

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:32 pm by Mayor Margaret P. Fuller

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Margaret P. Fuller
Clerk	Dianne H. Larson
Deputy Clerk	Marcia Pollowy
Trustees	George Alex Mark Dobrzycki (Late 7:42pm) Arlene Jezierny Demetrios Mougolias Roy Schmidt Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Paul Stephanides

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan White, 7429 W. Winona: I have two things that I'd like to bring before the board today. Number one is regarding the 1998 bond issue. At the board meeting of June 25th, 1998 the bond issue was passed and Mayor Willas made comments to this effect, I have copies of those minutes from that meeting, he said "instead of going for the entire 20-years as normally many municipalities do, we are going for 9-years with a balloon rate at the 10th year which is about \$870,000; at that time we have the option to either extend it for another 10-years or if we reserve enough money we can pay the entire \$870,000 off at that time". There are a few other lines but here's another important sentence, number two, "we are pledging a Tax Levy, the Tax Levy will not be filed but a certificate of abatement will be filed prior to the first notification of the Tax Levy". Regarding this matter, I wonder if our attorney could clarify what Mayor Willas might of meant when he referred to the fact that there's an option extending it, meaning the bond issue, for another 10-years? I've heard the board mention nothing about that; I've heard something about notes or loans, but nothing about this thing, I just don't have any idea what it means. **Attorney Paul Stephanides:** Without seeing the documentation I wouldn't be able to know what he meant by that. **Joan White:** There's nothing here in this particular paragraph that would explain it search I could not find an ordinance to support the abatement, I do not find any ordinance passed by the village board and I really find it difficult to believe that our village auditors would not call for copies of an ordinance to abate these tax levies. So I also pose this question, does this mean that possible the abatement was not legal, if it was not done without board action? I will ask those questions for you to consider looking into.

The second point is something else that relates to residents and the board as well. A few years ago, the Village Treasurer, George Alex was censured by his fellow trustees, those included Trustees Fuller, Bilek, Scott and McCormick, for losing his temper and saying very objectionable and unprofessional remarks to an office clerk in the Village Hall during regular office hours. I wonder if perhaps it's time again for our village board to consider a censure of Trustee George Alex, because Trustee Alex, under the name of "Trustee" has reached out into our resident community with a mailing that is quite unprofessional and positively objectionable. In this mailing he attacks citizens who disagree with part of the Village Comprehensive Plan, residents who have the right to sign a petition or voice an opinion that differs from village board members. This letter appears to distort the truth of the referendum, which was proposed by village residents. Alex's letter states "Scott's solution to pass referendums that tell builders, if you don't build single-family homes, we are prepared to force our vacant factories to remain vacant and off the tax rolls". "He's holding a gun to our heads and he wants us to follow." I can only say, what kind of language is this especially from a trustee and besides that he is really quoting the village board referendum, which speaks of single-family homes "only" and vacant land and no property tax revenue. That is not in the referendum proposed by village residents. It seems to me also that a court of law might disagree with the actions of a trustee who copies petitions which have been filed with the Village Clerk and then

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circulates these copies with remarks that attach certain signers, even adding the picture of one of the signers, and then further, attaching a portion of the petition that shows signatures and addresses of other residents who have signed that page. My question is, did Trustee Alex acquire copies of these petitions through the FOI process? Requests to the Village Clerk? Or is it a policy that any trustee is free to pick up official data in the village office, make copies for his personal use and then mail these copies throughout the village, even accompanied by derogatory inferences about the personal affairs of some of the residents.

Is this proper action for a trustee we have elected to make important decisions for our village government; and for our finances, in particular, since the Mayor put him at the head of the Finance Committee? I really do not like the fact that we residents come before this board to ask questions pertaining to village management and most of us never get answers. Certain residents do get responses and people do notice because I have had phone calls from residents who ask me how the board answered my questions, most times I have to say they did not. Because we residents pay the compensation to our Village Attorney, it seems to me that we should be able to ask him to explain certain aspects of procedure especially since his presence at board meetings is covered by a single retainer amount and not by additional billing for his time here. At this time, therefore, I would like to ask the Village Attorney if these residents whose names are shown on this flyer which was mailed by Trustee Alex, if these residents will now have cause for legal pursuit against this trustee or the entire village board, because Trustee Alex attached a page with their names listed and attached it to a page delivering his own derogatory comments? I know for certain that if this were a copy of the petition, which I signed, I would be looking to consult a good lawyer.

Joe Scott, 7432 W. Winnemac: I have to clear up a little financial matter. But first, I'm not sure if everyone is aware that I was a member of the Harwood Heights Police & Fire Board; that is a paid appointment like other paid appointees and at the end of every month, the village would automatically send me a check. Earlier this year, the Mayor decided that she wanted to replace me with someone else, she recommended my replacement, it came before the board, it was approved and my tenure as a commissioner on the board was terminated; that should have been the end of it. The problem is and it creates a question in my mind, "why does the Village of Harwood Heights continue to send checks?" The other question would be "how incompetent does an administration have to be in order to send a check, month, after month, after month to someone who should have been off the payroll a long time ago?" In order to determine, I guess, exactly who was responsible, perhaps we should follow the money. Who is the trustee responsible for village finances? That would be Trustee George Alex; not a clue that this was going on; entrusted with watching over the village finances, no idea in the world these checks were going out. I would also have to ask myself, is this a matter of incompetence on his part? It doesn't seem to be total incompetent. Is it a matter of lack of intelligence, that would explain it but I have my own theory and it's just speculation, maybe Trustee Alex was too busy doing other things; maybe there were things that were more important to George Alex. Like for example, the letter Joan White referenced, look how much time was involved in putting this letter together; nice little border on the top and bottom, everything laid out very nicely; bold text, underlined. As Joan White also mentioned, copies of a petition and George Alex even went through the trouble of cutting my picture out and superimposing it on the bottom of the petition. He put a lot of work into this; how much work did he put into watching the village funds? Obviously, not very much; as Joan White also stated in so many words, it's pretty sad, it's pretty pathetic that people whose sin is to publicly disagree with this board's policies are subjected to ridicule and insults just based on that difference of opinion. But even going further than that, if you look at the deception of George Alex's letter, he states that "I am secretly circulating petitions to scrap our village redevelopment plan". I'd like to know how one secretly circulates petitions, the petition has my name at the bottom; I am going door-to-door, face-to-face with people. How is that a secret? Was I wearing a wig or a fake beard or something; lay it on the porch, ring the doorbell and run away, come back after they sign it! I would like to know how I was secretly circulating petitions because I consider this to be an out right lie and unless you have a good explanation I think the people of Harwood Heights deserve to know that you were lying to them. **Trustee Alex:** Would you like an answer? **Joe Scott:** Yes I would. **Mayor Fuller:** I request that you wait until Trustee Comments. **Trustee Alex:** Okay. **Joe Scott:** I'm not waiting around for Trustee Comments. **Trustee Alex:** It's next, you'll wait a few minutes. **Joe Scott:** If you're first, that's fine.

