

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Margaret P. Fuller

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Margaret P. Fuller
Clerk	Diáinne H. Larson (Absent)
Deputy Clerk	Marcia Pollowy
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki Michael Gadzinski Arlene Jezierny Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lester Szlendak (Absent)
Attorney	Paul Stephanides

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - Upon recognition to speak by the village president or acting chairperson, the person shall rise and state his or her name and address. An individual may speak for himself or herself or as a representative of a community group. No person shall speak longer than three minutes unless specifically authorized to do so by a majority vote of the board of trustees. The three minute time limit will be measured by a person selected by the village board. Thirty (30) minutes of meeting time will be the maximum time allowed for public comment. This according to Village Code, Section 2.12.090, Section D.

Joan K. White: 7429 W. Winona: Today's agenda shows that there is a need to have one additional full-time employee in the Public Works Department. Mayor, perhaps you were a little foolish to let go of a very experienced 25-year veteran Public Works employee because of some political or temperamental whim, and now, you openly give evidence that the department cannot really function properly without one more full-time employee. By the way, we must ask again, why was Tom Schroeder let go, and not reappointed by you? Aren't you through with that investigation yet? After ten months of attorney bills and investigations, you still cannot give residents any reports. Are you possibly holding off until after next April's election, hoping voters will forget this extremely unpopular incident?

Today's paper also shows that the Mayor wants to reduce the salaries of trustees elected next year. This means reducing the salary of brand new people. You make claim that the present trustees may not be doing much work, and somehow though, you justify reducing the salary of new ones that might appear next April. This really sounds like some political game. It also makes some residents think that maybe you are not planning to run next April. Why would you reduce the salaries of those people who are running for trustees along with you on a ticket? Also sounds like maybe you don't want other residents to consider running for those positions. How can you be sure that any future newly elected trustee would do a lesser job than is being done right now?

And, why are you degrading the position of trustee? Are you saying that all past trustees who have served on this board have not been "truly public servants"? Trustees that have served on this board seem to have been ordinary hard-working, well motivated, clear thinking individuals who were able to keep this village moving ahead and running smoothly within our budget dollars every year since 1947.

In today's world, would you really expect to reduce salaries to \$5,000 and attract better educated, better equipped, better motivated people? We have only to look around to the county, state and federal elected officials to see what kind of salaries are needed to keep the best quality of people running for office.

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Larry Steiner, 6747 W. Montrose: Just a couple points. Number one, what once was a thriving business in this village is now turning into an eyesore; I'm talking about Mateo's Restaurant on Montrose Avenue. The weeds are just about overtaking the sidewalk. I was hoping there was something the village could do to compel the owners of that business to maintain it until they get their business straightened out, whether they're going to open it or close it or whatever they're going to do. But right now people are dumping things in the parking lot and it's becoming an eyesore. Before it turns into whatever or something, I would like something to be done there.

And the other point I had was that the stop sign that was just put up on Montrose does not work; temporary while school's crossing, that would be a much better option than having a permanent stop sign.

Mayor Fuller: I want to address two of those, both of those things right now. The stop sign was requested because of the school crossing and the problem the crossing guard was having, she couldn't get the cars to stop in order to get those kids across the street, so that's why we did the stop signs and that's a trial period. We have a three month trial period that we're doing with that.

And Mateo's, what I can tell you about that, the owner died, the property went into probate and it's been tied up in court. I do have an interested party, another restaurant that's interested in that and is working with the judge right now, so hopefully we're going to see something turn around soon. But, if you see the garbage and if you could call us when there's a problem there we can send someone over right away; but I'm really not sure where our letters are going right now because there's no legal owner at this time, but we hope we're going to see a change right there. But we'll make sure that the property gets cleaned up.

Larry Steiner: Could the village just go in there with a weed wacker just to knock them down?

Mayor Fuller: Yes.

Larry Steiner: People can go in there and hide in the bushes; they're getting so big along the side wall.

Mayor Fuller: Sure, we can do that and we can hire somebody to do it and eventually put a lien on it or something. So, we'll look into that.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Trustee Szlendak at many meetings has said that the Mayor has not allowed village employees to talk to him about the budget. I believe the only people involved with the budget are the Mayor, the Treasurer, the Accountant and 2 Department Heads which are the Superintendent of Public Works and the Chief of Police. He has talked to the Accountant, the Treasurer, the Mayor and the Superintendent of Public Works. That leaves only the Chief of Police, so I am not sure why he continues to say that he can't not talk to anyone.

And as far as the Chief of Police goes, he has accused him of wrong doing and taken away some of his responsibilities. The Police Chief has given his recommendation for the budget but they were ignored. It seems like Trustee Szlendak already had in mind what he wanted to do with the budget regardless of the Chief's input. I would ask him to stop all the useless comments and accusations and get on with village business. Think about how to get the village economically sound and how to bring in business.

I would also like to ask again if Trustee Dobrzycki has received the information he requested from the legislative attorney.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Fuller

Today is September 11th, and I want to take just one moment to reflect on September 11, 2001. The tragic event that took place on 9-11-01 altered the history of New York and our country. Let's remember all who died and all who tried to help. Let us never forget those events, the loss and the recovery, let's make sure that we always remember why our freedoms are so important to us. It's also a good time to thank our police officers, fireman and other emergency responders for what they do every day to protect us everyday.

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I have the figures for the last August 29th Roadside Safety Checkpoint; our Police Department checked over 400 vehicles and wrote 59 citations; we also received word from IDOT that we will be receiving next year's grant money to operate (12) twelve Roadside Safety Checkpoints. I want to thank Chief Podosek for finding this grant and implementing this program with my and the board's support.

At the past O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Meeting, I was not surprised that Harwood Heights had the most calls for airplane noise. When we open our windows here in Harwood Heights we really get overwhelmed by that noise. So it was good that we have people who call because it was definitely noticed. Runway 10-28 is being expended 3000 feet and is scheduled to reopen soon. Also, if and when funding is released for the FAA grant we are first in line with our grant application. I will keep everyone informed on that issue.

The village board approved the red light camera enforcement ordinance at the last meeting. The projected installation camera timeline is tentatively scheduled for mid-to end November. There will be a warning period and the village now has information on our web site and in the lobby.

The following is an update of the construction progress along Lawrence Ave:

By weeks end, the general contractor, Martam will have poured over 75% of the sidewalk and Tri-tech will have completed the installation of all conduit for the utilities and all unit duct for the street lighting. Arrow Road Construction removed 2 inches of the roadway's surface on Wednesday and was planning to pave the leveling binder course this Friday weather permitting. This caused a little dust but is being swept daily. Comcast pulled their wires this week and anticipates making all necessary connections for service next week.

Next week, the contractor will begin installing the brick pavers and the final roadway surface course is expected to be paved. The next step will include striping the roadway, cutting in the crosswalks and installing the plantings.

ComEd is also scheduled to begin their portion of the work next week and anticipates completing in 6 to 8 weeks. Due to the delay this creates for the portion of the work in this project that cannot be completed until ComEd is finished, it is a possibility that all construction will not be completed by the desired November 1st deadline. The possible uncompleted portion will consist mostly of the street lighting work. However, our engineer is still optimistic that all work will be completed this year and we are exploring all options that could potentially expedite the project further. Including that I have regular conversations with ComEd regarding the importance of the completion of the project on a timely basis for the local business owners.

I attended the Northwest Municipal Conference Meeting last night making sure we all have enough salt for this years winter season is one concern we are addressing. Lincolnshire and Evanston were honored for their environmental initiatives.

On September 20th 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cook County is sponsoring a Medication Take Back Program at Triton College. The purpose is to keep unused medications out of the waste stream, they say that recent studies show that many of these substances are surviving water treatment plants and making their way into our drinking water. The EPA has asked that we stop flushing unwanted medications down the drain. We will have more information on our web site and in the lobby. You can bring only private medications, use a permanent marker to black out your personal information, and this is for safe disposal only at the drop off location place and time.

I received a copy of a letter from a resident of the state of Michigan thanking Chief Podosek for the service provided by Detective John Devries. Our detective Devries helped solve a problem with an internet purchase mailed through the post office and was able to get the seller located within our village to send the item to the purchaser. The Michigan resident wanted to say thank you to the village and to Detective Devries and on behalf of the village I also want to thank Detective Devries for his professionalism in providing this public service.

On August 17th, 2008 Officers Jolanta Smith and Officer Ed Smith heard a call come over Net Radio of a burglary in progress at 4331 Harlem in Norridge. While Officer Jolanta was responding to the area she observed a suspicious vehicle coming from the location driving without a headlight. Officer Jolanta Smith initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle when 3 subjects inside of the vehicle fled on foot. Officer Jolanta Smith was able to take the driver into custody and it was later determined that the driver was involved in the burglary in Norridge. Officer Jolanta Smith put out a description of the suspects that fled the vehicle on NET Radio for other units to hear. A short time later Officer Ed Smith observed (2)

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suspects fitting the description of the suspects that fled the vehicle walking in the 4600 block of Harlem Ave. The suspects were ultimately detained by Officer Ed Smith and it was later determined that those suspects were also involved in the burglary in Norridge. A firearm was also later recovered from the offenders. On behalf of the Harwood Heights Police Department and the Village I commend Officer Jolanta Smith and Officer Ed Smith for their professionalism and diligence they showed while affecting the arrest of these felony suspects.

Thanks to Chief Podosek for taking over what a former manager didn't do, he has the sprinkler head and fire alarms checked annually and I am pleased to say the Village Hall passed 100%.

On the agenda tonight is a motion I 6, is to hire one police officer. The trustees included the funding for a new officer in the Appropriation Ordinance. At this time, we are down two officers due to potential retirement, and a total of 6 including illness and other medical issues. The Chief and I are preparing for emergency situations. We can no longer put off this hiring. It is a necessity.

I want to thank the commitment of our entire Police Department, our current officers who are working very hard to make up for the lack of officers where the staff reductions have been stretched to the limits to overcome these occurrences. The Lieutenant's are filling in on shifts. As Chief Podosek explained to us previously it takes 77 weeks to train an officer. It is imperative that we move forward tonight, giving the Police and Fire Commission the authority to hire from the existing list. Our priority is the safety of our residents.

According to Sgt Tyrpak, the vehicle immobilization program, better known as the boot, brought in \$15,334 from January to date.

Public Works Superintendent had the pumps checked for the Oriole Avenue drainage equipment and one of the pumps needed some emergency work which I approved. Also some other adjustments needed to be done. The current tree trimming map is now on the web site so everyone can see where Hendricksen is trimming this season. The new wireless signal from the pumps house and the water tower is complete and was tested. The final connection is taking place this week. The Public Works foreman and the water commissioner are in Springfield attending the annual water conference. Superintendent Wolfe, the Bldg Commissioner Kevin Shuttleworth and I met with representatives of AT & T and we are evaluating the box sites. As Trustee Dobrzycki reported at the last meeting, the boxes must be within 300ft of their technology. I will keep you informed. We'd like to get a Public Works laborer hired and trained before the winter snow plowing season, motion I 10.

Also Motion I 7, is to approve the engagement of the Sikich firm to complete the financial audit for the year ended 4/30/08. It takes a lot of time and work to get an audit completed, if the board wishes to interview other firms as was suggested by a trustee, to my knowledge they have not done so. In a memo dated 8/29/08 I again asked the trustees if they had interviewed any other auditing firms but I did not get a response. So let's move this village forward.

I was very disappointed when I received the minutes of the 8/14/08 board meeting and the comments made at the deliberation of the motions were not included. I thought that we had discussed this before, if the village is going to include comments made by residents and comments and speeches made by officials about issues not even on the agenda, why in the world wouldn't you include the debate at a motion when this is the most important information of all – the public has a right to know how and why the motion was passed, why a trustee voted the way they did. I hope that we can determine once and for all if comments are going to be included, that the debate at a motion also should be included and not purposely omitted. I urge the approval of motion I 8.

Motion I 9, in the amount of \$5,000 is to settle the contract for the Law Enforcement Accreditation Consultants, which the trustees eliminated in their budget. Even though the village has spent considerable money up to \$9,465 without this payment, and time getting the Police Department to a high level of professionalism, the trustees decided to stop the progress. Now they must pay the price for renegeing on the contract. And even though I told them about this cost in my veto message, they did not include it in the line item. I want to read a portion of the letter that I received from Michael Somberg, the Vice President of Law Enforcement Accreditation Consultants: "Since the decision to drop out of the CALEA Recognition process is not based on any nonperformance issues on our part and we are owed the balance of the contract, we are willing to settle this matter with the village for \$5,000 which will compensate us for the work completed to date. Lastly, we have enjoyed working with the Village and we would be remiss if we did not relay to you that you have one of the most professional Police Chiefs we have ever worked with. Chief Podosek is an exceptional leader and

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someone who is an asset to our profession. Thank you very much for the opportunity to be of service and it would be our honor to work with Chief Podosek and the Village again.”

I also would like to mention that the Attorney General's office has been looking into the non compliance of the trustees with providing minutes of committee meetings. The latest letter dated 8/29/08 states that “the village board and its committees should keep in mind that violation of the Open Meetings Act is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,500 fine or up to 30 days imprisonment. On Tuesday 9/9/08 I received copies of some of the committee meetings and hopefully will receive copies of the minutes of the Ordinance & License Committees, which were not in the packet that I received from the Deputy Clerk – lets get that transparency in government as soon as possible.

At his time I would like to read my VETO message

September 11, 2008

Mayor's Veto Message

To the Honorable Members of the Harwood Heights Board of Trustees:

By the authority vested in me as the Mayor of Harwood Heights, I herewith return, without my approval, Ordinance No. 08-23, entitled, "An Ordinance Concerning the Position of Public Works Superintendent." I veto and withhold my approval from this Ordinance for the following reasons:

Ordinance No. 08-23 provides that the superintendent of public works shall be appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the board of trustees, but the trustees in Ordinance No. 08-23 have contradicted this by adding Section 3, providing that the “supervisor” of the Superintendent is the Corporate Authorities. Ordinance No. 08-23 also provides that a temporary appointment would be paid and treated differently than a permanent appointment of Superintendent of Public Works, for doing the same job. This leads to possible employment concerns.

Article VII, Section 6(f) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the case law interpreting Section 6(f) prohibit the actions attempted by these Ordinances. Article VII, Section 6(f) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides as follows:

(f) A home rule unit shall have the power subject to approval by referendum to adopt, alter or repeal a form of government provided by law, except that the form of government of Cook County shall be subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article. A home rule municipality shall have the power to provide for its officers, their manner of selection and terms of office only as approved by referendum or as otherwise authorized by law.

Pursuant to Section 3.1-30-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5 (2008), only the mayor of a village may appoint and discharge certain officers and employees. By setting forth the powers of appointment of a mayor, the Illinois Municipal Code has established the relative powers of the executive and legislative branches of municipalities concerning personnel appointments. A change in those relative powers is a change in the form of government that may take place only pursuant to referendum. Dunne v. County of Cook, 164 Ill. App. 3d 929, 115 Ill.Dec. 855, 518 N.E.2d 380 (1st Dist. 1987).

It is the proposed change in power of the executive and legislative bodies that is significant. In Dunne, the fact that the county commissioners attempted to appropriate to themselves the right to appoint only a small number of employees was irrelevant in the court's determination that such an appropriation would still work a change in the form of government, because it resulted in relatively more power for the county commissioners and relatively less power for the county board chairman. Dunne, 518 N.E.2d at 384.

Like the ordinances at issue in Dunne, Ordinance No. 08-23 is designed to alter the relative powers of the legislative and executive bodies of the Village, because the trustees have usurped the authority of the Village President to supervise the superintendent of public works and discipline and/or terminate the superintendent. This type of erosion of the executive power by the legislative branch of a municipality was precisely the type of actions that the courts held that the state statute specifically forbade and deemed unconstitutional. The ruling in Dunne is clear - if the balance of power is sought to be changed, it must be accomplished through referendum. Ordinance No. 08-23 is an attempt to evade this requirement.

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Ordinance No. 08-23 states that the trustees found that a request for the village attorney to review this ordinance was unnecessary and wasteful of village resources. But ultimately the adoption of this ordinance will cause a financial liability to the village and it does not have the village attorney's recommendation. Section 2.20.040 of the Village Code provides that the village attorney should draft or review ordinances of the village, therefore, pursuant to the Village Code, Ordinance No. 08-23 should have been drafted or at the least reviewed by the village attorney.

Ordinance No. 08-23 is unconstitutional as it seeks to alter the Village's form of government without referendum approval. The supervisory powers remain with the village president.

Sincerely,

Margaret P. Fuller
Village President

At the last board meeting I gave Trustee Dobrzycki some information to report on my behalf, besides the fact that he is the Chairman of Information, he contacts me on a regular basis for information and updates. Apparently, it's in the minutes, once again at the last board meeting Trustee Mougolias made some comments about not getting information, but as I said on several previous occasions, Trustee Mougolias never contacts me, or the Police Chief. Trustee Mougolias used to meet with the Chief every Wednesday morning for updates but he, Mougolias, ended this by his own will and Trustee Mougolias used to stop in and talk with me and I would tell him everything that was going on, but he also ended any communication with me. But then he cries about not getting information at the meetings. I want to make it clear that the Chief did not give information to Trustee Dobrzycki, I did, and that is my purgative and nothing the trustees do or say or adopt can stop me or change that. So don't go making more false accusations about the Chief giving information to one trustee.

I will be calling a Committee of the Whole Meeting for Wednesday 9/17/08 at 7:30 p.m. as I have some issues that I would like to see addressed. Over the past 15 months the trustees have eliminated all the professional management of the village and also eliminated some appointed positions, these positions are in the village code and need to be removed. I am also proposing a reduction in the salary of the trustees, any change in salary needs to be adopted by ordinance 180 days before the next election. Currently the trustees earn \$12,000 a year; I am proposing a reduction to \$5,000 or less. I will address my concerns at the Committee Meeting.

Information/Technology
Trustee Dobrzycki

Committee Report of the Information & Technology; this evening, actually earlier this day I received a phone call from a village resident that informed me that she attended the meeting in Norridge and she became privy to some information of development plans for the Village of Norridge. To it, I made several phone calls and was able to confirm some of that information with Norridge Trustee Robert Martwick. The information is as follows, a Connecticut Pension Fund has purchased a majority of property between Oketo/Harlem/Wilson and Montrose with the following exceptions, the plastic manufacturer on the corner of Harlem and Montrose, Iggys Muffler and Tesco. The remainder of that property has either been sold or is under contract. A developer from Columbus, Ohio is proceeding with plans in developing a new shopping mall. The mall would be located parallel to Harlem Avenue and would be anchored by a big box store, probably, but not for certain, Costco. The purchase price of the property up to date is \$50 million dollars. The plan completion of this project is within the next two years. I bring this to attention because there have been many rumors circulating throughout Harwood Heights and Norridge as to what is occurring with that property. Trustee Martwick of the Village of Norridge has confirmed that many of these facts are true and that plans have already been presented to the village board in Norridge about completing and building this mall along Harlem Avenue and the establishment of a large big box store at the back of the property. I bring this to the attention of everyone to subdue some of those rumors; it is true. Property has been purchased with those three exceptions, the remaining properties, and they're currently under negotiation for purchase of that property. As I repeated, the property, the land has been purchased for approximately \$50 million dollars. A shopping center is planned along Harlem Avenue and the large big box store, most likely but not for certain, the Costco. The purchaser of the property is the Connecticut Pension Fund; the developer is based out of Columbus, Ohio.

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I bring this to your attention once again as I've mentioned over the years that I've been on the board one of my nightmares is that Norridge proceeds and develops the property, develops it, they find new sources of revenue for their village; the property that is at the perimeter of Harwood Heights, along our border, right across the street. If you mention if the pension board is able to spend \$50 million dollars on all that property, if they need more parking, guess where they're going to come to get more parking. My nightmare is the property along the south end of Wilson gets purchased and turns into one big black asphalt parking lot. And how much sales tax revenue do we get from a parking lot? You can figure that out.

Forestry/Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

Reporting from the Forestry and the Recreation Committee; last meeting the board approved a number of trees to be trimmed and/or cut in the Village. I received some calls from residents asking me if I know when the services would take place. I speculated some time this week especially after the Boards approval.

I decided to call Bob Hendricksen just to find out for sure. I was told that some of tree were growing above electrical power lines and would need to be cut away by Com Ed before Hendricksen would come out and actually perform any scheduled trimming or services. Hendricksen contacted Com Ed on our behalf and by having Com Ed remove the trees around power lines at no cost to the Village we would expect a little bit of a delay. As for trees that were not growing above electrical lines, they will be trimmed very soon.

I also gave Com Ed a call and asked about their schedule and when they would have their contracted tree company out to remove branches from around the electrical lines within our Village, their response was that they are a little backed up, but not to worry, they have Harwood Heights listed in their schedule and hopefully branches would be cleared by the beginning of October. Soon after that Hendricksen would come out and finish the job.

I assure you all that the trees scheduled for removal or trimming will take place but it may take a week or two longer then planned due to the involvement of Com Ed. Sorry for any inconvenience, and please feel free to contact me for any questions or concerns.

Let me make another comment about the Harwood Heights Youth Commission. I was contacted by the president of the Youth Commission, Lisa Wilczenski and she notified me that we would have to hire an additional soccer coach, because the two coaches that were going to volunteer in helping with the program were a no-show and declined to participate with the programs. On the agenda this evening item I-3 is for the approval of the board for the hiring of Megan Ozog, pending a necessary background check. Also on the agenda item, I 4 is to approve the 4th quarter share payment for the services offered by the WSSRA.

Many fall Youth activities will be beginning next month and run through our fall months. These programs include Volleyball, Bowling, gymnastics, soccer, and basketball which will start the second week of October.

As in the past I will continue to keep everyone informed about any changes to the programs.

Public Works
Trustee Jezierny

The Mayor had basically reported on most of the Public Works activities already, but I will add to it a little bit. The pumps that she was referring to on Oriole, they were out to get the seals replaced, there's one pump removed which will be put back into the wells shortly. The other pump will then be taken out for seals as well.

There are three residents that actually called me today, just today alone, who had complaints about much of the dust that has been surfacing over Lawrence Avenue. I know that they have also contacted the Village Hall as well, so I'm hoping that this project will start putting the bituminous down so that we can at least keep the dust levels low and continue on with this project and get it over with.

Also, the Public Works staff has been out there patching and they're also continuing on with the replacement on the water meters in the 7400/7500 block of Foster and Winona.

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There is a motion on tonight's agenda, I 10 for a full-time person in Public Works. Hopefully this will assist the Public Works staff so that they can speed up the installation of the water meters and assist in the numerous duties that the Public Works still has before them. There is also, I reported to them, 5 lights, streetlights that have been out. They were out on Forest Preserve Drive and Montrose; those are now back up with the exception of 5 lights that continue on from Montrose to Neenah to Forest Preserve Drive, so there's actually one block in Harwood Heights that has no streetlights. Two of them are metal poles, three of them are wooden poles which means, that some of them are the responsibility of the village; others are the responsibility of ComEd. They have been called to replace those lights.

I have also called AT&T in hopes that we can get those big boxes moved over there on Newcastle and I'm sure that there's another location, they had indicated that to me before and hopefully they will continue to follow through and move all three boxes.

Earlier this year we did put in a request through PACE and their new PACE program to obtain a bus. We do have that, we're in receipt of it, it is working and from what I understand people are very happy with the air conditioning that we had during the summer, the music and so forth. But as you recall, there was another bus grant that was submitted earlier this year. They indicated initially we would have some word by August, I did follow-up and now we were told maybe in November; so keep your fingers crossed. Hopefully, we will also have a brand new backup bus or buses that we can run simultaneously when needed.

Public Health & Safety
Trustee Mougolias

Tonight on the agenda is item I 6 to authorize the Fire & Police Commission to proceed in the hiring of a new officer. I too, had placed a phone call to one of the clerks in the office and asked them to place this item on the agenda and later on that day I received a phone call from Deputy Clerk Marcia Pollowy and said the Mayor had also placed it on the agenda. The board was waiting and the Public Health & Safety Committee and I have been waiting for the appropriations to be approved so that we can make this recommendation. I'm glad to see that the Mayor changed her tune on this recommendation, because as everyone knows and it's in the public record, in her first appropriation there was no room for a police officer. But as we said, I know the Chief has been asking for a long time for an officer and as we know the Police Department is much needed of this officer and I would urge everyone to vote "yes" for this item on the agenda.

Item I 9 on the other hand I would like to ask to table this item. We had a contract with a company for a CALEA accreditation but we do not know how much, well the board does not know how much we have paid them so far. I would like to make a request to the Mayor to put this on the Committee of the Whole meeting and if we could see the contract and see how much we have paid them. Because in my memory, I don't remember exactly, but I believe the total contract was in the neighborhood of \$11,000 and if we have already spent \$9,000, why would we still owe them \$5,000? But, as I said I don't remember the exact numbers of the contract and I don't know how much we have paid. This has been paid out of other accounts that the trustees do not see. So, I would like to see how much we paid them and how much we owe them before we write them a check for \$5,000. So as I said, Mayor, can we table it for later, and maybe put it on the Committee Meeting of the Whole and have the information there?

Mayor Fuller: Well, we'll pull it for a separate vote so you can decide to table it and the contract was at least \$14,000 as I remember, it was at least \$14,000 something; but we'll get you copies of everything.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer

I have a very short report; I would like to ask that you notice that at the last board meeting we passed a motion to install stop signs at the intersection of Leland and Oketo. I was pleased to see that those went up and as I travel that street I noticed that people are in fact stopping at that.

The other implementation of a motion we passed was also to give some parking relief to that block of Oketo as well and those signs were installed.

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The other comment that I have has to do with the "No Right Turn," I believe as you leave McDonald's and I know that the sign is there, but the other night I just sat there and watched people continue to turn. So I'm sure they haven't had much relief in terms of the cups and the debris that have been thrown on peoples lawns. So, we had a good intention, but not so good in compliance, as far as travelers soloing safe through the village.

Finance
Sewer & Water
Trustee Szlendak

No Report - Absent

Clerk's Report
Clerk Larson

No Report

Attorney's Report

As you know I've been invited to speak at the Illinois Municipal League Meeting coming up, the annual meeting, and I look forward to seeing you all there; I see it's on your agenda tonight for approval for attendance, so I look forward to seeing you there.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski: I just wanted to make a quick comment on today's anniversary of 9/11. We meet tonight on the seventh year anniversary of our country's tragic terrorist attack 9-11-2001. My thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost their loved ones that day. I urge everyone to continue to show our true message of patriotism and support by flying and displaying our American flag to honor those who lost their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain and also to those today who are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms. May God bless our country and each one of you.

Trustee Jeziorny: In remembrance of 9/11 and our fallen residents, friends and families in the 9/11 and Pennsylvania crashes that we had and the many fallen soldiers and fireman that have given their lives.

I do want to make mention of a fallen residents that we had here in Harwood Heights and that is Patricia Christl who died on September 6th; I know that it was listed in the local paper. She was a member of the Zoning Board, when I served on the Zoning Board. She was as dedicated to this village, to her family, to the children of Pennoyer School, to the Boy Scouts, to St. Eugene's School Board. She's also been the Vice-President of the Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce, who's been very energetic in trying to get businesses to participate and to join into that Chamber and worked at it steadfast. She worked with me in our first event of the Chamber of Commerce and she put all her heart and soul into it. She was very dedicated and I just wanted to say as a resident in this village, she will be missed terribly because she was one that would speak her mind and do what was right for the community and for others.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Mougolias pulled item I 9 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items: I 1-8 & I 10-14:

Trustee Schuepfer pulled items I 7 & I 8 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items I 1-6 & I 10-14:

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held August 28, 2008.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,474.00**, payable to Monroe Truck Equipment Co. for 2 Monroe reverse flight under-tailgate spreaders, expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-06-00-9000 – Public Works.
3. Motion for the board to approve the hiring of Megan Ozog @ **\$20.00** per hour session for the Harwood Heights soccer program beginning on September 13, 2008, pending necessary background check, expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-08-00-7036-Recreation.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$12,751.00**, payable to WSSRA for 4th quarter share and inclusion payment expensed to line item 11-08-00-7037 for 08/09 – Special Recreation.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,115.00**, payable to the Illinois Municipal League for 6 village official's attendance to the IML Annual Conference, September 25-27, 2008, expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-01-00-7025 – Mtgs., Lectures & Conferences.
6. To authorize the Fire & Police Commission to proceed with hiring one police officer from the final police officer eligibility list pursuant to all laws and regulations.
10. To advertise for the position of full time laborer for the Public Works Department pursuant to Village Code.
11. To approve Handicap Parking at the address commonly known as **4523 N. Newland** and to direct Public Works to erect the sign in a timely manner.
12. To approve Handicap Parking at the address commonly known as **4525 N. Newland** and to direct Public Works to erect the sign in a timely manner.
13. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$59,802.44** as they appear on check register **#45204** thru **#45248**.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$110,899.84** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-6 & I 10-14 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schuepfer

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer on Consent Agenda item I 7:

Motion to Table by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Jezierny on Consent Agenda item I 7:

7. To approve the engagement of Sikich, LLP to perform the financial audit for year ended 4/30/08.

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A roll call vote to Table Consent Agenda item I 7 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schuepfer

NAYS: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Jezierny on Consent Agenda item I 8:

Motion to Amend by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Jezierny on Consent Agenda item I 8:

Motion to Table by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda item I 8:

8. To amend the minutes of the 8-14-08 board meeting to include the comments made at the debate of motions, and to include all comments made at the debate of motions in future minutes of board meetings.

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

A YES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schuepfer

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

Motion Carried

Motion to Table by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda item I 9:

9. To approve an expenditure of **\$5,000.00**, payable to Law Enforcement Accreditation Consultants, Inc. for the settlement of the CALEA contract pursuant to invoice #2008-01, dated 9-4-08, to be expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-05-00-7031 – Legal.

A roll call vote to Table Consent Agenda item I 9 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schuepfer

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Szlendak

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 Gadzinski: I just want to let everyone know that I will not be attending the next board meeting or the Illinois Municipal League Conference. I will be traveling abroad in China with the Flamenco Dance Company as their guest violinist, throughout China. I'm going to make sure I report on my experiences and cultural differences and I'm going to give a summary of my report and I'll supply pictures for whoseever's interested in seeing what I saw.

Trustee Schuepfer: I'd like to amend Trustee Gadzinski's report on his travels. He's traveling with Ensemble Espanol that is housed by my university, Northeastern Illinois University.

Trustee Dobrzycki: I'd like to publicly offer my condolences to the family of Pat Christl. I worked with Pat on the Chamber of Commerce over the past year and a half.

In response to the question posed by Mr. Schmidt, the answer is no.

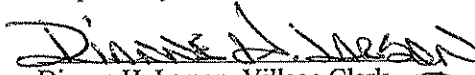
I also wanted to comment, in the paper today it was mentioned that Harwood Heights resident, a Northwestern University graduate, Barbara Zukowski, was awarded by the US Department of State a Fulbright scholarship. So, congratulations to her.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Jeziorny, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki 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 Margaret P. Fuller on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk 