

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 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 Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak

Also present: Attorney Robert Bush

D. **AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes of June 3, 2009

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Mayor's Report

SAC Presentation

- Maria Salvador, a representative from the Senior Assistance Center gave a brief history and purpose of the Assistance Center since it's inception in 1980. She reviewed a number of services that the Center offers the senior communities of Harwood Heights, Norridge and Norwood Park Township. The Seniors Assistance Center has submitted grants to private and public groups and many are being denied, they are planning on doing fundraisers with the help of both communities and the Township. The Senior Assistance Center is requesting support from the Village of Harwood Heights in the amount of \$25,000.

Sargon Mando % McDonald's re: hours of operation

- Mr. Mando was not able to attend tonight's meeting. He met with Mayor Jezierny requesting 24-hour operation at both Harwood Heights locations and also for consideration for the elimination or a specified time frame of the "No Right Turn" at the Argyle exit driveway at the Harlem location.
- Mayor Jezierny asked the Ordinance Committee to follow-up on Mr. Mando's requests and also on his request for an advertising sign, 50' high, at the Harlem location.

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Red Speed

- The RedSpeed totals for June: 748 citations issued and 487 citations paid. The grand total for May and June is 1,358 tickets issued and 656 were paid since the system was installed. The first hearing was held on June 23, 2009 here at the Village Hall.
- Acting Captain Maraviglia has been working with RedSpeed and they are looking at the eastbound Harlem/Foster location and RedSpeed also brought to our attention the area of southbound Harlem at Lawrence. IDOT is reviewing both locations and will advise the board as to the outcome; upon approval by IDOT, a Resolution or Ordinance will then be prepared for board approval.
- The village is considering a \$35.00 Hearing Fee on individuals who are issued a P-Ticket who want to contest the ticket. An ordinance for the hearing process needs to be passed and we need to notify RedSpeed of this change and send them a copy of the updated ordinance.
- Rather than going to the Harlem/Lawrence intersection cars are now cutting down on Oconto and speeding to Leland and then to Harlem to avoid the light. The Mayor has had the police patrol that area and they have caught a number of violators.
- Trustee Steiner asked about the late fee and whether all of it comes to the village. Mayor Jezierny will check the ordinance and also with RedSpeed.
- Mayor Jezierny gave the trustees a copy of the proposed adjudication ordinance for their review; this ordinance will also include a fine process for building code violations.

Participation in Norridge Park District – Island in the City

- The village paid a \$2,500 participation fee for the Island in the City Festival; the Norridge Park District in turn paid the village a total of \$1,600 in permit fees.
- “Harwood Heights Day” during the Island in the Festival will be on Sunday, July 12, 2009.
- Discussion ensued regarding possible handouts at the fest, the cost of these items and a consensus of the board for personal reimbursement on matching shirts for the village board members and some of the handouts.

Website Updates

- Mayor is still waiting for a few trustee bios and/or photos to update the village website.

Triton

- Mayor Jezierny met with a representative from Triton College offering onsite training at the Village Hall for instructional computer classes for Microsoft Office programs for 5 administrative employees plus any additional 3 or 4 employees at a cost of \$3,700 for 30-hours of training conducted onsite over 20 sessions. Asked the trustees to think about it provided there’s enough money in the new budget.

IDOT Plans for Gunnison & Forest Preserve Drive

- Updated the board on IDOT projects that are in the vicinity of the village; one is Forest Preserve Drive from Belmont Avenue to Montrose Avenue, the construction details will take place at the IDOT facility in Schaumburg on July 15th.
- Mayor Jezierny received the final plans this week for a second IDOT project involving resurfacing Gunnison from Harlem to Nagle, tentatively scheduled for a September 18, 2009 letting, subject to available state funds.
- Mayor Jezierny contacted the engineers to contact IDOT regarding the possibility of parking cutouts along Gunnison that was discussed at a previous meeting; this would be a cost to the village.
- Mayor Jezierny also asked the engineer to contact IDOT regarding increasing the timing on the stoplight crossing timer reported by a resident on the Gunnison/Harlem corner for pedestrian crossing.

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Stimulus Projects

- Mayor Jezierny submitted requests for the following projects under the Presidents Stimulus program for shovel ready projects:
 1. \$880,000 Oak Park Water Main (Gunnison to Forest Preserve Drive)
 2. \$910,000 Water Meter Replacements
 3. \$205,000 Sewer & Road Construction for the 7400 block of Strong
 4. \$501,000 Oak Park Resurfacing (After Water Main Project)
 5. \$1,000,000 Oriole Underground Detention Expansion
 6. \$411,700 Montrose Avenue Resurfacing
 7. \$750,000 Pumping Station Pump Replacements
 8. \$100,000 Sidewalk Replacement
 9. \$190,000 Norridge/Harwood Heights project for Sayre.
- Some other projects that are not part of the shovel ready stimulus program that will be evaluated are the flooding problems on the eastside, especially on Newcastle, New England, Newland, the park area at Union Ridge. The eastside has combination sewers verses the west side which has a separate system for water & sewer.

Other Items presented by Mayor Jezierny

- Open invitation to the memorial dedication of the Norridge Park Playground in honor of the late Earl J. Field on July 11, 2009 at noon at the Norridge Park District.
- Updated the board regarding an issue at Union Ridge involving a “quick deed” back to their own school district which involves a number of pin numbers and a transfer fee of \$750. Union Ridge is asking the village to waive the transfer tax fee. Consensus of the board was not to waive the transfer fee.
- St. Rosalie’s permit fees for the July 16th thru 19th St. Rosalie’s Carnival totals \$1,420 according to the ordinance permit fee schedule for this type of event. In the past, neither St. Rosalie’s nor the Norridge Park District were charged permit fees based on the ordinance schedule. Ordinance & License Committee needs to review the fees associated with not-for profit organizations; discussion ensued regarding this issue and the consensus was to follow the ordinance fee schedule.
- Updated the board on the FAA grant. An RFQ was sent out by the past Mayor and Mayor Jezierny is in receipt of 12 companies qualifications and requested that each board member takes a copy of each company’s presentation to review and to rate the companies from 1 to 12, indicating their top 3 choices. The top 3 companies will be notified and appointments will be set-up for interviews with the board, who will then pick the Land Use & Airport Compatibility Plan Consultants.
- Distributed copies of two ordinances to the board regarding M1 & M2 manufacturing districts and asked the Ordinance & License Committee to review them and how they fit into the village’s comprehensive plan. Attorney Rob Bush explained the reasoning regarding these 2 ordinances and a “moratorium” period and a discussion ensued among the board members and the village attorney. These 2 ordinances also need to go before the Plan Commission for their review.
- A few of the board members still need training on the new phone system; tentative date is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th, half-hour before the board meeting.

**Finance &
Police Safety**

Past Due Parking Tickets

- Trustee Mougolias stated that he wasn’t unable at this time to get the total number or dollar amount of past due parking tickets but he would like to implement the same type of “30-day moratorium” program that was implemented for the Water Department on late water bills. A motion will be placed on the board agenda when this 30-day moratorium will take effect. About \$7,600 a month is generated for any non-moving violation and parking tickets; about 75% is collected every month. Discussion ensued regarding increasing fines and implementing a collection process.

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Public Works/ Water & Sewer

Temporary Speed Bumps – Alleys along 7500 blocks

- Temporary speed bumps would be placed in the alleys along the 7500 block from Winona to Argyle and also the alley off of Nagle by the McDonalds. Public Works obtained an estimated cost of \$2,500 for about 10 speed bumps and they are waiting for a reply from ARC Disposal to see if it will interfere with their garbage pickups.
- Will look into the possibility of an eastbound one-way alley behind McDonald's on Nagle. Discussion ensued regarding one-way or "no turn between xam - xpm" signs on Sayre and other streets having traffic flow problems.

Engineering for East Side Storm/Sanitary Controls

- The engineers will be here sometime next week to evaluate, review and design the eastside projects and determine the cost of these areas; they will then prepare and present their recommendations.

Ordinance Committee

Rear Yard Open Space Requirements for Patios

- Trustee Schuepfer reviewed the proposed ordinance revisions that include portions taken from the Village of Norridge's ordinance addressing this issue. A draft ordinance will be placed on the July 9th agenda for board approval.

Parking Fines

- The Ordinance & License Committee has been reviewing the fines for parking and handicap spaces. Trustee Schuepfer recommended increasing the parking fines from \$25 to \$50; this would include street sweeping and snow removal parking fines, handicap offenses would remain at \$250. "Resident Only" parking areas; it was recommended the fines be increased to \$100. Discussion ensued regarding limiting warning tickets, an incremental fine structure on habitual offenders, non resident parking, no village vehicle stickers on cars owned by village resident, etc. A draft ordinance will be prepared for the board's review and possible approval on the July 9th board agenda.
- "Resident Only" parking passes will be reviewed for possible format change to include resident's address and a current procedure will be implemented to track all residents assigned parking passes.

Parking on the 4700 Block Sayre

- Trustee Schuepfer reviewed the comments and concerns that were voiced at a public hearing that was held on June 22, 2009 for the residents on the 4700 block of Sayre and also residents on the adjacent street of Leland.
- To relieve congestion in that area, Trustee Schuepfer suggested a multi-prong approach by initiating one measure, the removal of no parking on the 4700 block of Sayre being the first step, evaluate it and then institute other measures, as well as making other traffic flow recommendations to the police for them to evaluate.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the removal of parking on the 4700 block of Sayre and a consensus of the board was that a motion will be placed on the next board agenda for board approval to open the 4700 block of Sayre for residential parking on a trial basis.

Public Comment

Maria Salvador, 7519 W. Strong: Wanted to know if the speed bumps proposed for the alleys will cause any flooding problems if we have heavy rains?

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Maria Storelli, 4745 N. Sayre: Commented that the residents on Leland have an alley and the residents on the 4700 block of Sayre do not.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Was glad that the board was not going to give an "exemption" to Union Ridge School or St. Rosalie's on the payment of fees. Asked if we had received any word on the stimulus projects that the Mayor had submitted? Also, asked why he could not get the information he requested under a FOIA regarding the Cops grant.

Andy Sulski, 6424 W. Sunnyside: Commented that a Chicago resident keeps letting his dog loose on the property along the south side of the Country Club that has posted signs regarding "dog on leash", and this person is not picking up the dog waste; requested increasing the fines.

Mohammad Akhras, 4742 N. Sayre: Believes the parking could get worse if we lift the no parking restriction on the 4700 block of Sayre, that there's already parking problems on the 4600 block of Sayre; indicated that he occasionally parks on the 6800 block of Leland.

Danuta Dobrzycki, 4733 N. Sayre: Commented that the whole area surrounding the 4700 block of Sayre should be reviewed for the parking problems before removing the no parking from the 4700 block; also commented that the residents on the 6800 block of Leland have an alley and two-car garages.

Lee Brigagliano, 4741 N. Sayre: Lives across from the apartment building and indicated that at night they double park on Sayre and they also block the driveways; stated that the no parking was promised to the residents on the 4700 block of Sayre as part of the condition on the building of the apartment buildings.

Theresa Gunia, 4749 N. Sayre: Commented that the apartment residents are constantly moving in and out and where will the moving trucks park? It's hard for her to pull out of her own driveway.

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to enter into Closed Executive Session at 9:25pm.

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.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion to Return to Open Session at 10:45pm by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski; all in favor.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Mougolias 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, July 1, 2009 at 10:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk