

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 9, 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 (Absent)
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias (Absent) Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Shuttleworth, 6677 Montrose: Wanted to state for the record that he gave a letter of resignation to end his position with the Village. Questioned if Skores has been allowed to build a deck on Skores property? Gave information to Mayor and Board that he said he received from the Skores website.

David Gunia, 4749 N Sayre: Thanked the Board for listening to the concerns of the residents on the 4700 block of Sayre and questioned why the Board chose to remove the no parking ordinance.

Stan Niewioski, 4709 N Sayre: Agreed with David Gunia comments.

Christine Holzer, 4337 N Newcastle: Thanked Tom Wolfe and George Assimakopoulos from Public Works for their assistance they provided them during their basement flooding. Based on their advice, they have had a backflow system installed to prevent future flooding. They also kept them informed on the status of the AT & T boxes in their area. She also congratulated the appointees of the Special Events Committee. She feels that anyone who volunteers their time should be commended. She submitted two copies of these comments requesting they be put in the personnel files of Mr. Wolfe and Mr. George Assimakopoulos.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 Rutherford: Commented that our income is down, and we have asked the Police Department to cut back their expenses by 10%, and we do not have enough money for any new officers, then how do we have enough money to hire a new Chief of Public Safety? Wanted to know how much we are paying him? Read an ordinance regarding billing of the Village Attorney. Agreed with Mrs. Holzer on commending the volunteers of the Special Events Committee but questions why we need 9 people.

Barb Szyalik 4705 N Sayre: Wanted to comment after the vote on Sayre. Mayor Jezierny explained that there is no public comment at that part of the agenda.

Teresa Gunia, 4749 Sayre: Asked if the Chief of Police was asked for feedback regarding the No Parking Ordinance being lifted and on whose recommendation was it being lifted? Attorney Rob Bush explained that the silence of the Board was due to the fact that this is Public Comment time and the Board can answer her questions at another time outside of the Board meeting. She also wanted to know if any studies that were mentioned in the past were discussed. She wanted to know when the Ordinance will be in effect.

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E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Jezierny

The Roadside Safety check conducted last week was a success in that no DUI arrests were made. Our Police Department stopped 400 vehicles and issued about 30 citations for violations such as No Valid License, Suspended License, failure to wear seat belts, and no proof of insurance.

On tonight's agenda is my appointment of the Chief of Public Safety. His Duties are those of a Police Chief with full responsibility of management within our Police Department. I want to thank the Trustees' for their input at our Executive Session during which we discussed all the candidates interviewed. I am confident that our discussion was an important step, and believe it is important to have all members involved when making an important decision.

Also on the agenda is the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Representatives from Comcast, Tony Signorella and Yohan Fernando are here to answer any questions the Board may have.

This past week I have met with our Village Engineers, our Public Works Superintendent and Foreman and Trustee Szlendak to address the flooding issues on the East side of Harlem. We want a full comprehensive evaluation and engineering that will provide relief to those areas that continuously flood during heavy rainstorms. It is in the best interest of all residents to develop a 'shovel ready' project so when funding becomes available we are ready with a plan of action to submit our request for those stimulus dollars.

We have received complaints that the timing for pedestrians to cross Harlem at Gunnison does not leave enough time to get to the other side. This issue has been resolved with IDOT and they have increased the walk time. Pedestrians should use the push buttons for activation.

Yesterday, the bid opening was conducted for the Octavia/Oconto streets (from Lawrence South to the alley) associated with the Lawrence Streetscape project. Originally, the Streetscape included enhancement of Octavia, Oconto, Odell and Oketo, unfortunately, not enough funds remained from the original SSA so the village applied for and received CDBG dollars to complete two of the four streets. We hope to apply for additional funds for the remaining streets. Clerk Pollowy was there to record the bids and Lee Fell from Christopher Burke was also present. A recommendation will be made from our Engineer to the Board and will be on the next Board meeting agenda.

One of my top priorities when I took office was to discover the true financial condition of our village and I can report that we are making progress and plan to issue a state of the village report. Included in that report will be an evaluation of village operations as well as the ongoing needs and plans for our future. While it has been a challenge to discover the true status of our village, I am confident that we are on the right track to provide you with better service coupled with community strength. I ask for your patience as we all work through all the tasks at hand.

With regards to the grant from the FAA, the Trustees are reviewing the materials submitted from a number of consultants of their planning and economic strategies. Once they provide me with their top ratings; those select groups will be invited to present their plans to the village.

On Thursday, July 16 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, the Village of Riverside will be co-hosting a workshop titled "Invent the Future" with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. With an expectation of 2.8 million new residents in our region by 2040, they would like to get your feedback. With interactive software and keypad polling, attendees will express their preferences about real-world choices that will shape the future of our region. A flier is posted in the lobby.

As a reminder: the Norridge Park District will be conducting the Island in the City Festival from July 9 – 12. Sunday, July 12 is sponsored by the Village of Harwood Heights, so come out and enjoy the day with us.

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Forestry & Green Initiatives
Trustee Dobrzycki

No Report

Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

Attended Youth Commission Meeting last week where they discussed upcoming programs. Participated in a 10 mile bike-a-thon on Fathers Day and the group biked through many Chicago neighborhoods. Suggested that the Village of Harwood Heights has their own bike-a-thon and he would like to extend this invitation to Norridge to join us so we can expand our area. The Youth Commission also feels this is a great idea. On Friday, July 17, 2009, at 10:00AM at the Village Hall, there will be a free workshop on Elderly Estate Planning conducted by Mr. Anthony Ferraro who is a local Attorney who specializes in Elderly Care. Participants will receive a free copy of his book, "Easy Guide to Medicaid and Long Term Care". Many topics will be covered. For further information please visit our website or call the Village Hall. On July 22, 2009 from 10am to 2pm; the Illinois Secretary of State Mobil Drivers Facility will be at the Village Hall. You can renew your Drivers Licenses, State ID's and license plates sticker's renewals. Further information available on Village website and fliers are posted by the entrance of the Village Hall. Rain barrels are available for purchase for \$40.00 each.

Public Works
Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner

Been getting good responses to our water amnesty program; residents have been taking advantage of the moratorium on the penalties and late fees. Encourages any residents that have any outstanding balances to take advantage of the opportunity offered to them. Public Works will be sweeping the alleys. They made arrangements to rot out the sewer in the alley of the 4700 block of Newcastle. Please remove any standing water from your property to help with the mosquito problem.

Public Health & Safety/Building
Trustee Mougolias

No Report - Absent

Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer

Motion I 7 is an Ordinance that is to raise the fines in areas for Resident Only Parking areas to \$100.00. Motion I 8 is the Ordinance to remove the No Parking restriction on the 4700 block of Sayre. We have had several meeting discussing this Ordinance. This is only step one and we are going to evaluate what other steps we can take to help with this problem. Item I 9 is an Ordinance that emerged as residents were trying to find a way to replace old concrete patios that were installed prior to the 40% Open to the Sky Ordinance that is now in place. This Ordinance was put together on the recommendation of our Building Commissioner. Item I 10 sets up an Administrative Adjudication System for the Village. Item I 11 increases the parking fines from \$25.00 to \$50.00. I 13 creates an Office of the Chief of Public Safety. Explanation of why this is necessary will come later by the Mayor.

Finance
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak

Working on the 2009/2010 Appropriation Ordinance; we will have a Finance Committee Meeting on July 15, 2009 at 7:30pm to discuss the proposed Appropriation Ordinance. We will post the Proposed Appropriation Ordinance for public

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viewing on July 20, 2009. We will hold a Public Hearing on July 30, 2009, at 7:00pm, followed by a Special Board Meeting to accept or reject the Appropriation Ordinance.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski

West Suburban Special Recreation and Berwyn Park District will be hosting their 11th Annual Wacky Quacky Duck Splash Carnival of Fun. You get a chance to adopt a duck. There are many prizes with a grand prize of \$500.00. The event is a lot of fun. Ducks are \$5.00 each, 3 duck trio for \$13.00 and a flock of 5 for \$20.00.

Trustee Dobrzycki

Any proposed Ordinance does not become law or effective until it is voted on and passed by the Village Board and the Village Mayor or President signs it into effect. Wondered if the two seminars that Trustee Gadzinski is hosting are Village sponsored events? Trustee Gadzinski responded that he is sponsoring the events for the residents of Harwood Heights. Trustee Dobrzycki asked that if he wanted to host an event he could also use the facilities of the Village which include the Community Center or the parking lot? Mayor Jezierny informed him that he has to reserve the spot he wishes to use.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to move agenda item H to after agenda item I, Consent Agenda:

1. To approve the following Appointment to the Special Events Committee:
2-year term: Colleen Timmers to replace Patricia Renk.
2. To approve the Appointment of Herman Wu to the Historical Committee for a 1-year term ending 6/30/10.
3. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Mario Ricchio as Chief of Public Safety effective July 15, 2009 for a 1-year term.

AYES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 16.

Trustee Dobrzycki pulled motion I 8, I 12, and I 13 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 1-7, I 9-11 and I 14-16.

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1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held June 25, 2009.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,200.00**, payable to National Power Rodding Corp. for emergency power rodding on the 4700 block of Newcastle to be expensed to FY 09/10 line item 22-00-00-7070 – Water & Sewer.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,109.22**, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management for spraying on June 23, 2009, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-09-00-7061 – Health.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$17,042.03**, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Assn. for the 3rd Quarter 2009 Share Payment and Inclusion Payment expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-08-00-7037 – Special Recreation.
5. To approve the Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement with Comcast Cable of Illinois and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
6. To approve the permit, liquor license and permission to post advertising posters in the neighborhood for the St. Rosalie's Carnival to be held **Thursday, July 16th thru Sunday, July 19th** on the parish grounds.
7. To adopt **Ordinance 09-15**, an Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinance to Provide for an Increase in Parking Fines Applicable to Violations of Resident Parking Only.
9. To adopt **Ordinance 09-17**, an Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances Section 17.12.020 R1 Single Family Residential District to Include a Paver Block Option to Meet the 40% Open to the Sky Requirement for a Rear Yard.
10. To adopt **Ordinance 09-18**, an Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code to Authorize, Implement and Establish Procedures for an Administrative Adjudication System.
11. To adopt **Ordinance 09-19**, an Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances to Provide for an Increase in Parking Fines Applicable to Violations of Parking Prohibitions.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$110,692.23** as they appear on check register **#46623** thru **#46678**.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$149,457.85** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
16. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$9,701.46** for the June 2009 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-7, I 9-11 and I 14-16 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer on Consent Agenda item I 8:

8. To adopt **Ordinance 09-16**, an Ordinance Removing the No Parking Restriction on the 4700 Block of Sayre Avenue.

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A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 8 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 12:

12. To approve a Waiver of Review by the Ordinance and Legislative Committee pursuant to Section 2.12.220 of the Harwood Heights Village Code of **Ordinance 09-20**: An Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances to Create the Appointed Office of Chief of Public Safety.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 12 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda item I 13:

13. To adopt **Ordinance 09-20**, an Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances to Create the Appointed Office of Chief of Public Safety.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 13 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski

1. To approve the following Appointment to the Special Events Committee:
2-year term: Colleen Timmers to replace Patricia Renk.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski

2. To approve the Appointment of Herman Wu to the Historical Committee for a 1-year term ending 6/30/10.

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A roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

**Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki
Motion to Pull by Trustee Dobrzycki; no second.**

3. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Mario Ricchio as Chief of Public Safety effective July 15, 2009 for a 1-year term.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Trustee Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

Clerk Pollowy swore Mario Ricchio in as Chief of Public Safety

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to have a 15 minute recess for cake and coffee at 8:30pm:

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

Motion to reconvene at 8:53pm by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

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N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dobrzycki: Read the comments from resident Barb Szynalik, 4705 N Sayre regarding the removal of No Parking on the 4700 block of Sayre Avenue.

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 9:00pm.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias

Motion Carried

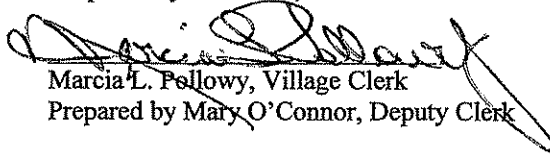
Executive Session Closed at 10:23pm; all in favor.

Back in open session 10:27pm

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, 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 9, 2009 at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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