The board will then have plenty of time to review the draft ordinance and development agreement in committee before it is brought for board action at a board meeting. I will be entertaining a motion to enter into executive session later in the meeting tonight to discuss the sale price of the property with the board.

The Plan Commission held a hearing last night for the new Eisenhower Library, and the project is moving along. The new site looks so different with the old Dor-O-Matic building torn down. We look forward to working with the Library on their new building.

Motion I11, needs to be amended to read "join the Norridge Youth Activities Football program" not the Norwood Park Township football program. I thank Trustee Schmidt for bringing this to my attention. Since the village does not offer football in our youth activities it would be beneficial to our families to support this program. The Village of Norridge also supports their youths in this program.

The village is in process of updating the vehicle sticker program, so that one application will eventually be available for all vehicles instead of mailing separate forms for each vehicle but the new program will not be ready for this years stickers. Therefore motion I12 represents the cost for the current vehicle license applications.

Previously I was contacted by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health and today they sponsored a training session regarding mosquito abatement. I encourage training therefore I am pleased that our Public Works crew, the Health Inspector and both code enforcement officers attended. The idea is that at some point we may want do the catch basin treatments ourselves, rather than contracting with an outside service, we are looking into the feasibility of this.

Motion I 5 is to purchase gate valves for Lawrence Avenue where many water breaks occur. In the past two weeks the village had 4 water breaks one of which was on Lawrence Avenue, again. The gate valves will allow the Public Works Dept. to isolate the problem and shut off the water in certain areas to avoid boil orders for a whole section of the village. Our village engineer Paul May will meet with the board in committee to give us his recommendations for long range plans for improvements to include water mains, new meters, and maintenance and repair projects. Paul also has been reviewing all development plans including the old village hall site, the Clock Tower Project and the new Library project. Motion I10, will provide the engineer with the GIS mapping system application, he was able to try the software on a trial basis and feels it will be of great use to the village.

The MFT street, alley and concrete projects went out to bid and the bids were opened on Feb. 16th by the Clerk with the village engineer. Our engineer, Paul May, will be making recommendations for the qualified contractors at the March 9th board meeting. All of the projects came in under the estimated amounts. The village now has enough funds in the MFT account to pay for all the projects and plan for new projects. When the proposal was first introduced to complete this work, only \$60,000 was in the MFT account. (I have documentation for this if anyone would like to pick this up)

Street Resurfacing:

Odell between Ainslie and Argyle (also includes approx. 400 feet of new curb and gutter)

Argyle between Olcott and Oketo (also includes storm sewer improvements)

Alleys:

All legs and tees in the blocks bounded by the following streets (listed in the following order: northern boundary, eastern boundary, southern boundary, western boundary):

Winona, Olcott, Carmen, Oriole

Cullom, New England, Forest Preserve, Newland

Montrose, Oak Park, Forest Preserve, Newcastle

Montrose, Rutherford, Forest Preserve, Oak Park

Senior Place, Forest Preserve, Rutherford

Montrose, Forest Preserve, Senior Place, Rutherford.

Concrete Program: There are over 70 locations.

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The new village website is underway; I thank Trustee Szlendak for his help with finding the right vendor to proceed with this project. Each department forwarded information for the departmental pages and photos were submitted for the home page. The website implementation process is moving forward.

In Police Dept. news, for the month of January 2006, Thirty (30) criminal incidents were reported; and twenty-four (24) were resolved. Again the resolve rate for the police department averaged well above the national average of 20%. The police department takes crime very serious in this community and the clearance rate shows the individual commitment by the detectives.

Our accountant is working on the appropriation work sheets and those should be available for the next committee of the whole meeting for Trustee Alex, the Finance Chairman and the board will begin working with the Police Dept.'s budget.

I signed on as a supporter to the Growth Options for the 21st Century mission of building a stronger economy, reducing highway congestion, improving air quality, using tax dollars more efficiently and improving the quality of life by advocating for increased use of freight rail transportation.

I want to thank Walgreens for their excellent presentation this Wed. regarding prescription drug coverage and on line ordering. It's too bad more seniors did not attend; we had about 10 residents in attendance. The March 9th, free movie presentation will be the musical RENT, please join us.

Don't forget to join the Historical Committee tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. when we honor 6 very special long time residents. Refreshments will be served.

Finance
Trustee Alex

As the Mayor indicated, we will be having a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm., where we will begin the budget for our Appropriation Ordinance work, we will begin with the Police Department, we will do that portion of the budget. Our fiscal yearend is April 30th, we do have time after that by mid to end of July to complete the ordinance, but it best that we get going on it early.

The other thing that I did want to mention is that I drove down to Springfield with Trustee Dobrzycki and the Mayor was down there. And that we spoke to numerous representatives, our representatives in this area and we did ask them and we did express to them our ideas on the projects that we're working on. And we just thought it might be a good idea, that if somebody's there face to face explaining our projects, we thought that the Village of Harwood Heights deserves to have some help from the state. We do send a lot of revenue down there and there's no reason why we can't have some help trying to do some redevelopment. Every dollar that we reinvest will generate us more revenue and will make our standard of living better in the area. So, we did get to speak to a number of representatives and I did find it a very educational event. It's not as nice as I expected, I expected more understanding, but, right now there are very, very tight constraints on the Illinois budget.

Mayor Fuller: I did want to add that the Committee of the Whole Meeting would be 7:30pm., not 7:00pm.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Dobrzycki

The Ordinance and License Committee Report: On this evening's agenda there's the re-introduction of Ordinance 06-09, item 15. The re-introduction of this ordinance is both streamlined and less complicated for a license ordinance. Together with Trustee Mougolias, and speaking and taking more input and information about this along with the community businesses, members of the office staff and board, we felt that re-introduction of this ordinance would be appropriate. This ordinance proposes increases starting with two dollars to a reduction of \$850.00 in fees. Some of the charges were outdated. The charges should be fair and reasonable. They should pay for the village expenses and costs in issuing the licenses and maintaining the people and provide services to the establishments doing business in the village. As we work

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hard to control our expenditures and expenses, it only further obligates us to periodically review not only this ordinance; which as I mentioned just previously included a fee for such things as sideshows, I don't believe we've had sideshows in the village for a long period of time; but all the ordinances. As we've seen the last couple of years there are changes that always occur, there's one thing that we can't stop is change. The ordinances that we may introduce and improve today may not be appropriate 5 or 10 or 20 years down the road; and that's why it's very important that the ordinance committee work with the administration, work with the trustees and work with the Mayor to make sure we keep reviewing our ordinances, make sure they're appropriate for the times and that they're fair and reasonable.

I also received an email just prior to this evenings meeting which I just wanted to bring up briefly now and I'll speak with Trustee Szlendak about; that email being that as of July 1st of this year the State of Illinois will require that all municipalities that have websites and other ways of distributing information, that the approved minutes of any meeting be posted on the website within seven days or be available for public review. I will speak with Trustee Szlendak on that; this is information that I just received, whether we on the village part will have to introduce some new ordinances as well as the information technology committee to make appropriate plans for that introduction and change in state law.

I just want to conclude with, I did enjoy the trip down to Springfield, and it was very informational, educational, speaking with the various government officials and the state administration as well as the representatives. It kind of gave me some enlightenment as to how things work. We do many things here on a small scale in our municipality; we're sort of the housekeeping part of the state government, the ones who make the rules by which we abide with are down in Springfield, and I thought that was very good that we were able to meet face to face with those individuals.

Public Works
Trustee Jezierny

Public Works has continued some work on the new garage, putting in the water and draining piping and the air piping connection for maintenance purposes to coordinate both garages. The sprinkler system is now completed and testing has been done today with the assistance of the Fire Department. Numerous water meters have not been read since 2003 and 2004. Public Works has been checking these meters to obtain actual readings, showing proper identification before entering. There were four water main breaks which occurred, and that is again the one on Lawrence and in addition to that there was one on the 6800 block of Carl Cassata Drive, 4600 Sayre and 6700 block of Montrose that were attended to by the Public Works crew, one of the days of course was the coldest day we had so far on one of them. Needless to say, they did get the work done and the pipes are patched at this point.

Since Mayor Fuller already reported on the Public Works projects that are coming up, I will refrain from doing so and eliminate that from my report.

Public Health & Safety
Trustee Mougolias

No Report

Forestry/Recreation
Trustee Schmidt

I have nothing to report for the Forestry Committee; but the Recreation Committee, the WSSRA Day Camp program is currently filled. There are about 50 kids on the waiting list. Previously the Day Camp openings were filled on a first come, first serve basis; this lead to some partners not being represented at the Day Camp; Partners, meaning the villages and the Park Districts that are in their program. This year they decided to go with a lottery system and every partner was given 5 slots for people in their community, so that no matter when you sent it in your community at least had 5 openings, guaranteeing a place for someone in every community. After that it was a first come, first serve basis. Due to the additional budgeted dollars they were able to help 12 additional kids. No child from Harwood Heights was denied a spot. If for some reason the circumstances for one of the kids scheduled to go to camp should change and they are unable to go, it will create an opportunity for someone on the waiting list.

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**Sewer & Water
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak**

With the Information/Technology Committee: the Mayor made me aware of the up coming change in the rules under the Freedom of Information Act. It is one of the major reasons why we are redesigning our website to make it that much easier for us to post the minutes and keep them up to date.

For the Water & Sewer Committee; most of it was covered by the Mayor and Trustee Jezierny. I would just like to add, that the valves that we're getting, only one of them has to be replaced immediately, two of them are being placed as a preventative measure due to the up coming construction on the old village hall. This way, if there is a break, we won't have to shutdown an extended area and boil the water. It was a suggestion by the engineer and I put this item on our agenda today.

**Clerk's Report
Clerk Larson**

Early voting begins February 27th. For the first time, Illinois voters may vote early, before the March 21st primary election, without needing a reason or excuse to do so. Registered voters in suburban Cook County can vote early from February 27th to March 16th. Early voters must cast ballots in person at one of the designated early voting sites. By law, individuals who vote early must display a government-issued photo ID, (driver's license, state identification card, passport, etc.) before receiving a ballot. In suburban Cook County, voters may cast early ballots at their local village or city hall. In addition, any voter may vote early at one of the Cook County Clerk's five suburban offices (located at suburban courthouses) on the weekends. The Clerk's downtown Chicago office (69 W. Washington St.) will also conduct voting seven days a week during the early voting period. Weekend hours at those locations are 9am to noon on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Unlike absentee voting, voters do not need to provide a reason or excuse to receive an early ballot.

Absentee voting by mail still exists and requires voters to provide an acceptable reason under the law as to why they cannot make it to their polling place on Election Day.

Early voters will cast paper optical scan ballots, similar to standardized tests, at local villages and township halls and on electronic touch-screen machines, which are similar to ATMs, at the Cook County Clerk's office locations. Early ballots are secured and will remain secret. Early ballots are not counted until after the polls close on Election Day, March 21st.

The five suburban offices, located at suburban courthouses, during the early voting period, February 27th to March 16th; Times: 9am to noon. Dates: March 4-6 (Pulaski Day) and March 12th & 13th. Locations: Downtown Chicago, West Suburbs/Maywood, South Suburbs/Markham, Southwest Suburbs/Bridgeview, North Suburbs/Skokie and the Northwest Suburbs/Rolling Meadows.

From what I understand, you vote in the town you live in, except to go downtown or those other places to vote.

Attorney's Report

I'm pleased to report that tomorrow morning at 10:00am we will close on the old Fire Station property, the 7301 W. Lawrence property; and I also look forward to your direction on the 7343 W. Lawrence Avenue property.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt: I just want to make a comment, with all the stories out there in the paper and everything about the confusion with the seniors and the drug program; I'm surprised that only 10 people showed up. I hope that says something good for the Seniors of Harwood Heights that they all understand it and it all works nice for them.

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Mayor Fuller: Actually, I was going to ask the President of the Senior's Club if they're interested we can arrange for Walgreen's to come in. We would like to have them come to one of your meetings, Bill Heinzinger will be glad to arrange it for you.

Trustee Dobrzycki: I just wanted to say, I also participated in the Community Pride Parade and marched last fall and felt very safe since we had the two honorees, as the Chiefs' of Police of Norridge and Harwood Heights, so I know it was safe and secure.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes to Approve

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Alex

Item I 14 pulled by Trustee Szlendak

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex for Constant Agenda items I 1- 13, I 15 & I 16:

1. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,330.00**, payable to Chicago Communications, LLC for installation of new docking system for each squad car for Police Department.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,360.76**, payable to Chicago Communications, LLC for installation of 4 cornerstrobes and visor lights for squad car 461, and relay installation of complete squad car 491 for Police Department.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$ 1,266.08**, payable to Tyco/SimplexGrinnell for alarm board for Dispatch for Police Department.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,505.48**, payable to American Speedy Printing Centers for general orders copy revisions and graphics printing for Police Department.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,474.00**, to purchase gate valves, sleeves and bolts for Lawrence Avenue between Octavia and Oketo for Public Works Department.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,348.50**, payable to Eastwood-Stein Deposition Management for reporter attendance, and transcript of Public Hearing of SSA on January 19, 2006.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,655.00**, payable to Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd., **\$1,000.00** retainer fee, **\$5,655.00** for billing through December 31, 2005.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$10,424.98**, payable to Vandewalle & Associates: Invoice #000200601018 for Development Consulting Services, **\$3,155.05**, Invoice #000200681019 for Implementation Services, **\$7,269.93** through January 31, 2006: **\$62.50** to be reimbursed back to Village by Zitella, **\$2,062.50** to be reimbursed back to the Village by Newport Builders.

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9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$140.00, payable to Visage Screen Print for bowling towels for the Youth Commission Bowling program.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,200.00 payable to ESRI International, Inc. for ArcView GIS mapping application for village engineer.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$40.00 per Harwood Heights youth to subsidize the cost for Harwood Heights youths to join the Norridge Youth Activities Football program at Norridge Park.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable to Speed-O-Lite Printing Center for purchase of 8,000 5-part vehicle license applications and 5,000 3 part NCR/counter applications for 2006-07.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,300.00 + shipping payable to Rydin Decal for purchase of 2006-07 vehicle sticker decals, dog tags, vending and motorcycle tags.
15. To adopt Ordinance 06-09, an Ordinance regarding License Fees.
16. To grant permission to Deborah Iaffaldano to hold a weekend collection drive on April 22nd & 23rd at the intersection of Lawrence & Harlem Avenues, rain date of April 29th and 30th, 2006, proceeds to benefit the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on June 3rd and 4th, 2006. (Pursuant to Police Department review)

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1- I 13 & I 15& I 16 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

MOTIONS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Alex

Trustee Szlendak made a motion to Table item I 14 – Motion failed for lack of a second.

14. To authorize the Village Attorney and the Planning Consultant to prepare an ordinance granting a special use for a mixed-use planned development on the southeast corner of Lawrence and Oketo Avenues, 7343 Lawrence Avenue, pursuant to the written Findings and Recommendation of the Plan Commission adopted on February 22, 2006, and prepare a development agreement for the planned development between the Village of Harwood Heights and 7343 Lawrence Avenue LLC.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schmidt

NAYS: Trustee Szlendak

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex

1. To void check #40206 in the amount of \$3,944.87.

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HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006**

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki

2. Payment of current approved bills in the amount of \$178,708.33, as they appear on check register #40263 thru #40331.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Schmidt

3. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$162,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

K. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

L. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

NONE

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dobrzycki: I just wanted to briefly again emphasize an issue of which I championed from the start, was that we develop a regular plan to maintain and replace our villages' infrastructure. One of those water breaks that happened actually in the last couple of weeks was on Sayre Avenue. There have been two water breaks, both on the 4600 block and one in front of my house, which included a 24-hour boil order. I would like to congratulate our village engineer who has inspected many sites and has begun to implement just such a plan. I think we should applaud him; we should support him and whoever's on the board in the future, to maintain such a plan because we're approaching that age in our villages' history that we need to follow through and not only make a plan but pursue those issues; because as was reported by our village engineer a lot of breaks have occurred, many of them on Lawrence Avenue. I've experienced a water break with a boil order on my street and I know that other parts of the village will further experience that. I also just want to add a good report that one of the Public Works' crew, Carmen, when he was passing out the end of the boil

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order slipped on one of the icy stairs and I was able to run up to him and I'm glad to report that nothing happened to him, no injuries were sustained. He continued down and delivered the rest of the boil termination orders.

Trustee Szlendak: From what I understand, Stan Sobieski made an offer for the village hall. I understand he did not go through the RFQ process, correct me if I'm wrong, but I would like to have him placed in the process as a possible bidder for the property incase our deal with Newport Builders falls through.

Mayor Fuller: I did call the realtor back who was representing Mr. Sobieski and explained to him the process and I told him just that. It's good to know that we have someone in line incase things don't work out with the group that we're working with; but we did go through a process and if we have to wait until the end of that process because if something is going to change we may have to re-bid or redo the RFQs' to open it up to other people. We did entertain 3 qualified Developers are the very beginning and those people were interested in the property also. I did explain to him that it's good to know that someone's out there that interested in the property and we will definitely let him know as soon as we've made a final decision.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

Motion to go into Executive Session by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Schmidt: at 8:22pm.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion to Close Executive Session by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Jezierny: all in favor 8:56pm.

Motion to Re-open the Board Meeting by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Szlendak, at 8:58pm.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor, the motion carried and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Margaret P. Fuller on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk