

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:00 pm by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki (Arrived 7:20pm) Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak

Also present: Attorney Robert Bush  
Chief of Public Safety Mario Ricchio

**D. AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak**

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes of July 1, 2009

**A roll call vote to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes resulted as follows:**

**A YES:** Trustee Gadzinski, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Dobrzycki

**Motion Carried**

**Mayor's Report**

**Porous Paver (Filterpave) System Presentation**

- Mr. Dan Salsinger from ERO-TEX presented and explained the process and benefits of a porous pavement system and the recent advancements to the FilterPave System; Mr. Salsinger provided the village with a sample of the porous pavement material that can be shown to residents as an alternative when they apply for a permit to replace oversized patio areas that require some porous drainage system.
- This system was installed in the back parking lot at the offices of Christopher Burke in Rosemont.

**Sargon Mando % McDonald's re: hours of operation**

- Mr. Mando owes 2 McDonald's in Harwood Heights, one on Montrose/Narragansett and one on Harlem/Argyle and is asking the board to consider allowing both sites to have a 24-hour operation.
- Mr. Mando has done a number of improvements at the Harlem/Argyle location to reduce the noise level by putting in a new sound system and reduced the lighting for the residents bordering his restaurant.
- Mr. Mando indicated that he and the village could benefit from additional tax revenue and provide additional jobs. Also indicated that the 24-hour operation would reduce robberies and would improve security.
- Mr. Mando said that he would be willing to make parking arrangements with Mitty's on Montrose to help with the parking problem in that area.
- The Village Attorney stated that Mr. Mando would have to apply for a special use permit and go before the Planning Commission for this approval. Mr. Mando will come in for the application to start the process.

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**Economic Development Presentation**

- Mr. Roy Mc Campbell and Mr. Wayne Pesek each gave presentations on their expertise on economic development for various communities. They are committed to work on behalf of the village to obtain the current economic conditions of the village and its potential for future development by working with the FAA planning consultants and coordinating the comprehensive plans with perspective developers.
- The economic development consultant's fee would be paid out as part of the FAA grant guidelines.

**Public Works/ Water & Sewer**

**Temporary Speed Bumps – Alleys along the 7500 blocks (Winona to Argyle) and Nagle**

- Public Works obtained prices from TCP for the purchase of 10 speed bumps; the price was about \$176 each. Former George Assimakopoulos thought the price was kind of high so he checked with a number of the surrounding communities and Norridge has bumps available for \$100 each.
- Public Works received a letter from the Fire Department and a verbal response from ARC Disposal that the temporary speed bumps did not pose a problem for their vehicles.
- Also discussed was the purchase of 8 speed bump signs at \$27 each.
- Consensus of the board to place both motions on the August 13, 2009 board agenda.

**Truck Lease/Purchase**

- Public Works Forman George Assimakopoulos informed the board that the 1998 pickup truck is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. George and Tom Wolfe did some comparative shopping and found a truck at Northwest Ford. George presented costs for a 2009 or a 2010 pick-up and explained the details and cost for both vehicles.
- After a lengthy discussion the 2010 Ford F250 Heavy Duty pick-up was recommended. The payment per year for 5-years will be about \$6,800.
- George will prepare the lease agreement for board approval at the August 13, 2009 board meeting.

**Not-for-Profit Water Sales**

- Trustee Schuepfer passed out a draft copy of proposed changes to the current ordinances relating to "Not for Profit" entities within the village.
- Proposed a new section on the current ordinance inserting section D a new classification that has to be defined and reviewed. The same new section D also applies to the ordinance relating to sewer fees for "Not for Profit."
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the new rates. Suggested rates for the water billing rate is \$2.06 per 100 cubic feet which is similar to the charge for multi-family use rates, with a minimum charge of \$20.60. Suggested rates for sewer fees is \$10.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 cubic feet, and than \$.58 per 100 cubic feet thereafter with a maximum of \$70.00.
- "Not for Profit's" are currently being charge a commercial rate.
- The new suggested rates will only go into effect once the "Not for Profit" users convert to the new meters; a 3-6 month window to install the new meter. HBK will install the meters. Discussion ensued regarding the cost to the "Not for Profits" for the replacement of old meters. Public Works will do a cost analysis on the "Not for Profit's" meters.
- Consensus of the board was to incorporate residential rates and have Trustee Schuepfer draft the ordinances with the new changes; the motion will be placed on the August 13, 2009 board agenda.

**Red Speed Update**

- Lt. Maraviglia reviewed the Harlem/Lawrence photo enforcement system and reported that since its inception date of May 1, 2009; 1865 citations were issued and 1,160 citations have been paid. Citations contested by mail: 91- liable, 6 - not liable. In-Person hearing: 58 - liable, 11 - not liable.

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- Lt. Maraviglia updated the board on the Harlem/Foster RedSpeed plans. We need a permit from the City of Chicago to work within the right-of-way; the time-line is 1 to 3 months. Lt. Maraviglia feels that it will probably be 3 to 6 months due to the electric that has to be installed. The permit has been mailed and Lt. Maraviglia will keep on top of it.
- RedSpeed came out and did the traffic studies for the two sites; north bound Harlem unto east bound Gunnison and south bound Harlem unto west bound Lawrence.

**Octavia/Oconto Project Update**

- There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for August 11, 2009 at 10:00am at the Village Hall. The village received a \$100,000 CDBG grant for these two streets with a \$15,000 village match. The Mayor indicated that we were awarded another CDBG \$100,000 grant from Peter Silvestri for Odell and Oconto; the engineering has already been done.
- Mayor updated the board that she was informed by a representative from IDOT and Representative Michael McAuliffe's office that there will be some road work projects that will be running through parts of Harwood Heights; 1.) Gunnison between Harlem and Nagle, (no dates indicated for the start of this project); 2.) Anticipated start date 7/09 2.5 miles of stripping and other work on Montrose from Forest Preserve to Pulaski; and 3.) Starting August 10, 2009, resurface Forest Preserve Drive from Belmont to Montrose, going through Chicago, Norridge and Harwood Heights.

**Community Pride**

- Mayor received a letter from Community P.R.I.D.E. for the annual contribution and indicated that \$2,500 was budgeted in the 2009/2010 appropriations.
- There was a consensus of the board for the \$2,500 donation; motion will be placed on the August 13, 2009 board agenda for approval.
- The Norridge/Harwood Heights Baseball league will hold their awards banquet on Friday, August 14, 2009 at the White Eagle Restaurant in Niles.

**Unison**

- Mayor informed the board that she received a letter from Unison (cell towers/ antennas) indicating that they are interested in some of the areas in the village. Mayor will keep board posted.

**Police Safety &  
Building**

**Police Car Grants**

- Chief Ricchio has applied for a \$40,000 grant with no village match, for new police vehicles.
- Chief Ricchio contacted the Chevy dealer that we used to purchase the last new vehicles and was quoted a price of \$19,217.47 per squad; the price includes shipping/delivery. The grant amount will cover the cost to purchase 2 squads.
- Police Department will have all of the emergency/required equipment swapped out from 2 current cars. Cost will be minimal.

**Past Due Parking Tickets**

- Chief Ricchio provided the board members with a list of current fine amounts for various violations.
- Our current ordinance indicates that any vehicle with 10 or more parking citations gets put on a "boot" list. The City of Chicago is currently changing their ordinance to go down to 3 or more citations gets "booted."
- Chief Ricchio would like the board to consider changing the current ordinance on parking citations from 10 to 5 citations gets put on the "boot" list. The Ordinance Committee will review the current ordinance for recommended changes.

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- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the number of outstanding past due fines and the next steps needed to entice violator's to pay these outstanding fines. An amnesty program was discussed and it was recommended that a letter will be prepared and sent to those individuals with past due fines.

**Professional Services Agreement – Clark-Dietz**

- Mayor provided the board members with a copy of a Professional Services Agreement to utilize the services of Clark Dietz Engineering for various engineering projects within the village.
- Motion will be placed on the August 13, 2009 board agenda for board approval.

**Emergency Mgmt Services Committee**

- Trustee Mougolias provided and reviewed with the board a proposed draft ordinance relating to the implementation of an Emergency Management Services Committee to assist in emergency service needs. The proposed ordinance will go to the Ordinance Committee for review and finalization.
- The volunteer emergency management committee would act as support for Public Works and/or the Fire Department and village regarding flooding issues or any other emergency situations.
- Trustee Mougolias has been working with Mr. Bill Palarinos, a Cook County Sheriff who is a village resident, who he will recommend as the lead/director for this committee. Mr. Palarinos is currently working with the Village of Morton Grove's Emergency Management team and they have agreed to let us use some of their resources.
- Once our ordinance is passed and the emergency team is in place, they also have agreed to have the emergency team train with the Morton Grove Fire Department; they train 2 Wednesday's a month and there will be no charge to the village for this training. They also agreed to lend us a light truck if we need it and they will also send additional personnel to help, if needed. Part of the agreement is that our emergency team would be available if Morton Grove needed assistance.
- Trustee Mougolias reviewed the volunteer agreement, application, and other pertinent information relating to the implementation of this committee.
- Mayor Jezierny stated that the Norwood Park Fire District should be made aware on the intent and purpose of this committee if an emergency situation arises.

**Ordinance Committee**

**Fair Housing Ordinance**

- The board reviewed and discussed a draft copy of a Fair Housing Ordinance which is a federal requirement for the village to continue receiving Community Block grant money.
- The motion for approval will be placed on the August 13, 2009 board agenda.

**Liquor Server – Age Requirements**

- The current ordinance relating to the pouring and tending of alcoholic beverages is being amended from age 18 to age 21.
- The motion for approval of ordinance amendments will be placed on the August 13, 2009 board agenda.

**Parking Fines**

- The board reviewed a list of the current parking fines, and some of the fines that were recently changed; ie. the fine for resident only parking was increased from \$25 to \$100, the fines for parking during street sweeping/snow removal was increased from \$25 to \$50. The board also reviewed additional changes to other parking fines that were recommended by the Ordinance Committee.

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**Overweight Truck Ordinance**

- Chief Ricchio reviewed his letter to the Mayor recommending the hiring George Hancock as the Truck Enforcement Officer and a fee structure that he would recommend imposing for overweight trucks; Mr. Hancock was the prior Truck Enforcement Officer.
- Discussion ensued regarding the fee structure and the ordinance chairman will revise the draft ordinance with the new fee structure that was presented and reviewed at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Gadzinski informed the board that he's looking into having a Health Fair later this year. He conferred with the chairman of Public Health & Safety who thought it was a good idea. Trustee Gadzinski will keep the board up to date on the services that will be available and a possible date.

**Public Comment**

**Bill Heinzinger:** Asked if the village was going to have another large garbage pick-up scheduled for this year? **Trustee Mougolias:** Stated that nothing has been scheduled.

**Carmen Rinaldi:** Updated the board regarding a resident's replacement of an oversize patio with a porous drainage system.

**Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Mougolias to enter into Closed Executive Session at 10:24pm.**

**Executive Session: Motion to enter into Executive Session:** pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings © Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.

**A roll call vote to enter into Closed Executive Session resulted as follows:**

**A YES:** Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlenda

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**


**Motion Carried**

**Motion to Return to Open Session at 11:04pmpm by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlenda; all in favor.**

**Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor, the motion carried and the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 11:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk