

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 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
Attorney	Paul Stephanides

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Krzywicki White, 7429 W. Winona: At the February 9th board meeting Trustee Alex distributed a ½ inch thick packet to those in attendance. The first page was titled “Sewer Charges, February 9th, 2006. Outline of documents enclosed”. Eleven items were then briefly mentioned on this first page and all documentation was attached. Using the title “Sewer Charges”, it is a bit difficult to understand why three of the items were included in this packet; Item #6, Financial Report for Year Ended 4-30-04. What did this have to do with the City of Chicago sewer charges? Item #7, 1998 Bond Issue Balloon Payment due 12-1-08, for \$870,000. What did this have to do with the City of Chicago sewer charges? Item #10, Documentation of Costs of building projects for 7300 Wilson. Again, what did this have to do with the City of Chicago sewer charges?

At this time I have questions about item #7, 1998 Bond Issue Balloon Payment. The page Trustee Alex presented showed the yearly tax levy requirements, but offered no other info on the matter. Regarding this 1998 Bond Issue for street paving, it was passed in the amount of \$2,000,000 but Mayor Ray Willas led his board to immediately abate the entire 10-year levy, all at one time, thereby making it mandatory to take all yearly principal and interest payments out of general funds. This was done in March of 1998 when there was one vacancy on the board, but Trustees Larry Bilek and Mike Mc Gough were board members at the time and voted for both the levy as well as the complete abatement of the taxes. These are the same board members who received support from Trustee Fuller and some other board members in future elections. George Alex was Treasurer in 1998 and was totally aware of these ordinances, because he is the one who made sure that the principal and interest was taken out of general funds in the years that followed. In 2004, when Trustee Alex was Chairman of the Finance Committee, he heard Ken Klein, Village Accountant, repeat at more than one meeting that the Finance Committee and other board members should be sitting down to discuss ways of handling these upcoming bond account payments. The prior Pabich board, of course, were of the opinion that sale of the old village hall would be used to pay these bond account payments as they came due.

I looked at copies of some old ordinances and came across some interesting data about this 1998 Bond Issue. \$2,000,000 in bonds were issued and the abatement certificate filed with the County Clerk on 7-7-98 shows the following balances on record for still to come yearly abatements: Tax Year 2005 - \$210,000; Tax Year 2006 - \$218,275; Tax Year 2007 – \$910,000, that’s the \$870,000 principal plus \$20,000 interest. The George Alex report did not reveal that \$1,400,000 was still due to be paid by the general fund. These present board members have been so vocal and adamant about not abating any part of the tax ley created for the village hall, which they refer to as the Pabich levy. They have never, however, even mentioned the fact that this Ray Willas levy, supported by Bilek and Mc Gough, required \$2,000,000 to come out of general funds or that \$1,400,000 still remains to be aid from that account in the next few years.

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Again, I wonder why Trustee Alex included that bond levy listing in his report. If it was to show great anticipated expense, why did he not show the great anticipated revenue from condo sales, as was passed out last summer at the Zitella hearings? Also, I wonder if he has made his fellow board members aware of all the options they have. They have the option to pay this whole \$900,000 from general funds. They also have the option to re-negotiate that amount so that it is broken down to 5-10 years of smaller payments. Or, they still have the option to amend the original abatement certificate regarding this '98 Tax Levy. And these board members could do just that any time they wish and they would put the Ray Willas bond payments of \$1,400,000 back onto the Tax Levy for residents to pay, using the same justification as they use for the Village Hall Levy, "We don't have the extra money to pay for all this".

What will these board members do? How will they justify their decisions? We can only wait and see.

Don Hansen, 4771 N. Newcastle: At the last board meeting, February 23rd, you voted to subsidize \$40.00 per Harwood Heights youth to help pay the registration fees to join the Norridge Park Football Program and have the Harwood Heights taxpayers support the Norridge Park District programs. The programs run by the Norridge Park District have a registration policy that the registration fees are set so that anyone living outside of the Village of Norridge, as the residents that live in Harwood Heights, must pay twice the amount of the set registration fees for all their programs. As you know, the Norridge Park District is located in Harwood Heights on Harwood Heights land. As a former member of the Harwood Heights Youth Committee, I met with the Norridge Park District Director to discuss the possibility of using the Park District facilities for our Youth Commission Programs and was told that we could bring our youth to join the programs and pay non-resident fees, but could not use their facilities. The Norridge Park District Board will not subsidize the youths' of the Village of Harwood Heights so why are you willing to support the Norridge Park District? The only place that is available in Harwood Heights to use for the indoor youth programs is at Union Ridge School and that is only when the school gym is not being used for other activities and only when the school is in session. The Village of Harwood Heights has no land to build a Park District, however, we do have space in this Village Hall between the Board Room and the Police Department to use as a year round mini sports complex for the HHYC programs such as floor hockey program, dodge ball, gymnastics, junior basketball and other indoor activities that does not require a high ceiling.

As a former Chairman of the Harwood Heights Youth Commission, I met with present and past Harwood Heights Board members to discuss the possibility of using this empty space for our village youth to gather and enjoy and was always told the money was not available. If the money is now available to subsidize \$40.00 each participant in the NYA program (Norridge Youth Association) and help the Norridge residents support the Norridge Park District youth activities, then why not subsidize \$40.00 per participant in the HHYC youth programs and use this space for a mini sports complex that all the Harwood Heights residents can enjoy. Don't give our taxpayers money to the Village of Norridge.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fuller

Before I start my report I do want to address a couple of things that were said. First of all, we do not subsidize a Norridge Park Program; it was Norridge Youth activities, which is a separate program, it is not part of the Park District. And the Village of Norridge was already subsidizing the same program, so our children were at a disadvantage because they were paying more than the other children were paying. As far as using the middle section, that is something that the board is always looking at. We have no plans for that right now, but using it for youth activities would definitely be something we'd be interested in.

As far as the other comments that were made, the packets that were given out at the February 9th meeting were prepared by me. I know a resident keeps coming in here and addressing Trustee Alex, but I prepared the packet and I gave a very lengthy report that's in the minutes for the February 9th meeting that explained everything in the packet, line by line. So I won't go into that again.

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On the agenda for board approval tonight, Motion I 30, is a Resolution to adopt the new zoning map, the update, which is long overdue, was prepared by our village engineer, Paul May, using the recently purchased GIS program. Also, on the agenda tonight are the bids for the MFT street alley and concrete projects, I would like to turn it over to our engineer Paul May for an update on the bid process and his recommendations.

Engineer Paul May: I would like to recommend for award tonight 3 bids associated with the MFT program, which is the state appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax monies slated for Harwood Heights use. There's 3 programs,

At the March 2, 2006 committee of the Whole meeting, the board discussed upgrading the payroll software to an internet based program which also gives us more options for payroll and benefits reporting. A motion is on the agenda tonight for approval of the new ADP payroll reporting system.

I am pulling motion I2 and I3, the legal bills for the village attorney, Robbins, Schwartz, as they will be sending a corrected bill. Also our attorney Paul Stephanides will report on their work later in his report.

In response to a resident tonight the program we are subsidizing is not a Norridge Park program but a NYA, Norridge Youth Activity program. The Village of Norridge is also subsidizing the program which would leave our children at a disadvantage.

The packets mentioned by a resident here tonight, that were distributed by me at the February 9th, 2006 board meeting, were prepared by me not Trustee Alex. I gave a very lengthy report and all the questions were answered at that time. I will not repeat it, it is in the minutes.

The Harwood Heights Police Department will be participating in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Roadside Safety Checkpoints on St. Patrick's Day Friday March 17th through Saturday, March 18th between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m., at the intersection of Lawrence and Harlem Avenue checking northbound traffic; every fifth vehicle will be stopped and the driver will be checked for a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and proof of registration. The goal is to reduce the incidence of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and to call attention to the seriousness of the offense.

Chief Podosek received a letter from the Village of Wheeling's Chief of Police, John Popadowski, that reads "On Saturday, Feb. 4th, the Wheeling Police initiated a NIPAS EST call out due to a shooting in Rosemont during which time the offender agreed to deliver drugs and weapons to under cover Wheeling officers. With the assistance of Lt. Frank Biagi and the NIPAS team, this situation concluded peacefully. The suspect was charged with several felonies and the weapon used in the Rosemont shooting was recovered. The Wheeling Police Dept. would like to express our sincere appreciation to Lt. Biagi for the successful culmination to this endeavor."

On Wednesday, Chief Podosek attended a seminar on Law Enforcement Executives hosted by the Chicago Police Department and the Consulate General of Israel dealing with Homeland Security titled "Coping with Terrorism in a Civilian Environment: Aspects of Forensic and Post Blast Investigations";

Also on the agenda is promotion to Communication Supervisor for Police Dept. employee Pauletter Joris for the boards action.

Once again for the month of February our police totaled much more than the 666 average number of hours needed for community service, using foot and bicycle patrol, school patrol and answering citizen complaints.

Chief Podosek distributed the Police Dept. General Orders, he has worked very hard and long on and now the Police Dept. has its official orders.

Motion I 7, on the agenda for board approval tonight approves the annual Block Party so that we can begin planning for this year event, save the date of Saturday, August 19th.

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Village Residents who have never met me will have an opportunity to come by and tell me their concerns over coffee and sweet rolls on Sat. March 18th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

We will go into executive session tonight later in the meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings act to discuss : pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings. (c) (6) **The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.**

I would also like to include an amendment to the 2/23/06 board meeting minutes to include the provision for setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body to be included in the motion for the executive session.

Happy Birthday to resident Steve Garnett, and thanks for helping hang the Mayor wall pictures in the lobby!

Finance
Trustee Alex

Ordinance/License
Trustee Dobrzycki

Public Works
Trustee Jezierny

Public Health & Safety
Trustee Mougolias

Forestry/Recreation
Trustee Schmidt

Sewer & Water
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak

Clerk's Report
Clerk Larson

Attorney's Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

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G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Alex

Regular Board Meeting held Thursday February 9, 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 Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Alex

Regular Board Meeting held 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 Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Alex

Special Board Meeting held Wednesday March 1, 2006

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Alex

1. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,106.00**, payable to Chicago Communications, LLC for repair of squad cars #493, #491, #494 and #497.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$12,096.17**, payable to Robbins Schwartz Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd. for billing through January 31, 2006, which includes retainer fee of \$1,000.00.

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3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,528.46**, payable to Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd. for Newport Development, to be reimbursed back to the Village by Newport Development.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,050.00**, payable to Mimat, MD & DM Shenker, MDSC for independent medical evaluation on a Village employee.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,635.00**, payable to Hewlett Packard for printer for Water Department bills.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$10,000.00** for the 2006 Block Party to be held August 19, 2006 (to be appropriated in the 06-07 appropriation).
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,129.14**, payable to Clark Dietz for professional services November 26, 2005 through December 31, 2005 for project H10011.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$560.50**, payable to Crown Trophy for trophies and plaques invoice #5768 and #5790 for Harwood Heights Youth Dodge ball Awards program.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$193.00**, payable to Vince's Italian Restaurant for food for the Harwood Heights Youth Dodge ball Awards program.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$237.00**, payable to Visage Screen Print T shirts for tournament for the Harwood Heights Youth Dodge ball program.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00** for T shirts for Harwood Heights Youth Volleyball Program.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,160.00** for medals and T shirts for the Harwood Heights Youth Gymnastic program.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,640.00**, payable to Carol McNamara for Harwood Heights Youth Gymnastic coach for four weeks.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$400.00**, for crafts to be used at the Harwood Heights Youth Easter Egg party.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00** each, payable to Danny Furlon and Bo Cisek for refereeing the Youth Commission Floor Hockey program.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to Tracey McFall for score keeper for the Youth Commission Floor Hockey program.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Betsy Bruns, instructor for Youth Commission Volleyball program.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$350.00** for refreshments for the Youth Commission Floor Hockey Awards program.
20. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$600.00**, payable to Crown Trophies for 75 trophies for Youth Commission Floor Hockey Awards program.
21. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$835.15** per month, payable to ADP Payroll Service for upgrading to an internet based payroll reporting and input system.
22. To authorize the purchase of Bulk Rock Salt from the Illinois Joint Purchase Requisition for the 2006-2007 season for the Public Works Department with an expenditure of **\$11,000.00** from the 2006-2007 budget.

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23. To approve "Big Garbage" pick-up days beginning the week of April 24, 2006.
24. To concur with the Mayor and Chief Podosek's recommendation of Paulette Joris for the position of Radio Supervisor for the Harwood Heights Police Department 911 Emergency Communication Center at a salary of **\$46,613.00.**
25. To concur with the recommendation of the Village Engineer, Paul May, to award the contract for construction of the **2005 MFT-Street Rehabilitation Project** to Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of **\$124,224.30.**
26. To concur with the recommendation of the Village Engineer Paul May, to award the contract for construction of the **2005 MFT- Alley Street Rehabilitation Project** to Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of **\$309,849.00.**
27. To concur with the recommendation of the Village Engineer Paul May, to award the contract for construction of the **2005 MFT-Various Sidewalks Rehabilitation Project** to D'Land Construction, LLC in the amount of **\$40,022.35.**
28. To adopt the amendment to the Hartford Life Insurance Governmental Employer Sponsored Eligible Deferred Compensation EGTRRA 457 Plan which is offered as an option to Village employees.
29. To approve the Door Security Access Lists dated 3/9/06.
30. To adopt **Resolution No. 06-02**, A Resolution Approving a New Zoning Map for Harwood Heights.
31. To grant permission to have a kick-off parade for Harwood Heights Youth Baseball on Saturday, April 29, 2006. The parade will begin at St. Rosalie Parish parking lot at 10:30am travel west on Montrose Avenue to New England Avenue, make a right on New England Avenue to Carl Cassata Sr. Lane, at Carl Cassata Sr. Lane will make a right onto the black top and proceed to the playing fields.
32. To approve total expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,403.00**, payable to Miller Cooper & Company, Ltd. for audit year ending April 30, 2004 for **\$1,403.00**, and audit year ending April 30, 2005 for **\$5,000.00.**

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.

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

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J. NEW BUSINESS

PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex

1. To void check #39520 the amount of \$1,471.56.

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. To void check #40289 in the amount of \$50.00.

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. Payment of current approved bills in the amount of \$345,214.07, as they appear on check register #40332 thru #40424.

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

4. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings in the amount of \$11,670.92 for IMRF Pension.

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

5. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$112,387.50 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

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ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion Carried

- K. OLD BUSINESS**

- L. CORRESPONDENCE**

- M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

- N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

- O. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

- 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