

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:35 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 (Absent)
Attorney	Mat Delort

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No Public Comment**

**E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY**

**Mayor's Report**  
**Mayor Fuller**

I am very excited to announce some good news. About a week ago Senator DeLeo called me to advise me that we would be getting some Illinois Transportation Enhancement funds, but to wait for the official notification. I was beginning to get worried but today I was notified by IDOT that we are approved for Federal ITEP funding in the not to exceed amount of \$474,000 for the Lawrence Avenue Streetscape Project. While it is less than we applied for this is great news for Harwood Heights and for the SSA property owners and we are very grateful. I want to thank Senator DeLeo for his assistance in securing this funding for us and for returning all my phone calls about the grants. I also want to thank Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Senator Obama and Senator Durbin, and Rep. McAuliffe for sending letters of support for the grant application.

On behalf of the Village, I want to also thank Senator DeLeo for his help in obtaining the Illinois Planning Grant for \$30,000, we have submitted the requested survey for this grant and are waiting to hear more. Senator DeLeo and I have been in contact quite a bit about the needs of Harwood Heights.

The rain and a labor strike put damper in the alley paving but the contractor finished paving the last alley on the east side today, which leaves only the westernmost alley. We expect all alleys to be paved by the end of the week.

On Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the board met in closed session to discuss the sale of village property. The Plan Commission already made their recommendation for the mixed use project for the old village hall site at 7343 W. Lawrence Avenue. I have been going back and forth trying to negotiate a deal that the board will support and that is financially beneficial to the village. I believe I listened to the trustees and brought their concerns with me to the table. With the help of our planning consultant and our village attorney I have negotiated a sale price and development agreement with the Newport group, legally known as 7343 Lawrence LLC. At the meeting, the trustees received all the facts regarding the price being offered and the details and benefits of the project. I believe the trustees are ready to make their decision for the

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project and sale, under motions K 1 and K 2 the board will have that opportunity. If approved, the implementation will include retail on the first floor and 3 levels of condominiums with a rear garden sitting area, underground parking and an outside parking lot. A high end coffee shop is planned with a drive thru, and overall, the project is very exciting and will be a boost to our economy, and to our property and sales tax while providing more residential home choices and a place to walk to. This project is a welcome addition that fits in our overall comprehensive plan and enhances the Lawrence Avenue Streetscape project.

I ask the board to approve motion I 7, for the Single Family flood relief grant program, we have been contacted by about 6 -8 residents who are ready to get estimates and get their flood systems installed. This is a win-win program for the village, since we can't afford to replace sewers throughout the entire village. It helps single family homeowners financially so they can install their own flood control and avoid basement flooding and damage to their property.

The Norridge Historical Committee will again conduct the Flag burning ceremony on Wed June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. any worn flags can be dropped off the Norridge village hall or bring them with you to the ceremony.

The Public Work's crew have completed depositing the briquettes for the mosquito larvae control we entered through a state program. Public Works Supt. Schroeder received a letter of thanks from Union Ridge School for their assistance do to a flood occurrence on the playground.

The Police Dept. logged in over 818 hours working in the village for community services including the bicycle patrol, foot patrol, L Live Alone Program, DARE, School and Park patrol and inspections. This is over the 666 hours needed for community related service.

Due to continued parking concerns the police will continue enforcing village code where vehicles with a C plate or higher will be ticketed. Please let your neighbors know so they can move their vans and trucks.

Motion I 13, Ordinance 06-18 repeals a section of the Ordinance for the Library planned development which was included in error.

My congratulations to the Class of 2006 at both Ridgewood High School, who graduated Monday evening; and Union Ridge School, who are graduating tonight. I will keep my report short and maybe we can still make it over there for our personal congratulations.

And if this meeting is short and there is not a lot of debate, it's because we have spent many hours this week in committee meetings reviewing and talking about just about everything. So it certainly is not due to lack of democracy if we leave early!

**Finance**  
**Trustee Alex**

We recently completed the Appropriation Ordinance; the Appropriation Ordinance will be debated at a public hearing on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm, a half hour before the regularly scheduled board meeting. At the meeting the board will than consider adopting the Appropriation Ordinance with any last minute changes. Actually, there are some last minute changes now; the Mayor did mention to me that she had gotten a grant, two grants, totally \$500,000. The Appropriation Ordinance for this year is approximately spending \$11.2 million dollars, while it sounds like a large sum, our revenues were just \$700,000 shy of that; that's due to the fact that the City of Chicago has placed a demand on us to pay them approximately \$700,000 in sewer fees and back sewer fees. With the money this evening, we should be pretty close to a completely balanced budget. We made great strides in trying to balance budgets up front and there really haven't been a lot of cut backs, we've had a lot of restraint on spending. We are also nearing completion of the village audit for the 2005 year, it's not done yet but it should be under qualified opinion, which is the highest opinion you can get on village funds. After we approve the Appropriation Ordinance on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we'll move right on to working on the tax levy and other financial matters and resolve the Chicago sewer tax; working with the Mayor and if there are any other changes on the method of allocating the sewer fee costs.

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**Ordinance/License**  
**Trustee Dobrzycki**

The report of the Ordinance & License Committee: as it has been previously reported we've been working on promoting and updating zoning ordinances and building codes; with that in mind, on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> here at the village hall there will be a public meeting starting at 7:00pm concerning issues about condo conversions. We welcome all people to bring in their input and meet here; we'll have various people, individuals, consultants, the village attorney and so forth to discuss this matter. Hopefully, we'll get this taken care of and we can proceed and allow the village to benefit by allowing building owners to convert to condominiums to help alleviate some of the problems, at the same time allowing individuals to have individual home ownership.

**Public Works**  
**Trustee Jezierny**

Mayor Fuller already gave the updates on the alleys so I'll spare you that. Public Works has been out there starting to put pellets in the manholes for the mosquito abatement so we can protect ourselves with that and also they are out there painting the curbs near fire hydrants and stop signs and they will also be doing the crosswalks at intersections. There are two motions on the agenda, I 3, which is for the wheel loader equipment that we rent every year for snow removal. I know it's pretty earlier to think about snow but we need to reserve it ahead of time so we make sure if we do get bombarded we do have the equipment there to carry it out of the alleys; it's mostly used for the alley removal. Last year we were pretty lucky, we were light on snow so we didn't have to use it as often but none the less we do have to reserve it. The good news is that the price has not gone up, so it's the same price that we had last year. Also, there's a motion I 4, that is to repair lights that are out, that's at 4728 Harlem, 7151 Gunnison and 5124 Harlem.

**Public Health & Safety**  
**Trustee Mougolias**

**No Report**

**Forestry/Recreation**  
**Trustee Schmidt**

**No Report**

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

**No Report - Absent**

**Clerk's Report**  
**Clerk Larson**

Just to remind everyone to fly their flags on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Since Father's Day is before our next board meeting, Happy Father's Day!

**Attorney's Report**

**No Report**

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**None**

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**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Mougolias**

Regular Board Meeting held Thursday, May 25, 2006

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Schmidt on Consent Agenda items I 1- I 15:**

1. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,890.00**, payable to North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. membership July 1, 2006 thru July 1, 2007, for Police Department.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,096.00**, payable to United States Fire Protection, Inc. for labor and materials for fire protection service work, Police Department.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,325.00**/month for up to 80 hours of use, payable to McCann Equipment Co. for rental of Case 521D or equal, wheel loader with 2.0 cu. yard of bucket, heated cab, lights, horn and all standard equipment for snow removal from November 15, 2006 to March 15, 2007. After 80 hours, the charge for use is \$19.38/hour over 80 hours, plus \$400.00 round trip to our yard and pick up after use in March 2007 for freight for Public Works
4. To approve the repair of street lights 4728 Harlem Pole #H1C1, 7151 Gunnison, controller is at N/W corner of Harlem & Leland, 5124 Harlem Pole #H2D3, controller is at N/W corner of Harlem & Argyle, light is out.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,596.00**, payable to H & H Electric for the installation of lights on two Welcome to HH signs.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,956.85**, payable to Forward Telecommunications Services for an Extended Maintenance Contract on equipment, labor and network, service for 12 months and to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50,000** for the Single Family Flood Relief Grant to be appropriated in the 2007 Appropriation.
8. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Scott Rein as Chairman of the Youth Commission for a term ending April 30, 2007.
9. To approve a salary increase in the amount of **\$3,000** for the Village Engineer, retro-active to June 5, 2006.
10. To require each member of the Fire and Police Commission to be bonded in the amount of **\$5,000**.

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11. To enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ridgewood High School for a Police Liaison for a period of one year effective July 1, 2006 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.
12. To approve the updated door security lists dated June 8, 2006.
13. To adopt **Ordinance 06-18**, An Ordinance Repealing and Rescinding a Portion of Section 11 of Ordinance number 06-11.
14. To adopt **Ordinance 06-21**, An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Standards.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$11,040.83** for March and April 2006, payable to Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd, for attorney billing fees, includes \$2,000 retainer.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS**

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias**

1. To void check **#40818** in the amount of **\$276.02**.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex**

2. Payment of current approved bills in the amount of **\$92,294.90** as they appear on check register **#40865** thru **#40963**.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

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**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex**

3. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$115,113.80 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias**

4. Payment of 31 Special Assessment rebate applications received through June 2, 2006, totaling \$10,366.19.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

**K. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Schmidt**

1. To adopt Ordinance 06-19, An Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement between the Village of Harwood Heights and 7343 Lawrence Avenue LLC, and Approving the Sale and Transfer of the Real Property Located at 7343 West Lawrence Avenue to 7343 Lawrence Avenue LLC.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex**

2. To adopt Ordinance 06-20, An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Mixed-Use Planning Development Southeast Corner Lawrence and Oketo Avenues, 7343 West Lawrence Avenue in the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

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**L. OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

**M. CORRESPONDENCE**

**None**

**N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Dobrzycki:** I would just like to congratulate all the fathers on Fathers Day especially Trustee Mougolias as a first time father and also tonight's graduates at Union Ridge School and also the graduates of Ridgewood High School.

**Trustee Schmidt:** I would like to invite everybody for cheesecake for everyone's birthday and for the three of us finishing our first year in office; in spite of all the bickering and the arguing we've done and I've certainly done my share; I think a lot of things have happened in that year.

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex 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, June 8, 2006 at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk