

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 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
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ines Canepa, 5000 N Oconto: Has sound monitor in front of her house that measures airplane noise. It seems the monitor has a high enough level of noise readings for the government to send a moving monitor for the entire Village. She thought there was suppose to be a committee looking into this so the Village could get soundproofed windows as Norridge residents have received. Would like a follow up on the status of this.

Mike Holzer, 4337 N Newcastle: Feels that the Village has serious flooding issues including in his own home. He has lost valuable memorabilia from his basement flooding and feels that this board will take the steps needed to fix this problem. Thanked the residents who have volunteered for the Village and thinks we need as many volunteers as we can get. Does not feel background checks on volunteers are needed. Thinks that the removal of the No Parking Signs on Sayre Avenue was a good idea.

Mitchell Drozd, 4910 N Odell: Representing residents of 4900 block of Odell relating to flooding. In the area of Odell and Oketo, and North of Ainslie and South of Argyle, the area is very low lying. There is a large accumulation of water that is in the backyards. Asked that when the Village does a study with the engineers, if this area could also be looked at. He feels these areas need to be looked at for health issues also.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N Rutherford: Stated that Elmwood Park resident Elsa Volpe founded the Chamber of Commerce with Trustee Mark Dobrzycki. Questioned why a position of Chief of Public Safety was created. Wanted to know why the Appropriation Ordinance was not presented at a COW meeting.

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

Mayor's Report
Mayor Jezierny

The Appropriation Budget is on display. A Public Hearing is scheduled on Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm followed by a Special Board meeting at 7:30 pm to approve the 2009-2010 Appropriation Budget.

As we are proceeding with our 2 audits, all financial transactions are being thoroughly examined to assure that all records are properly accounted for. As we move forward with our current fiscal year, all departmental procedures and internal controls will also be examined and will include cross-training and implementation of checks and balances in all areas.

Chief Mario Ricchio has been pursuing grant opportunities for funding police equipment and is also examining all contracts for possible savings.

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On the agenda tonight is a motion to award the low bid for the Octavia and Oconto project to Chicagoland Paving. The bids were received at the Village Hall on Tuesday, July 7 at 2:00 pm and the engineering firm of Christopher Burke has given us their recommendation of said contractor. This project is supported by MFT funds and CDBG funds of \$100,000 of which \$15,000 is the required match from the Village. The project will consist of resurfacing and widening of these streets from Lawrence to the alley and will include curb, gutter and sidewalk removal and replacement, proper drainage and lighting.

Clerk Pollowy and I have attended the second meeting of the Community Leaders Workshop on Thursday, July 16th. This meeting consists of representatives of all Boards within our community – HH, Norridge, Fire Dept, Library, Schools, Township and Park District. We were given a sample presentation of what our community calendar would look like that would give our residents a snapshot view of all activities provided throughout our community. This tool would also assist with planning.

We are still awaiting response for the Stimulus projects we have submitted as well as from the Justice Department on correspondence submitted addressing the issue of our COP funding.

I want to thank Trustee Gadzinski for providing our residents with information on Elderly Estate Planning and arranging for the State of Illinois Mobile Unit to provide assistance regarding State ID's and Road Safety. Trustee Gadzinski received requests to repeat both of these sessions.

Forestry & Green Initiatives
Trustee Dobrzycki

Absent

Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

Attended the regular WSSRA board meeting at Forest Park-Park District on Tuesday July 14th. Following the meeting, the board joined WSSRA participants at Forest Park's beautiful out-door pool facility. There were so many participants of all ages ranging from kids to seniors. Was very proud to be part of such a wonderful organization which provides such great services for those with disabilities.

On Saturday July 18th the WSSRA and the Berwyn Park District held their annual Wacky Quacky Duck Splash at Berwyn's Proksa Park. Winning ducks were matched with their corresponding sponsor and rewarded a prize according to their place in the race. Proceeds from the event went directly to the WSSRA to help fund the many wonderful programs that are provided for all of their participants

On July 22nd, The Village of Harwood Heights had its first visit from the Illinois Secretary of State Mobil Driver's Facility. Many residents came in and took advantage of the many services that the Secretary of State offered. Residents were able to renew their Driver's Licenses, State ID's and License Plate Stickers. Among the many services available, vision screening tests and written drivers tests were also provided. I strongly believe events and services such as these not only utilize our community center but also provide a benefit and convenience to our community. I will continue to organize them and encourage residents to participate.

Public Works
Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner

There was an emergency repair for a transmission problem on one of the Village dump trucks. This was taken care of and the truck is back in service.

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Public Health & Safety/Building
Trustee Mougolias

Received Grant for mobile printers in police squad cars. This grant was for \$6,144.50. Clarke Mosquito tested traps in the Village and has reported that 1 trap has tested positive for West Nile Virus. The Village has treated all the catch basins and we are spraying regularly. Clark Mosquito was due to spray on July 23rd. You can call Clarke Mosquito at 1-800-323-5727 to be put on a list to be notified when spraying for mosquitoes will occur. Residents are asked to remove standing water from their properties to help with the mosquito problem. Use Deet when going out. The Village will do their best to control the West Nile Virus for the health of our residents.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer

No Report

Finance
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak

We need to raise the money to address the flooding issue. Has submitted a request to the Illinois EPA for a 4 million dollar 0% interest loan . We have not heard anything from the EPA so far. In the Appropriation Budget we already allocated the necessary funds to do the engineering work. We are having problems with flooding throughout the Village. We are trying for grant money also. The City of Chicago can only take so much water and then they shut the valves. We have to build a retention system. We are hopeful for grant money to get something done.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney's Report

Governor has signed a Capitol Improvement Bill. One of the ways the bill will be funded will be allowing video gaming machines to be put in businesses that serve alcohol. He will keep the board advised as to the progress of the bill. The Village will receive a small portion of the money generated by the games but will have the choice to allow the gaming or not.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS
Trustee Gadzinski

Wanted to let everyone know that Robert Hendrickson Company is out trimming trees.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

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I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 113.

Trustee Szlendak pulled motion I 1 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items I 2 –I 13.

2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,630.80, payable to Pioneer Transmission for emergency repair on village dump truck # 6 to be expensed to FY 09/10 line item 22-00-00-7044 – Water & Sewer.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$26,970.00, payable to Robert W. Hendrickson Co. for the 2009/2010 Tree Trimming Program expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-04-00-7053 – 5-Yr. Maintenance Program – Forestry.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,134.00, payable to WEST for 6 copies of the IL COMPILED STAT STATE BAR ASSOCIATION manuals (versions 1-9) for the Police Department expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-6002 – Police.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,500.00, payable to Illinois Council of Police for Legal Defense plan expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-7034 – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$6,144.50, payable to CDS Office Technologies for 11 printers and supplies for police squad cars expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-7039 Computers & Supplies – Police. (Police Department will be reimbursed the cost of these printers from an IDOT Mobile Capture & Reporting – Printer (MCR-P) grant agreement.)
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,088.90, payable to Marie L. Rogers for court reporter services expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-02-00-7059 - Legal.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,250.00, payable to RGP Diversified Services, Inc, for accounting services for billing period of June 29, 2009 through July 10, 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.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$16,700.17, payable to Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C. for the billing through June 30, 2009; \$12,377.89 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051 Legal; \$3,608.16 expensed to line item 11-05-00-7031 Police Legal; \$714.12 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7055 Liability Claims, FY 09/10 – Legal.
10. To award the Oconto and Octavia Street Project to the low bidder, Chicagoland Paving in the amount of \$150,260.00 pursuant to the recommendation of the engineer from Christopher Burke Engineering.
11. To adopt **Resolution 09-06**, a Resolution Appointing Brigette Baggetto as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent for the Village of Harwood Heights.
12. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$234,980.83 as they appear on check register #46679 thru #46749.
13. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$133,433.21 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-2 - I 13 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki

Motion Carried

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ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda item I 1:

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held July 9, 2009.

Motion to amend minutes to read "Gave information to Mayor and Board that he said he received from the Skores website" under Kevin Shuttleworth in Public Comment.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 1 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS

ABSTAIN: Trustee Mougolias

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Senior Assistance Center is presenting lunch at Vince's Restaurant, 4747 N Harlem, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 1:30 to 3:30pm with a suggested donation of \$4.00 per person. Registration is required. Ridgewood High School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. They are going to be hanging banners throughout the neighborhood, especially along Montrose and Lawrence Avenues. If you would like to sponsor a banner it will be \$200.00. Your name will be put on the banners. Forms are available at the Village Hall. Chief Biaggi received a letter from the Village of Wilmette thanking Officer Greg Hauptman for his assistance on July 8th. Captain Ricchio received a letter from the Village of Arlington Heights thanking John Devries for his assistance on June 2nd.

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Szlendak

Is working with the City of Chicago and other communities on a Noise Abatement Committee. Does not agree with the current Contour map that is being used. Will be attending a meeting on Friday, July 24 at Ohare Airport. Would like to start a Community Involvement program to get our residents involved to apply pressure on the airport and elected state officials to change the contour maps. Will have more information at the next Board Meeting. Will be asking for volunteers from residents to help with this.

Trustee Mougolias

Thanked Village Clerk for reading the correspondence from the Villages of Wilmette and Arlington Heights. Stressed how important our association with NIPAS and MCAT are for situations such as described in the letters.

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O. 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.

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to enter into Closed Executive Session at 8:17pm.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki

Motion Carried

Executive Session Closed at 8:40pm; all in favor.

Back in open session 8:42pm

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Mougolias, 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, July 23, 2009 at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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