Joe Scott: The other thing is "contrary to Scott's claims, our Comprehensive Plan allows for single-family homes to be built throughout the entire village", did I say that the Comprehensive Plan did not? Is there something you can show me where I said the Comprehensive Plan does not allow for single-family homes? Can you produce that for me? **Trustee Alex:** The Comment section, the Mayor won't let me talk; if you wait a few minutes, ask your questions and I will definitely answer your question. **Joe Scott:** Well, I'd like to hear those answers.

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Terry Schuepfer, 7259 W. Lawrence: I don't want to comment on the content of the letter, I think enough people have. I just want to talk about my experience collecting signatures on the petition; as I went from house to house people expressed their concerns but they also expressed their need for more information and call me naïve, my assumption was that it was okay to participate in a democratic action in this village and I reassured them, if they signed this petition it would not put them on an enemies list or a list of malcontent. The action of publishing a petition, while I don't know the legality of it in terms of the public perception and I've spoken to the board about this before, you have great ideas, but sometimes you just screw up when you do something silly and you embarrass yourself as public officials. Let me just juxtapose and again something that happened at the Town Meeting last week; there's a FOI in for the water billing, just to play around with the numbers, and twice now the FOI request has not been met because and rightly so, and the Mayor said we need to take off the account numbers and the names, which is absolutely appropriate, so I have no problem with a FOI request from a village resident meeting those standards. What I have difficult with is that, and I don't know the procedure that used in a village to get a document filed with the Clerk, as to whether or not the trustee is subject to the same kinds of requirements, so if any one trustee files a FOI, would he or she be subject to the same kind of restrictions that all account names, addresses, etc, would be removed. I guess that's a question, maybe not a legal question for you sir, but perhaps it is an operational question; so does the status of being a village trustee allow you more access to public information, private information and then give you the right to distribute it publicly?

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Fuller

Good Evening. As I reported previously, the Police Department is receiving a state grant sponsored by Senator DeLeo, for a canine unit. The canine unit is just another step in acquiring the necessary tools that we need to supply professional police service to our residents.

At this time I would like to call up to the front of the room Mr. Tom Hocket from Cleveland, Ohio and our new puppy Selene:

Mr. Hocket is presenting our female Cane Corso by the name of Selene to the Police Department. She is approximately 10 weeks old. The Cane Corso breed is a large working dog that descends from the ancient Roman Molossus. The Cane Corso was considered "war dogs" that were sometimes pitted against other wild beasts in the ancient Roman arenas. Throughout the breed's existence, the Cane Corso was used as big game hunters. Their power, courage, agility and tracking ability made them especially useful with wild boar, stag and bear. They were often used as a "driver", moving animals to the market; on farms they protected the livestock from both human thieves and animal predators doubling as a guard dog for homes and estates. With the transformation of the agricultural structure in many regions of Italy, the Cane Corso was in danger of extinction. However in the 1970's success was made in Italy in procuring as many good subjects as possible and selective breeding began. Mr. Hocket has been kind enough to donate this puppy to our Police Department; Officer Al Palacz will be the caretaker.

The Village would like to present this plaque to Mr. Tom Hocket: **On behalf of the Village of Harwood Heights Police Department; we thank you for your gracious and generous donation of the Cane Corso police canine**

Mayor Margaret Fuller, the Harwood Heights Village Board and the Harwood Heights Police Department

On another note, Chief Podosek and I have been looking for possible funding for a reverse 911 System for some time. We were hoping there was some money in the Homeland Security budget for this but we haven't gotten anywhere with that yet. Getting emergency information out to our residents is a great concern. Water breaks & boil orders, and possible West Nile virus in our area, are just some of the uses besides terrorist attacks, where we would be able to notify our residents by phone. Recently, I gave Chief Podosek some information about a company soliciting free media called UBEFREE Media. The Chief has been able to get them to allow us a 90 day testing period for the cost of \$550 basically for the land lines needed, everything else, email, internet, cell phones access would be completely free at no cost to the village. Chief Podosek will oversee this testing period.

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On September 21st the village held a Town Hall Meeting regarding the revision of the sewer fee billing. The meeting was well attended and our village engineer Paul May used a power point presentation to show the different methods of billing. The board will be discussing the adoption of proposed changes by ordinance at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on October 4th.

On October 3rd, the village will host an Open House for the Proposed Zoning Code amendments. This will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. you can drop by at your leisure and see the displays and pick up a copy of the draft amendments. There will not be a formal presentation and residents are encouraged to leave written comments. The Village Board met in committee several times, along with the Zoning Board and Plan Commission members with the Planning Consultant, Vandewalle & Associates, to discuss various changes to the code. The revisions are completely paid for by an Illinois grant. The revisions should be going to the Plan Commission for a November 1st hearing after the Open House. The draft code amendments are available on the village web site.

Motion I 6, for the demolition of the building on Village owned property at 7337 Lawrence Avenue, \$5,500 is for the demo and \$4,000 for grading of the land which can be done at our discretion is the low bid and recommended by our village engineer. Bids were solicited; we received two proposals. The village engineer will oversee the work and approve the work prior to payment if approved.

Motion I 9, will authorize our agreement with the City of Chicago for sewer services. Without the agreement, the City will not be waiving the penalties and interest and instead of owing almost \$600,000 in past due fees, we will owe about \$800,000. The agreement is not fair, the fees are not fair and no matter how you bill out the fees they are still not fair. But the board has received legal advice, and copies of signed agreements by other towns, so now the decision is in the boards' hands.

I ask the Board to concur with my appointment of Patrick Ryan as an Alternate Building Inspector. The position will be a big help to the Bldg Commissioner and the department and Mr. Ryan has years of experience and the skills needed to inspect construction and remodeling work. He will be an asset to the village.

The Public Works Superintendent and the Water Commissioner attended the Water Conference and seminars in Springfield last week. On the agenda, motion I 12, is an organization that the Superintendent Schroeder requested that Public Works' be able to join for training, they offer driver training, safe handling of water treatment chemicals, proper use of chlorine, information briefings by internet web broadcasts and, blood borne pathogen protection training, electrical safety and aerial device training, hazardous communications and many other safety programs. The storm last Friday took down many tree branches, which public works picked up. The rain also flooded the intersections of Oketo and Wilson and New England and Wilson. The new Library Project will make some minor improvements at that intersection at Oketo and Wilson and the proposed redevelopment project for Tornado and Stratos will make substantial sewer improvements in that area.

A great youth organization, Community Pride, will be holding their annual Red Ribbon walk on October 22nd this year promoting people responsibly involved in drug education. I would like to amend the motion to include "pursuant to the traffic and pedestrian safety review by our Police Dept."

Every municipal security must be reviewed by a lawyer, or law firm, known as bond counsel; therefore Motion I 10 would retain the firm of Chapman & Cutler to serve as special counsel regarding the refinancing of the 1998 street bonds. If approved they would prepare the documents for board approval.

Before I introduce the engineer for some comments on the water issues; I will make some comments, none of us were on the board when the 1998 bonds were issued, so we can certainly look into some of that information, everyone has freedom of speech rights, even trustees and petitions are public documents.

At this time I would like to have our engineer, Paul May give us an update on the need for a new Water Tower: Mr. May

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Paul May: I'm just going to give a very quick overview on some of the issues surrounding the water tower; this is going to be discussed in greater detail at the Committee of the Whole meeting, so I'm not going to spend a lot of time going into in-depth now; but just to go through the first page of the handout and give you some general information regarding to the Harwood Heights water usage statistics. The second and third pages; just general information on how the system works and a summary of the description, a short description of the system; but the part I will spend a little bit of time is on some of the regulatory restrictions and best management practices which govern portable water storage. We've had some concerns and questions about this and it is a bit complicated so I just want to summarize it in a document here that people can refer back to. Just a real quick oversight, most of the water storage requirements have to do with if your system supply or pumping capacity is compromised you want to make sure that you can provide adequate water for a period of time for fire flow and for domestic use.

The Total Storage, the first one on the last page, the first criteria is the sum of the elevated storage and the reservoir storage, which we have total storage of 2 million gallons in the reservoir and 150,000 gallons in the elevated storage tank and the requirement is that you have 2 times the average daily use. We do comply with that restriction now and the future following full build out which relates to the Comprehensive Plan, we'll be slightly over.

The Instantaneous Fire Flow is something I want to define a bit; this is a question that has been brought up in the past, the Instantaneous Fire Flow is the instant you turn on the fire hydrant the amount of flow you can get at that point, it doesn't have anything to do with storage, it mainly has to do with the size of the pipes and orientation of the pipes, but the requirement is that you need a 1,500 gallons per minute to put out a fire from one hydrant, we comply with that today and we'll also comply with that in the future. The last three criteria are the ones that really relate to water storage, elevated water storage in particular and the first criteria has to do with peak use and the intent here is that if Chicago, our water suppliers source is compromised it would close down our valve to Chicago and we would want to have a minimum of eight hours use to supply our community with while we're shutdown with Chicago. We are not currently in compliance today with the peak hour use and we also then would not be in compliance in the future; so that's the first criteria that we need to upgrade the tower in order to be able to provide that service to our residents and that protection to our residents.

The next two criteria have to do with Fire Flow; the first one is 1,500 gallons per minute, which has to do with residential use based on fire restrictions in the amount of burnable material at a typical residential setting and the second one which is really the more standard is that 2,500 gallons per minute; and the way to think about this is to think of this as a tanker truck, you have the instantaneous fire flow, which means the system is able to move 1,500 gallons per minute and that's what we discussed earlier. These two criteria have to do with the water that's stored; fire flows use way more water over a short period of time than we would ever experience domestically; so this is often a critical element and you can think about a tanker truck, the moment you turn on, open up the valve on a tanker truck that's your instantaneous fire flow, but these criteria have to do with the storage in the tanker truck; so much like the tanker truck, if you have instantaneous fire flow for an instant that's really helpful if you can put out a fire in an instant. The criteria that has been established is for a two hour fire, which is still relatively short in the grand scheme of things but the criteria that I've setup for a two hour fire, 1,500 gallon per minute for residential and 2,500 gallons per minute industrial, calculating back for those we are not in compliance currently or in the future and so, all three of the best management criteria we currently need to upgrade our system to be able to provide service to our residents in a manner which is consistent with the standards that are established.

So, that's just a short summary of some of the issues; there are a lot of complex calculations behind all of those and I would certainly invite all of the trustees and residents as well, if you have any questions, you want to understand further on some of the background data, I'd be happy to sit down and go through the actual calculations, were the numbers and standards come from.

Finance
Trustee Alex

The Finance Committee is still looking at, we're working on the new audit for the fiscal year ending '07; that's why on the agenda this evening I urge the board to approve I 11, which is to make the last payment to Miller, Cooper so that we can get our final work papers to the new auditor, so we can move forward with this audit.

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We are still looking at the issue of insurance for our village employees and the last thing is we're still looking at the tax levy; we are not completed on our work with that.

Tonight I 'd didn't realize I was going to be so popular, I guess I have to answer in "Comments"; if I put this in "Reports", next week Mrs. White will say it wasn't a report, so I will answer a lot of the questions in "Comments".

Ordinance/License
Trustee Dobrzycki

A report of the Ordinance & License Committee, as was pointed out earlier in the Mayor's report, the Board and the Mayor are continuing working on updating and revising our dated building and zoning ordinances and codes. There will be an open house where everyone is invited to participate in their comments and hopefully we'll come up with something that will reflect our needs for today and into the future.

I apologize for being late this evening; I attended the wake for a friend of mine who passed away, Lt Ronald Sieczkowski of the Chicago Police Department, a close and dear friend who passed away while he was helping someone and may his soul rest in peace.

Public Works
Trustee Jezierny

The NIPSTA (North Eastern ILL Public Safety Training Academy) membership is a great training program for the PW crew, police and fire departments, which include additional training for homeland security. It's held in Glenview, which is in close proximity to eliminate hours of traveling for training needs that our Public Works crew tends to go from time to time especially when they have to drive down to Springfield and back. So, this is a very verse-training center and they do repeat sessions so this way many of the Public Works crew can also participate and learn more.

The Public Works crew began hot patching and it will soon be completed. And we do have good news; the doctor's report on George Assinouopoulos indicates that he can return to full duty on Oct 9th, so that's a good thing to help the Public Works crew catch up because they are inundated with a lot of projects.

Public Works was out Friday night and removed tree branches blocking streets and did a total cleanup on Monday after the rainstorms that we experienced this past weekend. I also went out this weekend and I took a tally of the various streets during our rainstorms and certainly came across a number of streets that had ponding water or had been flooded. But I did want to give you a status update as to the underground flood detention that was put in at Oriole and Argyle – a project which I have spear-headed along with Superintendent Tom Schroeder and our Village Engineers – Clark-Dietz. I am pleased to report that after heavy rainfalls over last weekend, there was absolutely no flooding, nor ponding of water in any of the streets or the curbs. So thus far, this project is working successfully and with hopes that it will continue to work as we continue to experience heavy rainfall in the future.

Public Health & Safety
Trustee Mougolias

I'm happy to report that the mosquito season is coming to an end. Historically mosquito season ends the first week of October or the first hard frost, whatever comes first. Although we haven't had any reported cases in Harwood Heights, we did have some scares at Norridge Park, these cases have not been confirmed yet as being West Nile Virus, also if the weather does heat up in the next couple of weeks there may be some mosquito activity left, so I would like to encourage the residents to take precautions especially between dusk to dawn where mosquito activity is most present.

Forestry/Recreation
Trustee Schmidt

No Report

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**Sewer & Water
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak**

The Technology Committee has not received a multi year plan on upgrading our IT infrastructure connecting the Police Department with the village electronically. Looking forward of getting a report from Larry Noller so we can begin implementing it and budgeting it.

For the Water & Sewer Committee, I want to say a couple of words about item I 9, the contract between the City of Chicago and Harwood Heights for the sewer. I have to disagree with our attorney Delort, he thought that this was a simple contract that others have signed. I've looked at it and I question the counsel at our Committee of the Whole meeting and I don't see it as being simple, I don't see it as being fair. Chicago is not willing to negotiate any further; we have two choices, we can sign the contract as is or we can go and start litigating. Right now we don't have the money for litigation in order to get a better contract. Sooner or later we're going to have to litigate and the reasons for it are that if the City of Chicago Sewer Superintendent decides that Harwood Heights needs additional storage so we can discharge from the sewer at a certain rate, we have to built it, period. We have to get permits to make improvements in our own town, permits from the City of Chicago in order to grow. If we have a development on the eastside that the City of Chicago doesn't like, according to the contract they can veto the project. Like I said, sooner or later we're going to have to litigate, we have no choice and I wish to apologize to the future trustees and boards and the future administrations, that we are putting them in that situation.

**Clerk's Report
Clerk Larson**

The last day to register for the November 2007 election is Tuesday, October 10th. One can register at the Village Hall during regular office hours. Two pieces of identification are required when registering to vote.

The Village Calendar for the month of November is wrong as to the dates of the Village Board meetings. The calendar shows that November 21st and November 30th are the Board meetings. Our meetings are always on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month except in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Therefore, the correct dates of the board meetings in November are November 9th (2nd Thursday) and November 21st the 4th Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day.

The Norridge/Harwood Heights Relay for Life held in August at Norridge Park, this year raised \$152,000 for Cancer research, education, advocacy and free patient services in the West Cook area and thank you to all the participants.

Attorney's Report

I just want to reiterate something that the Mayor pointed out with regard to the petitions on the referendum; as the Mayor stated those are public documents available to all, so that's my only comment on that. I can't comment on specific instances with regard to the documents, I can tell you that they are public documents available to all and of course we cannot comment here at a public meeting with regard to the merits of a referendum.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Alex: I did want to mention initially to Trustee Szlendak, that to make a comment that he wishes to apologize to the future generations of Harwood Heights. There's no need for Trustee Szlendak or this board to apologize, the City of Chicago pushed that contract on us. The City of Chicago made our lives difficult and pushed us against the wall; so Trustee Szlendak, you don't have to apologize and this board doesn't have to apologize for anything, we didn't do anything wrong. The City of Chicago did that, Mayor Daley did that to us, we're trying to help the future generations of Harwood Heights. Now, is it a contract that can be a problem 10-years down the future, yes, I saw it, I'm an attorney too; yes, 10-years from now it could be a problem, 5-years, 20-years from now it could be a problem, but Chicago has threatened to turn off our sewers immediately if we don't sign it. We need to protect our residents from the stupid bullying antics of the City of Chicago. There's a prayer that says, the Lord's Prayer, "give us this day our daily bread", that means today, Trustee; not 20-years from now, not 10-years from now, not maybe 10-years from now if it's not too much

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trouble, that means today. We need to protect our residents today and we have to make certain that that contract is not responsible for shutting off our sewers and then we will have to go to court with no money. So, let's just keep it in perspective who caused this problem.

The second item is, Mr. Scott up there mentioned that I'm the head of the Finance, yes sir, I am the head of the Finance Committee; I don't do the day-to-day activities, we have an accountant who we pay a lot of money that we hired. The accountant prepares stuff, the checks. The checks use to be signed by three people, because mistakes happen; three people use to sign those checks, the Treasurer, the Mayor and the Clerk. I was the Treasurer, when I use to sign it and say hey guys there's a problem, you Mr. Scott took me off. The Treasurer doesn't sign the checks anymore; we're probably the only village that I know of in the State of Illinois where the Treasurer doesn't sign the check, that's because Mr. Scott didn't want the Treasurer to sign the checks. And the next thing is Mr. Scott was a Trustee for four years, the former Mayor entrusted him to be on our Commission and Board, he's lived in this village his entire life, this is his town and to look out for it. You were getting checks in mistake, Mr. Scott; if you knew you were getting checks in mistake did you come to the village and say "guys, you made a mistake, you gave me a check, can you correct your system", no, you didn't do that, you just hung on to the checks and you said "now I'm going to make it a political issue' or maybe, I don't even know, did you cash them? You knew you weren't entitled to them, you're a lawyer, you know mistakes happen, shame on you, shame on you that you didn't come to the village and say "hey, the checks were wrong, guys, correct your system". It happens, people make mistakes; you called me stupid is what you did; that's okay, I'll take the term stupid, I don't mind. We're doing the very best that we can, can you let us know, it's your town too. People elected you before; you owe them a duty.

The other thing was, you said the referendum was deceptive; I can't talk about the merits of the referendum and I won't do that. But right now the rules are that if you want to build a house anywhere in the village you can build a house. The current referendum says you have to build a house or a townhouse I believe, well what happens if the people say no, we're not going to build a house or a townhouse, what are we going to do then? Doesn't the board need to know that if we pass this rule that says you're required, I'm not talking about the merits, I'm talking about the clarification? I'm answering your question. I think it's clarification to say, well gee what happens if we require somebody to do something they don't do it? Mr. Scott you're a lawyer, you must have a policy in place, if you require somebody to do it you have to know well what happens if they don't do it. I'd like to talk, talk for a while; I'd like to finish my comments. That's how I think it needs to be clarified. Do I think you're deceptive, yes sir, I thought you were deceptive because you didn't take credit for a referendum; you went around and circulated, you're really behind the referendum but it's my freedom of speech, I have a right. In fact, if I remember correctly I signed all my letters, I put my address; my children in the audience typed it; I put my address on my letters, I don't lie to people, they knew who wrote it, they know it's very clear that it was George Alex and I don't go around handing anonymous literature around which other people over there have done, I believe. So, I don't think that I'm deceptive; I sign everything.

I guess the last point is everybody thinks, over there, Mrs. White had mentioned that she thought it was derogatory my letter. Well gee, I think I am entitled to my freedom of speech just like anybody else that sends out a letter criticizing me; if people want to criticize me they have that right, it's America, it's what makes us the best country on the earth. We can be like other states and not allow that, but I have the freedom to speak too; I'm an American citizen. Just because I got elected I didn't stop being an American citizen. I have a duty, in fact, to let people know what I think and when election time comes if they're not happy they can say no to George Alex or they can say yes. But I mean, to come to every board meeting and if you want to call me stupid, that's fine, I don't mind. But I think I do have a right to voice my opinion just like everyone else and I've never, I never said to anybody you can't speak. The previous Mayor in fact tried to have me arrested for speaking and I never suggested that here and I don't think it's a proper policy. I don't know if I answered all of your questions but I think I wanted to say those things and if you're not happy with me, you know, I'm sorry; but I'm not doing anything with bad intent. When I wrote those letters it was a matter of fact.

Trustee Jeziorny: I also have a comment about the Chicago Sewer Agreement that has been brought up today and is on our agenda, I 9; I am very concerned also about the Chicago Agreement and feel that we are put between a rock and a hard-place with no consideration for negotiations by City of Chicago. Some of the concerns in the contract stipulate that the Village of Harwood Heights shall cooperate with the City Sewer system by limiting our rate of discharge entering the cities system during rainstorms. You just heard me make a report about rainstorms and we already have water on the streets during rainstorms. These measures require Harwood Heights to install restrictors in our sewers to prevent excess

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flow from entering Chicago's system. We have over 500 storm water structures and may be required to install restrictors into some or all of them. This would be at another expense to our Village.

Also, if the Village fails to comply with any of the terms of the contract, the City could terminate, limit or interrupt Sewer Discharge. This concerns me as to how the City could levy this upon us or any other community, which would seriously affect the health concerns of our residents with no outlet for sewerage water and perhaps forcing us to create our own filtration storage facility, which is a huge expense, or perhaps even force us to spent millions of dollars to separate all of our combinations sewers and redirect the flow into alternative destinations. I know we could probably take some of our homes off the Chicago sewer system, but to do the whole village is a huge, huge expense

Also this contract does not freeze the current rate of \$10.65, which we are currently being charged per connection, this amount can still increase.

However, I am advised by the Village Attorney, I spoke to him at the last board meeting, that there could be a series of other adverse circumstances that could affect our Village by not signing the contract. I would have liked the Agreement to have been better negotiated, but our attorneys advised me that Chicago is not willing to negotiate, so I guess it's a take it or leave it proposition. I just wanted to share my concerns about this contract so that the residents of Harwood Heights know what we're up against.

On the agenda tonight there's the approval of minutes for the Special Village Board meeting held Monday, August 28th, I've asked the Clerk to include my comments into the minutes of that meeting. It was done so at the last board meeting but it was withdrawn and along with that we have the new minutes and my comments are also withdrawn. So with that in mind, I'm requesting that my comments be submitted in this board meeting minutes and basically it says on Monday the 28th of August there was a Special Board meeting called to pass a motion; one was for a referendum by the Harwood Heights Board for the November ballot asking residents "shall the Village of Harwood Heights change the Comprehensive Development Plan to require land to remain vacant and generating little or reduced property tax revenue unless developers promise to "only" build single-family homes on those sites instead of town homes, retail establishments or condominiums". While I encourage residential input, I could not vote on this referendum because, number one: a fair process and procedure was not followed. No Committee of the Whole meeting was held for any input from any trustee. Why do we have trustees in office when the Mayor and Attorney decide what goes on the boards agenda? Number two: In addition we already have a referendum on the ballot put forth by the residents, so why do we need a second. The Mayor's referendum is clearly an all or nothing proposition and does not support a compromise giving the people a chance to express their real concerns for a well-balanced Comprehensive Plan, so therefore I voted "no" for the board's referendum.

I also have one other issue; there are two agenda items on tonight's agenda, hiring a part-time employee and another appointee, that would be I 13 and under special appointees, which is H 1. Last board meeting I voted no to the hiring of the part-time employee at the last board meeting because no documentation was submitted to any of the trustees after the interview process took place with one of the part-time employee candidates, for all of them for that matter. No resumes, no job descriptions nor background check, which is against our ordinance. We now have this documentation but I will be voting no because the part-time budget line item for part-time help is already over budget as of the last report that we received which is a date ending July 31, 2006. The budget is \$6,000 on line item 11-06-5002 and currently we are way over budget over that. It appears that this line item could be incorrect and therefore needs to be corrected before any part-time hiring can be considered; therefore I would like to table this matter until accurate data is received and I'm tired of having to vote on issues when reports are in error. I believe this issue along with other additional information received requires discussion at an executive session because it pertains to personal information. As far as the appointment of Patrick Ryan, I voted no, due to not getting the proper documentation. I did receive his resume two months ago but there was no background check or documentation pertaining to whether a background check was made as required by village procedures. I could also question why it took two months, because we received the resume back on July 11th, why it took two months before Patrick Ryan's name was placed on the agenda. In addition, why were both names listed under appointees at the last board meeting but at this board meeting only Patrick Ryan's name is listed under the appointees but the other part-time hire is listed with the Consent Agenda; I don't understand that rational, is this another error or is this intentional?

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Trustee Schmidt: I would like to say something about Mrs. White's comment regarding what "zealous residents like Roy Schmidt would have said a few years ago". She is partly right. I might have asked, "who gave the order to post the meeting" but not necessarily at what time. Yet, at the same time, I could almost bet that Mrs. White would not have asked that question of the previous board. I did ask questions about who put certain items on the agenda and still do. There is one big difference between this board and the previous one. When I did ask questions of the previous board about who put something on the agenda, many times I never got an answer. A trustee would ask who put something on the agenda and never got an answer. Mayor Fuller did answer and accepted the responsibility.

It was funny to read in the next set of minutes that Mrs. White called me sharp. I would accept that as a compliment except I have to believe that the only reason she said it was because I agreed with her. I saw neither referendum as wise.

I would also like to comment about the recent Town Hall meeting regarding the sewer fees. Sometimes when you are up here, you only hear what certain and usually the same people have to say. The Town Hall meeting brings more people into the equation and many times confirms what you personally hear from others outside of this meeting. I believe this is where Trustee Mark's informal meetings come in handy. He gets to hear from people all over the village. When you consider that we represent all village residents and not just a certain section; I believe it helps when you make your decision on how to vote. I know sometimes, if I only thought about myself or just the residents on my street, I could be selfish with my vote. The trustees' decision should represent what is best for the entire village.

I would like to comment about the City of Chicago sewer agreement; I believe there are two attorneys who said to sign this agreement, the previous attorney and this attorney, I'm not sure what the attorney in between said, he was going to try to work something out. I do find it interesting once again, I've only been on this board maybe two years, but I believe that contract has been here four years with some slight changes. I keep wondering when we meet like this, why sometimes these weren't discussed with or without a meeting, by mail, by whatever, so that we could be discussing these issues. We have this contract that has been out there for four years, if there were concerns about this contract, I wish they would have been made, one, two, three years ago, so that in fact the attorneys could have been working on it or doing whatever was necessary. I am not an attorney; I have to trust our attorneys, be it either this one or the previous attorney; with all due respect to all the other trustees and I don't know which are lawyers, I'm going to have to agree with this contract. I think we're stuck between a rock and a hard place as Trustee Jezierny said, but I think we have to do it.

Trustee Szlendak: I wish to clarify the reason that I apologized to the future administrations; the reason that I'm apologizing is that we are not making a choice of standing up to the City of Chicago to go to court at this time and fight for a better contract so our village can stay independent, so our village is not going to be forced to undue burden where litigation is inevitable down the road and the reason I'm apologizing is that we're not fighting for it right now.

Trustee Dobrzycki: There are many comments made this evening and I just wanted to clarify on a few issues here; I myself as many members of this board except for one individual, are not attorneys, I'm not an engineer, and because of that I rely on the information and advise of the professional people that we call upon to help us, to inform us, to teach us, so we can make informed decisions. Coming on to this board a little over three and a half years ago, I was told many things about our village; the water and sewer system of our village are not what they could or should be. This problem has been here for a long period of time, it has not been addressed thoroughly and this problem continues on to this very day. As I mentioned, I came upon this board and there was a group of trustees, at that time Trustee Fuller, Trustee Alex, several other members who are not on the board here, we stated working together. One of my ideas was to help develop a plan to create an infrastructure turnover, as things get older and need to be replaced and repaired and we didn't have such a plan and I worked hard and I worked with the other trustees to make sure that we develop such a plan. This administration has taken as you can say "the bull by the horns". We hired our first full time engineer, someone that we don't contract out to, someone who works and thinks and cares for the village; whether we ask a question, he gives us a straight answer and not various options of what we can do, he doesn't think about what next contract he's going to get so he can do more jobs in the village. We continue to work on this goal and I think it's very important that we improve our infrastructure and this information that was left here on the desk as I entered, on some of our sewer systems that are approaching 60-years old and as I've been told some of these things, some of the sewers and the water main lines can last maybe up to 100-years, that's not a definite answer. Our engineer did a survey of our system and has told us that portions of our village are in very poor condition and disrepair that need attention. Flooding has gone on from the moment that I have moved into this village and I remember as a boy, a neighbor of mine with an inflatable pontoon raft

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and after a rainstorm we paddled down Wilson and Newcastle. We had a good time. I believe some the neighbors with their basements did not have such a good time.

Also, it was mentioned about Oriole and Arygle and once again I refer to the trustees who helped work on that project when I was informed what was going on. That project closed under the auspicious of the Sewer & Water Committee and the members of which were at that time Trustee Alex, Trustee Bilek and myself. We watched and we went over there, there were some plans and some ideas that were discussed that weren't thoroughly thought out and I can say as Trustee Jezierny mentioned that there was no flooding there. Trustee Alex made a very simple suggestion, as we have been told by our engineer that the labor costs are a great portion of any project and Trustee Alex made a suggestion of increasing the sewer size at a nominal cost of \$5,000 to the village, which I would hope and think helped alleviate some of the flooding problems. Once again, I trust that the people I work with on this board, the people who give us our advise, from the Police Department to the Public Works Department, are people who have their best intent on helping us, making sure that we get the information that we need; mistakes are made and we hope that the mistakes that we do make, we're able to fix and apologize for those mistakes and continue on.

I thank Trustee Schmidt for his notice of good faith as I try to reach out to people and make sure that I get as much information from the residents and try to represent them as best as I can.

Mayor Fuller: I do want to clear up a few things; first of all the minutes were pulled last time to either take out all the comments or put in all the comments, so I would suggest that they get pulled again for either manner for the Special Board meeting.

Also, Trustee Jezierny mentioned that she didn't get the background check information, well by ordinance, the background checks are not done until the candidate accepts the position, so we would not be doing those background checks before that time. And if she was at that meeting, which she was not, where we discussed these employment issues she would know that Patrick Ryan was out of town; he retired from his job, he was gone for a month and that's why it was delayed until he was back in town.

As far as the way the agenda was done, I didn't realize it last time but all of the hiring's were under appointments, part-time labor would not be an appointment, the appointments would only be department heads or inspectors and commissioners; so that is the correct tonight. And I still don't understand why Superintendent Schroeder interviewed people for the position if he didn't have money in the budget; that seems a little odd to me. I think we have to take a serious look at his position.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Schmidt: Not so much a committee report but just that I was able to go to a few things of the Youth Commission; one thing is my sons are in the Dodge Ball program, which just got over with and I was able to attend almost every game involving ages from seniors down to younger kids and it was tremendous. I'm personally again surprised that they had allowed Dodge Ball; I know some schools don't, they do it at Union Ridge and I know the kids had a great time. That program just ended.

The other thing that I was able to attend was the Youth Commission Dance last Friday; well I did mention what I felt about the dance at a previous board meeting. There were a lot of young people there and they seemed to enjoy themselves and I know the Youth Commission Chairman is setting up another dance, hopefully, at least if we can keep these kids involved in something other than hanging around corners it will be better for our village.

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H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Szlendak

1. To concur with the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Patrick Ryan as an Alternate Building Inspector, term ending April 30, 2007 at a salary of \$8,000.00 per year.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda items I 1- I 19 as amended:

Item I 3, I 6 & I 13 pulled by Trustee Szlendak

Item I 2 pulled by Trustee Mougolias

Item I 1 & I 10 pulled by Trustee Jezierny

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex on Consent Agenda items I 4-5, I 7-9, I 11-12, & I 14-19 as amended:

4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,601.85, payable to Ray Allen Manufacturing Co., Inc. for Police vehicle equipment to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Police.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,210.40, payable to Santucci's Lawn Service for sod replacement after tree stump removals to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Forestry.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,333.10 to Vandewalle & Associates for professional services to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund Administration, \$5,231.35 to be reimbursed by developers.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$11,459.00, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Assn. for the fourth quarter 2006 share payment to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund- Recreation.
9. To approve to enter into an agreement between the City of Chicago and the Village of Harwood Heights for sewer service and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
11. To authorize the Mayor to negotiate auditor's fees settlement with Miller Cooper not to exceed \$6,000.00 to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Legal.
12. To authorize membership in the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) for Public Works staff and an expense not to exceed \$1,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement, to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund -Water & Sewer.
14. To approve the attendance of Walter Sklarz, Steve Wyda, and Dorothy Ayres to attend the IL Fire and Police Commissioners Assn. Fall seminar to be held October 27th thru October 29, 2006 in St. Charles, IL., at \$300.00 per person. Reimbursement of expenses pursuant to Ordinance 99-07.

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15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,194.00**, payable to SEPS, Inc. for one year onsite support plan on our uninterrupted power system for water system. To be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Water & Sewer.
16. To approve the route for the Red Ribbon Week Community Walk October 22, 2006 from noon to 1:00pm as follows: Start at the Norridge Park District grounds walking north on Overhill to Lawrence. Cross at the intersection and continue north to Winona. Go east on Winona to Oketo, south on Oketo, crossing at the Lawrence intersection. West on Lawrence to Oriole, south on Oriole to Leland, west on Leland into the Park District.
17. Payment of current approved bills in the amount of **\$274,982.83** as they appear on check register **#41558** thru **#41641**.
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$136,531.79** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
19. One Special Assessment refund paid thru September 28, 2006 in the amount of **\$189.06**.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 4-5, I 7-9, I 11-12 & I 14-19 as amended resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Table by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda item I 1

1. To approve the minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting held Monday, August 28, 2006.

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

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda item I 2

2. To approve the minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held Thursday, September 14, 2006.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 2 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jeziorny, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Mougolias, Schmidt

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda item I 3

Motion to Table by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Schmidt on Consent Agenda item I 3

3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$10,173.36, payable to NABTECH for Police Department annual IT support agreement to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Police.

A roll call vote to Table Consent Agenda item I 3 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Jezierny, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS: Trustee Alex, Mougolias

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda item I 6

Motion to Table by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Jezierny on Consent Agenda item I 6

6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$9,900.00, payable to Colosimo's Construction for demolition of building at 7337 Lawrence Avenue to be expensed to the FY 06/07 Special Service Area Fund.

A roll call vote to Table Consent Agenda item I 6 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Jezierny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda item I 10

10. To retain Chapman & Cutler to serve as special counsel regarding refinancing of the 1998 bonds at a cost not to exceed \$3,250.00 to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Legal.

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

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda item I 13

Motion to Table for Executive Session by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Jezierny

13. To concur with the Mayor's recommendation to hire Frank Ruscitti as a part time temporary Laborer, for a six month period, for Public Works Department at an hourly rate of \$13.20 per hour.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

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L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt: Unfortunately being a resident before at other meetings I remember quite a few trustees saying they were missing material and everything, I don't know in fact in talking to them afterwards it sounds like they never got that information even after requesting it, but it sounds like some of that maybe happening again. Maybe we can make sure that everybody gets the information. I don't like hearing that somebody didn't get something; this just reminds me of the previous administration and it bothers me.

Mayor Fuller: I can tell you the confidential memorandum, I copied it myself and put it in everyone's bin; everyone's bin, I did it myself and it was marked confidential.

Trustee Schmidt: I guess I'm referring to the bids that Trustee Jezierny said she didn't receive. I know I got them, I don't know if everybody else has got them and I know other times Trustee Jezierny has said she hasn't received certain things. I believe it was more than once.

The other thing I want to ask is that when I was out at the last meeting, I talked to the Mayor; I talked to the other trustees about what went on at the meeting, to find so that all of this wouldn't have to be brought up necessarily here. I'm going to ask all of us to do the same thing, there's no reason for all of these people to hear this thing when we can be doing it, talking among ourselves and really maybe solving it before we come here. So, if you're missing a meeting I would suggest that you talk to me because sometimes the papers don't tell you everything. If you can talk to other trustees, how they felt the meeting went, what they discussed; to me it makes, and that's my own personal opinion, it makes it better and I found it more useful then coming to a meeting and saying well this and that and this and that, when in fact I didn't hear about it.

Mayor Fuller: Just make sure you keep in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Trustee Jezierny: Yes, I had missed that one committee meeting that they're talking about and I'll tell you I missed this one committee meeting and I have heard about it probably about five or six times now. First of all, no one criticizes anyone else if they're late or if they miss a meeting or if we have to hold up meetings because we don't have a quorum; so the fact is that I had announced at the last board meeting that I had listened to the entire meeting of everything that took place at that meeting and I have also listened to all of the executive sessions. I have checked with the Clerk to make sure that there was no documents distributed that I did not get. First of all, nothing was discussed in the way of documents, nothing was distributed in the way of documents and don't be saying that I am not aware of this meeting. I am aware of every contents and every discussion that took place at this meeting, so I hope we can put an end to this otherwise am I suppose to go criticizing people if they're not here, no.

The other thing is to do background checks, I think it's absolutely ridiculous to do a background check after somebody's hired. If you're going to hire somebody, then do a background check and then fire them, if it doesn't work out right?

Mayor Fuller: That's not what I said, it's not after they're hired, it's after they accept the position.

Trustee Jezierny: Well, either way I would like to know who we're dealing with especially that they're going house to house dealing with situations with building; same thing with Public Works, they're on the streets, they're at peoples homes with water meters, I would like a background check done before we make any appointment or any hiring. I think it's a safety check that we need to do.

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Mayor Fuller: And it has to be done legally.

Trustee Dobrzycki: I just wanted to make two quick comments, it was mentioned earlier and I believe there was discussion of honesty and I just wanted to comment on that. An act of honesty would include knowing that a mistake was being made and to correct that mistake. It's the same as finding a wallet or purse on the street and finding someone's name and address and phone number in there and taking the time and effort to return that wallet or purse.

Also, concerning the old Detectives Office, I would like to ask everyone, can everyone here say there's a continued or future use for the old Detectives Building and this isn't serving any purpose, it's still standing there.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss: (5ILCS 120/2) Sec.2 Open meetings. (c) 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Mougolias to enter into Executive Session, at 9:20pm.

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

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Jezierny, Mougolias, Schmidt, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Open Session called back to order at 10:05pm

Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda item I 13

14. To concur with the Mayor's recommendation to hire Frank Ruscitti as a part time temporary Laborer, for a six month period, for Public Works Department at an hourly rate of \$13.20 per hour.

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

A YES: Trustee Alex, Dobrzycki, Mougolias, Schmidt

NAYS: Trustee Jezierny

ABSTAIN: Trustee Szlendak

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex 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 28, 2006 at 10:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk