

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:30 pm by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Deputy Clerk	Mary O'Connor
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki (absent) Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak (absent)
Attorney	David Silverman

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Karen Lanners, 5018 N Odell:** Supporting some children from the Village in their request for a skate park. Different suburbs have them and some of them are sponsored by businesses such as McDonalds. The children are willing to try to get sponsors and she feels the children need a place to hang out, they don't have place in the Village to go to. Julius Cydzik is 13 years old and started the research on this project. She is in full support of the children involved and is willing to help them with whatever they need to do. Proposing that possibly a vacant factory or land could be used. The children are willing to ask for donations and do whatever needs to be done to make this park available. Karen is in full support of them and will do whatever she can to help them and would like to set up a meeting to see what can be done.

**Julius Cydzik, 7408 W Strong:** Requesting a skate park so they have somewhere to go. Whenever they are skating or biking the police are telling them they have to leave. They need a place to go to keep them out of trouble. He feels the crime rate will go down as they will have something to do. They have a petition with 58 signatures.

**Ines Canepa, 5000 N Oconto:** Has noise monitor for the airport on her property. Feels that according to the monitor we might qualify for the Government subsidizing soundproofing of windows in certain areas around Harwood Heights; will be glad to start or be on a Committee to see if there is money for soundproofing that belongs to Harwood Heights.

**Ken Havlick, 7514 Winnemac:** Commented that the home at 7547 Carmen runs a bike business out of his garage and they race bikes up and down the alley like racing bikes. Also they are very loud and cars are always blocking the alley. Mr. Havlick wants speed bumps in that alley because the owner is belligerent to the residents when they complain. Also, the two homes at 7529 or 7527 Carmen have been in the process of being built for four years. The builders are using the yard as a work yard; there are dumpsters, front loaders, forklifts, stones etc stored in the yard and they move these things in and out at night. Wondered how long the permit is good for when you receive one for building a house?

**Maria Salvatore, 7519 W Strong:** SAC Board Member encouraged the Trustees to approve motion I4 on tonight's agenda. SAC is in dire need of these funds and they don't want to have to cut any services that they provide. The SAC is having a wine tasting event at Vince's Restaurant on October 7, 2009; tickets are \$25.00.

**Diana Dobrzycki, 4733 N Sayre:** Commented that at the last two Board meetings her husband was criticized for not voting for the budget that was proposed and for not voting for last years budgets. Felt that the Board should not criticize him but that the Board should take some responsibility for the budget as they had control of the Board for the past two years.

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**Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford:** Asked why the village doesn't give the residents of Harwood Heights that live in 2, 3, or 4 flats a break on their water, that according to the Ordinance that was just passed they are paying more for their water than single family residences. The single family resident fees are the same fees that we are charging Union Ridge, St Rosalies, the Library and the Fire Department and all other businesses that are servicing some residents who are not in Harwood Heights. We also have single family homes paying more for sewer fees than the not for profit entities that service more than residents of Harwood Heights.

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

**Mayor's Report**  
**Mayor Jezierny**

Commented that the O'Hare expansion is looking to complete 6 runways by 2016 and they are working on different methods of reducing noise. The noise monitor that we have by the Canepa home is the one that monitors Harwood Heights. There are times that it does go over the 65 DNL but the FAA monitors the noise level by a day/night average. When you take the day flights and average them with the fly quiet time it brings the DNL level down. We have been asking for the peak points to be averaged in along with more day time hours. These are some of the issues we are trying to bring up at the meetings we attend. I encourage residents to call and /or use the website to report plane noise. Meetings are open to the public and she will post the next meeting date and time on the village website.

**Mayor Jezierny's Village Update:**

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to give you information as to what we are planning for the future of our Village. We have been awarded an FAA Grant which is a Federal Aviation Agency Grant for Land Use and Airport Compatibility. The purpose of this grant is for comprehensive planning, transportation mapping and GIS mapping of our infrastructure and more. This grant will also provide for Economic Development Planning for our Village and proper updates of our Zoning Codes to coincide with an updated and detailed Comprehensive Plan.

A number of Planners have already submitted their Requests for Proposals and the Trustees have selected the top 5 Planning Teams to interview. During the past 2 weeks the Trustees, Clerk and I have conducted interviews with these planners including Economic Consultants. A special Committee of the Whole meeting was called on Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss and select the team that we feel would produce the best planning process. So on the agenda tonight the Board will cast their vote, and upon approval, we can get started.

Working in conjunction with the Planning Team will be Economic Development Consultants that will begin a process of examining our current economic condition of retail business and commercial industry so we will have a current economic evaluation of our town. In addition, these consultants will continue to evaluate vacant properties and pursue growth potential of those areas. With the completion of a detailed comprehensive plan in place, it will serve as a valuable tool to market our community to potential developers and business prospects. The time is right to begin our planning process and economic evaluation to be ready for the future.

This planning process will include you, our residents. As meetings are scheduled, your input will be important to us. Some may recall a similar process some years ago, but those plans need to be updated with a more detailed outlook and thorough process with complete follow through so when the economy strengthens, we will be ready and we will have the true comprehensive plan in place to present to potential developers and market our community. So join with us and we will work together for an even better Harwood Heights!

These past 4 months have been challenging with regards to our financial condition and reporting procedures. We are working through these issues in a number of ways: 1) by creating an Appropriation Budget that is lean and yet continues to provide top services to our community; 2) by doing a complete and thorough audit of all aspects of our finances; 3) examining and implementing checks and balances in our day to day processes. I want to thank you all for being patient as we continue to sort through our past and begin to implement some structure to our current procedures.

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Simultaneously, we are also looking to the future through our planning process and also by securing funds to address our Village's infrastructure. I want to thank Representative Michael McAuliffe for working with me and securing \$100,000 for us to replace many of our sidewalks and curbs. This money will be available to us next year (in 2010) so our Public Works department is evaluating the worst areas that need replacing.

I also want to thank Peter Silvestri, our County Commissioner for notifying me that another \$100,000 of CDBG money has been approved for Odell street (south of Lawrence). This is in addition to the \$100,000 we received for the Octavia and Oconto projects currently underway.

Other thanks are extended to the West Central Municipal Conference and the Mayoral Caucus for working with me and awarding Harwood Heights with \$438,000. This money is secured for certain qualifying projects; so beginning in March we can begin to obtain bids for the resurfacing of Montrose Avenue from Sayre to Forest Preserve Drive.

I am also working with our State Senator and State Representative for securing additional funding for pending projects that would include other streets, sewers, water mains, and flood control. I will keep you posted as funding is official available.

Trustee Szlendak and I have met with our Engineers to begin a comprehensive study east of Harlem to address many of our residents flooding concerns in those areas that consistently flood time and time again. The Board has approved this study at our prior Board meeting. These areas are now being engineered and evaluated, and we, along with members of the Sewer and Water Committee, Trustees Szlendak, Steiner and Schuepfer will present those findings to you. Once plans are in place, we will seek additional funding for the costs to address flood relief.

I want to thank the Clerk and Trustees for participating in the long process of interviews and look forward to getting started.

**Forestry & Green Initiatives**  
**Trustee Dobrzycki**

**No Report (absent)**

**Recreation**  
**Trustee Gadzinski**

Reported that the Harwood Heights Youth Commission will be having open registration for Fall youth programs at the Village Hall on Saturday September 12, from 9am until noon. Registration will be held for the following programs: basketball, bowling, gymnastics, soccer and volleyball. Additional information will be available at the Village Hall.

**Public Works**  
**Water & Sewer**  
**Trustee Steiner**

**No Report**

**Public Health & Safety/Building**  
**Trustee Mougolias**

Reported that as of August 25, 2009, we have a new Police Eligibility list. We are required by the State of Illinois to update this list every two years whether we are hiring or not. We are now in compliance with the State requirements. Candidates have 10 days to submit any further information to get more points; such as if you were in the military, education, and also if you were a police officer somewhere else.

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**Ordinance/License  
Trustee Schuepfer**

**No Report**

**Finance  
Information & Technology  
Trustee Szlendak**

**No Report (absent)**

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

**Attorney's Report**

**No Report**

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Gadzinski**

Asked for the Boards support on Motion I 4. The Village of Harwood Heights and surrounding communities including Norridge and The Norwood Park Township appropriate a certain amount of money in their budgets and contribute it to the Senior assistance Center to allow services to be available to Seniors who are homebound or simply need a helping hand. The Senior Assistance center not only delivers meals to homebound seniors but it also provides them adequate assistance in filling out various forms such as The Illinois Cares Rx form which provides eligible applicants to receive discounted prescription drug costs. Other services may include providing food stamps for those in need, or a simple ride to the doctor or grocery store. These are only some of the services which are offered to our residents and those residing within the parameters of the Norwood Park Township. I consider this a great service to our residents and I support it in its entirety.

Read letter from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago stating that during the flooding that took place on June 19, 2009, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation did all they could to assist the City of Chicago as well as the surrounding communities which included Harwood Heights to prevent flooding.

Encouraged everyone to attend the Lower Des Plaines River Watershed Council meeting, which will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 10:00am at the Northlake Public Library located at 231 N. Wolf Road, Northlake, Illinois 60164. The phone number there is 708-562-2301

**Trustee Mougolias**

Commented that Trustee Szlendak and the Mayor are working very hard to get soundproofing for our residents. Right now O'Hare says we do not qualify but we think we do. I encourage residents to attend meetings, call the phone numbers and report incidents on the internet. This may help to persuade them to get us soundproofing.

Also, wanted to say that he is proud of the children who attended the meeting requesting a skate park. He spoke to them prior to the meeting and told them to come to the Board meeting. He is proud of them and the hard work they are doing to get this skate park as they are only 13 years old. Hoping to be able to help them out and give them some place to go.

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**None**

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**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items I 1 – I 12.**

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held August 13, 2009.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,109.22, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management for spraying on 7-23-09, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-09-00-7061 – Health.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,720.03, payable to ADT Security Services, Inc. for quarterly service 9-1-09 to 11-30-09 for the Police Department, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-9008 – Police.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$25,000.00, payable to the Senior Citizens Assistant Center for annual contribution for 2009/2010 expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-01-00-7033 – General Administration.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,022.50, payable to RGP Diversified Services, Inc. for accounting services for billing period of August 10, 2009 through August 21, 2009 as specified in the service agreement approved by the board at the June 25, 2009 Board meeting, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7032 – Finance.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$100.00, payable to World's Oldest Sports, for the purchase of soccer balls for the Youth Soccer Program. Expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-08-00-7036 - Recreation.
7. To authorize the trade-in of the 2 old village helper buses for a credit of \$1,700.00 toward the purchase of the new 2010 Ford F-250 Heavy Duty Pick-up truck from North West Ford that was approved at the August 13, 2009 Board meeting. Trade-in value – 1993 E350 bus - 1FTJS34M2PHA38046 is \$500. Trade-in value – 2000 E450 bus – 1FDXE45F2YHA12342 is \$1,200.
8. To approve **Resolution 09-07**, An Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$19,500.00 to appropriate MFT funds to pay for the local share of construction from the village allotment of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the resurfacing of Montrose Avenue from Sayre Avenue to Forest Preserve Drive.
9. To approve an Agreement for Independent Contractors to provide Economic Development Consulting Services with expenses to be reimbursed from the FAA Grant, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.
10. To authorize the Mayor and Village Attorney to negotiate the Houseal Lavigne Consultant Team Agreement including Scope of Work and Price under the FAA Grant program.
11. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$192,182.08 as they appear on check register #46835 thru #46899.
12. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$134,636.93 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1- I 12 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Steiner

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki, Szlendak

Motion Carried

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**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**K. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

**N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Gadzinski**

He attended a fundraiser celebrating the 1 year anniversary of Easter Seals for a school for Children with Autism. Governor Pat Quinn and Ozzie Guillen were in attendance as well many children and adults. It was a great time. Trustee Mougolias donated and served an endless supply of hot dogs and hamburgers. Also Nuccio D'Argento from Vince's restaurant is on the Board for Easter Seals and he donated all the food for the reception for Governor Quinn and Ozzie Guillen. They had a tent set up where people could get autographs.

**Trustee Steiner**

Had the honor of delivering Meals on Wheels for the SAC and felt blessed to have met the people there. Strongly encourages anyone who has a couple hours a week to volunteer to help with the program. Also wanted to say that he was really encouraged with the children that attended the meeting tonight; it shows that they want to do things other than get into trouble or play video games. Hope we can do something to help them.

**Trustee Mougolias**

Attended the Easter Seal event and although he spent most of the day at the grill, his wife was able to meet Ozzie Guillen and he had the opportunity to meet and talk with Governor Quinn. He was happy to sponsor this event. He hopes that they can keep going forward with this.

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Steiner 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 Arlene C. Jezierny on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk  
Prepared by Mary O'Connor, Deputy Clerk