

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 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	(Absent)
	Demetrios Mougolias	(Absent)
	Therese Schuepfer	
	Lawrence Steiner	

Motion by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Steiner to allow Trustee Szlendak to attend the meeting via electronic attendance; on a roll call vote, all in favor.

Lester Szlendak Electronic Attendance

Attorney Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Made comments regarding the resumes of new appointees, trustee Committee assignments, the appointment of a non-resident for the Police & Fire Board, the Village Attorney, adequate police staffing, the Olcott/Wilson project, the Senior Freeze and a problem concerning the real estate refund from the village.

Lynn Wilson, Community Planner with Mead & Hunt, a Consulting Firm located in Lansing, MI: Interested in the villages land use compatibility study and are doing some on-the-ground observations; they came to the meeting to introduce themselves.

Joan K. White, 7429 W. Winona: With the start of our new fiscal year and the first board meeting of our new board administration, she acknowledged the new board members and wished the new board a successful term of office in leading this village forward.

Danuta Wojcik Dobrzycki, 4733 N. Sayre Ave: Commented that Trustee Szlendak is the only person who has requested FOIA information regarding her home, including building permits for the improvements they did on their home.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Jezierny

- Recognized the two new police officers who have successfully graduated from the Police Academy. Brandon Cusack graduated from the academy on March 26 and Ryan Swartzendruber graduated from the academy on May 7. Both officers performed well in the academy and their academic grades were above the academy class average. Chief Biagi, Captain Maraviglia and Police Commissioner Steve Wyda attended the ceremonies last week.
- The new officers are now participating in an in-depth field training program at the Police Department where they will be partnered with a Field Training Officer for the next 12 weeks. During this training the officers will be trained to perform their day-to-day duties at the Harwood Heights Police Department. Their performance is evaluated and documented daily to assure they are performing to standard.

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- Recognized Acting Chief Biagi who recently graduated from the acclaimed Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute executive development program entitled "Police Executive Role in the 21st Century." This is a comprehensive and challenging program designed to equip police managers and executives with professional development necessary for successful management and leadership. The 200-hour program meets the needs of development in law enforcement administration. Participants receive instruction on modern police management systems and practices, strategic approaches to patrol and investigations, human resource issues, organizational communication and executive responsibilities. The completion of this course will assist the Acting Chief in the performance of his day-to-day responsibilities in serving our community.
- A Committee Meeting of the Whole was held on Thursday, May 7th. A number of issues were discussed and as a result, the following motions are on the agenda...
 - Intergovernmental Agreement with Norridge for a Police Liaison at Ridgewood
 - Ordinances on parking and Standing Committees. I want to call your attention to a new committee "Green Initiatives" Many residents have shared their concern for the Environment therefore a new committee is being formed.
 - Representatives from Red Speed gave a brief presentation to the Board pertaining to the various traffic violations that occur at intersections and how Red Speed can achieve safer drivers. They also presented us with an amended Ordinance (which is on tonight's agenda) which provides the violator a greater window of time to contest the violation.
- The Red Speed Camera at Harlem and Lawrence is now activated. A grace period extended from April 25-May 1 where 525 warning tickets were issued. Since activation, there were 85 P-tickets issued in just one week. So, please remember to stop before proceeding.
- The first couple of weeks were challenging especially when you have a shooting that took place in our Village; that really tops the list when you worry about safety. The suspect was shot at the Marathon Station in Harwood Heights. A Chicago Police Detective and FBI agent had been pursuing a number of robberies during the past month and caught their perpetrator.
- I will call upon a periodic review of our Emergency Disaster Plan always looking for means for improvements in notification and to include periodic exercises for preparedness.
- On Friday, May 15, the Police Department will be conducting a seat belt check beginning approx 11:00 a.m. at Lawrence and Oketo as a requirement from IDOT; "Click it or Ticket!"
- The second Bus Grant which I applied for last year may soon become a reality. I should be receiving the contract by next week and I am told that the expected delivery for the bus will be late-summer.
- On May 2nd, I attended the Polish Constitution Day parade along with Trustees Gadzinski, Szlendak and Village Clerk Marcia Pollowy. Trustee Dobrzycki was once again the announcer and MC and did a fine job on commenting on the Polish heritage.
- Also on May 2nd, I attended the annual WSSRA fund raiser event held at Hawthorn. It was also attended by Village Clerk Marcia Pollowy and Trustees Larry Steiner, Lester Szlendak, Michael Gadzinski. Trustee Mougolias' wife, Lisa and father also attended in his place and Trustee Schuepfer donated to this event. Many Villages were represented and it was a good charitable event to help raise money for the WSSRA.
- As Mayor-Elect, I attended my first meeting of the O'Hare Technical Committee along with Trustee Szlendak on April 28; and on May 1st attended the O'Hare Noise Compatibility meeting. I have requested a portable monitor to measure the noise levels in our community; we are now on a waitlist. However, I would like to remind residents to call the O'Hare Noise Hotline whenever loud aircraft becomes annoying. Trustee Szlendak and I will keep you informed as more information is obtained from future meetings.
- On several occasions I have met with the Mayors of our surrounding communities and truly feel that we have allies to work with and share ideas. I look forward to many future meetings.

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Information/Technology

Trustee Dobrzycki

- As the village representative to the O'Hara Noise Compatibility Technical Commission has been fighting to receive additional noise monitors within the boundaries of the village. Indicated that our village lies outside of the noise contours setup by the federal laws and enforced by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Made recommendations for many of the improvements that the City of Chicago included in the total revamp in their Noise Complaint Hotline and reporting procedure.
- 2-days ago attended the Board Meeting of the West Suburban Special Recreation Association at Hawthorn Park in Cicero, as the alternate representative to the WSSRA. The meeting covered many areas, including the success of its many programs. Our village benefits greatly from the services offered; in 2008, 37 individuals with disabilities participate, with another 11 without disabilities taking part in offered programs. 184 programs were provided for the 48 participants from Harwood Heights. Last year, the village paid a total of \$51,054 to the WSSRA for our fair share of the programs.
- The 2008 Long-time Occupant Exception Application, for residents living in their homes from at least January 1, 1998 through and including January 1, 2008, must submit an application to the Cook County Assessor's office no later than May 27, 2009 to be included with that exemption.

Forestry/Recreation

Trustee Gadzinski

No Report - Absent

Public Health & Safety

Trustee Mougolias

No Report - Absent

Ordinance/License

Trustee Schuepfer

- Addressed consent agenda item I 5; an ordinance that will amend the current ordinance on the Automatic Traffic Law Enforcement System, RedSpeed. The board met with representatives from RedSpeed and we were advised to amend some of the sections; this is the revised ordinance.
- Addressed consent agenda item I 6; this ordinance amends the Village Code in regards to the standing committees of the trustees, expanding the code to include under the Forestry Committee "Green Initiatives." This ordinance also added a section addressing a "Building Committee."
- Addressed consent agenda item I 8; an ordinance that amends the Village Code regarding the duties of the standing committees. Trustee Schuepfer requested that this ordinance be withdrawn, due to the fact that the draft ordinance does not include all the text for the respective committees. This ordinance will be brought back for approval at the next board meeting.
- Addressed consent agenda item I 8; this is an ordinance that establishes a new committee entitled a Special Events Committee. This committee is composed of 11 members; the members will be drawn from the community, such as village residents, community leaders, business owners, landlords, rental property owners, tenants, civic associations; the committee members will be staggered, some members for a 1-year term, some members for 2-years or some members for 3-years. This committee will plan any future events and will also establish a calendar of events for the village.

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**Finance
Sewer & Water
Trustee Szlendak**

No Report – Electronic Attendance

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

No Trustee Comments

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Schuepfer Withdrew motion I 8.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer on Consent Agenda items I 1-7 & I 9-15:

Trustee Dobrzycki pulled motion I 10 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer on Consent Agenda items I 1-7, I 9 & I 11-15:

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held April 23, 2009.
2. To approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting held April 30, 2009.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed, **\$3,300.00**, payable to Northern Illinois Police Alarm System for 2009/2010 Emergency Service Team Assessment expensed to line item 11-05-00-7060 – Police.
4. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Villages of Harwood Heights and Norridge for a Police Liaison at Ridgewood High School and to execute the agreement.
5. To adopt **Ordinance 09-09**: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 08-16 Regarding the Harwood Heights Village Code to Adopt an Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System.
6. To adopt **Ordinance 09-10**: An Ordinance Amending the Village Code Section 10.52.065 to include **6437-6453 Sunnyside Avenue** in the table inset identifying location of Resident Parking Only.
7. To adopt **Ordinance 09-11**: An Ordinance Amending the Village Code Section 2.12.190 regarding Standing Committees and Special Committees.
9. To adopt **Ordinance 09-13**: An Ordinance Establishing a Special Events Committee.

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11. To approve Handicap Parking at the address commonly known as 7515 W. Winnemac and to direct Public Works to erect the sign in a timely manner.
12. To approve the removal of Handicap Parking sign # 03-31 at the address commonly known as 4703 N. Odell and to direct Public Works to remove the sign in a timely manner.
13. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$232,789.67 as they appear on check register #46321 thru #46426.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$128,621.15 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
15. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$9,741.70 for the April 2009 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-7, I 9 & I 11-15 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Gadzinski, Mougolias

Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda item I 10:

10. To approve the Trustee Committee Assignments as follows:
FINANCE, Chairman, Lester Szlendak; Members: Demetrios Mougolias, Therese Schuepfer.
ORDINANCE & LICENSE, Chairman, Therese Schuepfer; Members: Mark Dobrzycki, Lawrence Steiner.
PUBLIC WORKS, Chairman, Lawrence Steiner; Members: Michael Gadzinski, Lester Szlendak.
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, Chairman, Demetrios Mougolias; Members: Michael Gadzinski, Therese Schuepfer.
FORESTRY & GREEN INTIATIVES, Chairman, Mark Dobrzycki; Members: Michael Gadzinski, Demetrios Mougolias.
RECREATION, Chairman, Michael Gadzinski; Members: Mark Dobrzycki, Lawrence Steiner.
SEWER & WATER, Chairman, Lawrence Steiner; Members: Michael Gadzinski, Lester Szlendak.
INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY, Chairman, Lester Szlendak; Members: Michael Gadzinski, Therese Schuepfer.
BUILDING, Chairman, Demetrios Mougolias; Members: Therese Schuepfer, Lawrence Steiner.
AIRPORT TECH. COMM, Chairman, Lester Szlendak.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 10 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Gadzinski, Mougolias

Motion Carried

MOTION WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

8. To adopt Ordinance 09-12: An Ordinance Amending the Village Code Section 2.12.260 regarding Duties of Standing Committees.
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J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dobrzycki: Thanked Mr. Schmidt for commenting on his neighbor's problem getting records straightened out at the Cook County Assessor's office.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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, May 14, 2009 at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk