

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:35 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 Arlene Jezierny Demetrios Mougolias Roy Schmidt Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Mat Delort

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan K. White, 7429 W. Winona: I wrote this before the meeting that was held at 6:30pm; the meeting was regarding the audit fund and covered part of the Special Service Area costs including something that is on the agenda today. So first I'll read what I wrote and than make a comment afterwards. Trustee Dobrzycki has on more than one occasion, told us how he first attracted some Planning Associations to come before this Board of Trustees to give ideas about possible redevelopment for areas of our village and within the last two years the board has been involved in interviewing and finally selecting a Planner from Wisconsin to develop a new Comprehensive Plan. Developers have already started on several projects. One large project, however, was cancelled last fall, most likely because of the great decrease in the housing market, which has not yet started a good comeback. During the process of all these public hearings, we listened in great detail to Mr. Harrington's explanation of a new Special Service Area tax for residents on Lawrence Avenue. All during this process, it was emphasized that the SSA tax money would provide all of the newly planned infrastructure and streetscape for Lawrence Avenue. Tonight, however, comes the rude awakening of the reality of these plans. The village trustees are going to start supplementing the costs of these new, desirable developments they want for Lawrence Avenue.

Up until about a year and a half ago, the water department was completely separate from the general fund and the cost of sewer improvements was always charged to the general government fund alone; possibly as part of this great redevelopment plan the trustees changed the setup of these two main funds so that the sewer expenses will now be assessed to citizens as new surcharges and all expenses for sewer replacements would be taken out of this new sewer & water fund which was created and this won't mean a rise in taxes of course, it will just mean extra money in different fees. Of course, the fact that the water department had over 2 million dollars sitting in their cash account possibly helped in this decision-making. The two million dollars, by the way, accumulated over the years because residents were paying every year quite a bit more than the actual expenditures that were being paid out for the water department operations at the time.

On tonight's agenda is the first step the village board is taking in using our village residents' money to help finance what we were led to believe was going to be totally developers costs. For a year and a half we were told developers would finance Lawrence Avenue improvements. Why is this happening? Have these costs suddenly jumped higher then expected, are the estimated costs wrong? Is this only the beginning of skyrocketing expense on this project? I clearly remember the construction of this Village Hall and how some of our trustees continued and continued and still do continue to criticize for every dollar of increased cost in the renovation of this building. What will the final dollar amount be for the Lawrence Avenue project? Does anyone here have a current projection of cost? I myself totally object to this board taking our money out of the water department funds for the purpose of redeveloping Lawrence Avenue infrastructures. I believe citizens have a right to question this decision, especially since it has been quietly placed on the

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agenda. No big news release in our village newsletter or newspaper about the increased cost of the project or the fact that we citizens are now starting to pay for part of it. Perhaps our Mayor today could offer some explanation. And I said the meeting today starting to explain some of items of cost, but I notice on the agenda, number 11, we are paying the engineering firm \$16,000 out of the water & sewer fund for the Lawrence Avenue water main improvements.

I hope that some of my questions might be considered.

Jack Schuepfer, 7259 W. Lawrence Ave: I would like to get a copy of the Comprehensive Audit that was just announced at the Committee of the Whole without going through the FOI, but if not, I will go through the FOI. But I would like to know why the village or the SSA is going to pay for the electric for a builder, which for me is kind of impossible because I have a pole that is on my property and it was put in later. Why is the builder, doesn't he have to modify his building to fit what is there? It seems ridiculous that the village has to pay for moving telephone poles. The next thing that I would like to say, why is it possible for the sewer tax on our water bills, it going to be possible for them to collect almost three times the amount of money that it's possible to pay the Chicago sewer.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fuller

I will address a few items, first of all, if the audit report is approved tonight it will be placed on our website and anyone will be able to get any information; the entire audit report will be on the village website so there will be no Freedom of Information costs.

A question on motion 12 regarding the electric, that was always part of the SSA and the development agreement in the sale that we made to the property owner that we were going to pay for the electric and he was paying for all the public improvements that were part of the SSA along Lawrence Avenue and the side streets, so that was the exchange there.

I also want to make it clear that there was no reason given for the development project to be cancelled that was cancelled previously and it could possibly be because of the request to build single-family homes on an industrial site.

I also want to add that the 3 million dollars that was adopted for the SSA was never enough to do the complete project; it was the amount that we deemed was all that the property owners could support and we did not want to put the cost of the entire project on the property owners.

Did you notice our Bears banner on the front of the building? I asked public works to purchase a banner and display it and it was a job they were happy to do! Also exercising one of our goals of shopping in Harwood Heights, I personally purchased a Bears Championship shirt at Value City that I would like to raffle off tonight. Did everyone out there who wanted to enter, put in their name? Would Clerk Larson please pull one name out of the bag for the winner... Congratulations and Go Bears!

On Wednesday, January 17th I attended the DARE graduation at St. Eugene School as I was invited as a guest speaker by one the 5th graders, Eileen Kennedy and her teacher Miss Fanale. Like our own DARE program at Union Ridge, the children learn about the risks of drugs and alcohol and I congratulate them for completing the program and thank them for inviting me to speak.

On Saturday, January 20th I attended the Northwest Municipal Conference legislative breakfast. I am very pleased that we joined this organization, and I am the newest member to the legislative committee. Many state senators and representatives attended the breakfast and were given an opportunity to hear from us, the Mayors, about legislation that affects municipalities and the burdens some bills put on our towns. Among our legislative agenda we are asking legislators to define catastrophic injury in the public safety employee benefits act, currently there is a loophole that can be devastating to local budgets. Also we asked our state legislators to protect taxpayer interests from unnecessary pension liabilities. Also the NWMC legislative committee supports a statewide smoking ban, so that there is a level

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playing field for all the restaurants and businesses throughout the state. The Cook County ban will take affect beginning March 15th in Harwood Heights, unless some other action is taken by the county or the state. I thank the board for approving membership in the NWMC I think we will have a stronger voice in state decisions.

Chief Podosek attended Lieutenant Frank Biagi's graduation from Northwestern University, Center for Public Safety's ten week course at Staff and Command. We congratulate Lt. Biagi.

On the agenda, motion I 17 authorizes our membership in the Northwest Municipal Conference Area Police Recruitment and Testing Consortium. The program will save us money in testing for new officers. Currently the Police Department is operating shorthanded with 3 officers off on medical leave and the village exhausted the prior list of possible candidates. Until I was Mayor I did not know how often the police are called upon every day and every night for every aspect of citizen needs from lost dogs or cats, auto accidents, domestic abuse, burglaries, graffiti, scams and identity theft, and major and minor crimes. I thank our officers for all that they do and hopefully the board will approve membership and we can begin another process.

I'd like to ask Chief Podosek to talk a little about the Federal Seizure Account and the police accreditation process in motion I 3.

Chief Podosek: As you mentioned on the board agenda there's an item I 3, I am requesting the board to allow me to enter into a contractual agreement with the Law Enforcement Accreditation Consultants, Inc., they're out of Pembroke Pines, Florida; they were recommended by the CALEA board. We are in the process of going through our CALEA national accreditation process; we completed the first portion on General Orders, which took about 16 months. The second process was completed, by taking those General Orders and having them fit the standards of CALEA, which is approximately 405 standards. The consultants that I plan on hiring will take me through the next stage which is the most difficult, that's the on-site assessment of the facility and the mock assessments, which will give us the ability of 100% compliance. The consultants, since they've been doing this, have approximately 46 years of experience. They've never once in the time that they've been hired by police agencies for CALEA accreditation ever lost the process. The original contract that they offered me for the Police Department was \$20,000; I talked them down to \$14,500. Under the contract agreements we would pay \$7,250 for the first portion of the contract and they're guaranteeing me that by March of 2008 we'll be nationally recognized through CALEA and it will be quite an accomplishment for the Mayor and the Village Board to have this Police Department accredited through CALEA. I sat and listened to the audit and even the auditor stated what you can receive with your audit, well the same applies to the Police Department. There's approximately only about 4,000 agencies throughout the United States that have been able to get through CALEA and if it was easy everyone would do it. It takes approximately 36 months to complete this accreditation and we will complete it probably by March of 2008. The fund that I'm asking the money to be drawn from is a fund that we have under federal and state guidelines that allows us anytime there's a drug arrest those moneys' can be deposited in a separate account, federal as well as state; we follow state and federal guidelines. Right now presently in the account that I will be drawing the \$14,500, we have \$41,030. Over the course of many years in our drug seizures that's what we've accumulated, the other state account we have \$850. These moneys' can be used under strict guidelines for anything related to the Police Department and the betterment of the Police Department. I feel national accreditation for this agency as well as the village will reduce our risk and liability greatly by being accredited through CALEA, so I think it's well worth the expense of \$14,500 and the village residents do not occur any cost.

Mayor Fuller: Our engineer Paul May gave us some brief updates regarding issues on the agenda at the committee meeting. I do want to tell you about the problems we had getting Com Ed to provide us with estimates and get work going in Harwood Heights. The project where the old village hall stood should have began months ago, the hold up-Com Ed needed to move poles and electric lines so that the work could begin. The longer this work takes, the longer it will take the added revenue to reach village coffers. Finally, after the property owner and Paul May exhausted their efforts, I contacted as high up on the chain of command at Edison that I could, and fortunately, we have seen the results, they began this week. Paul May is now meeting with Com Ed on a weekly basis. The project needs to begin now so that it can be completed this year. Not everyone realizes all the work that goes on behind the scenes to get projects going and completed. Including the Library and Clock Tower projects, besides licensing and permits, our engineer, our building commissioner, and all the inspectors are out on the job sites at some point, public works makes sure the water lines and valves are being installed in the right place. It is a collaborative effort and I usually don't have to get involved unless there is a problem, I thank all the staff for their expertise.

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I am asking the board to concur with my recommendation to appoint Gwen Gialo as the License Commissioner, Gwen a 57 year resident, called me and said she is interested in staying involved in the community and she is knowledgeable regarding the duties.

Motion I 5 asks the board to approve an expenditure for 60th anniversary items. I am still putting together the activities and we will be charging a fee for the history walk on June 2nd and also be asking for sponsors to cover the cost of the T-shirts, so some of this money will be recovered. We are not planning a Block Party this year, as that also is a big cost, and there are so many summertime festivals in the area including Norridge Parks 4 day festival, instead we will be holding 60th anniversary activities throughout the year ending with a reception on November 4th. Parachute Marketing is still looking into better cost estimates and we will most likely be spending less than what the board would approve tonight.

And last motion I 6, is for a new computer for my office. Unfortunately the prior mayor did not use the computer as much as I do and I need some upgrades. I asked Larry Noller our IT manager and Nabtech to get me what I needed. I will pass out a price sheet for a comparable Dell Computer, which is \$450 more even with the government discount than the same computer Nabtech is giving me. Currently Nabtech is our vendor for computers and technology. I am happy with Nabtech's work and trust him and Larry Noller to get me the equipment that I need.

Finance
Trustee Alex

As we heard the Chief speak tonight about the Police Department working towards the certificate of CALEA toward excellence, we have tonight on the agenda item I 14, which is to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending April 30th, 2006. This is the first time ever that we will be putting together a Comprehensive Financial Annual Report which will put us in the top 3% of the governmental bodies in the State of Illinois as far as excellence in reporting our financial status. It's very, very critical that we do this, that we come up with a document as we did that basically says excellence or requires us to strive toward excellence in our financial reporting. You cannot get your finances under control until you have this document that tells us where we are. So, the first step is I urge the entire board to accept this Comprehensive Financial Report and then the next step would be to work on the budget process to get the village to the point where we can have not only our finances accurately reported but our finances in a trend that restore the integrity that we had prior to the last recession.

The other item that I did want to mention was I 13, where we talk about funding for a water line on Lawrence Avenue. The water fund in the past had excess funds not because we were charging more than the cost, the water fund had extra funds because they were not paying their cost; those costs were being paid out of the general fund. What we've been trying to do and it's consistent with this Comprehensive Annual Report is we need to match the revenue with expenses much better than the village has done in the past. We're doing that and I think I 13 also is a good start; we'll be billing back to the SSA a portion of the funds that we pay for the water project. The next step after we get this Annual Report done will be to move onto the budget, I'm hoping that we'll get going on it during the month of February.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Dobrzycki

The report of the Ordinance & License Committee, as the Mayor mentioned earlier, on tonight's agenda is Ordinance 07-03 to authorize the village's membership in the Northeast Municipal Conference Area Police Recruitment and Testing Consortium. I urge the board members to vote in the affirmative as our village shares many traits with the surrounding communities and membership will also help us to make recruitment easier and better for our Police Department.

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Public Works
Trustee Jezierny

Regarding the Public Works activities, there were a number of water main breaks that occurred which I will leave to the Water Department to discuss. There are a number of streetlights that are out, one at Lawrence and Oconto, the 4700 block of Oconto, 4800 block of Nagle and the 4500 block of Nagle; those have all been called in by the Public Works Department, they are all Commonwealth Edison poles and the request has been submitted.

On the agenda tonight item I 7, there is a request for an expenditure for \$1,770 to hallsigns for Public Works safety barricades. We had a number of bids that came in, this is a request that has been required of the Northwest Consortium that Public Works belongs to and it is highly recommended. Tom Schroeder, the Superintendent of Public Works is here and I would like to defer to him to explain the need for these barricades and the cost involved. **Tom Schroeder:** We sent some of our employees to a Traffic Safety and Work Zone Safety seminars with the Illinois Department of Transportation and when they came back they informed me that our barricades are not in compliance with the state regulations and work zone safety we looked into purchasing some barricades that would be safe, keep us safe and keep the traffic flowing when we have work zones out in the main streets. The smaller barricades are high intensity and we will be using them for main streets when we're doing water main breaks, the other ones are Type 1 barricades with engineer grade panels and they will be used to barricade work zones when we have to leave them overnight. These are the state recommendations and I suggest that we get them so nobody gets hurt or traffic accidents when we're doing work on the main streets. **Trustee Jezierny:** Thank you Tom, I was going to set this up for our next Committee of the Whole meeting but since you're here and gave us this information, perhaps if the board has any questions you can answer them. **Tom Schroeder:** Two of the streetlights have been fixed; the one at Nagle and Gunnison is still out and I'll report that one.

Trustee Jezierny: With the ice that has been out there, Public Works has been salting the streets and I'll ask again if any resident sees potholes to please call the Village Hall with the location, Public Works is our there patching.

I also want to indicate that I also attended the Northwest Community breakfast on January 20th with Mayor Fuller, basically this is a change in our Municipal Conference that we belonged to in the past years so it was benefiting for me to attend and meet with some of the new people representing some of the areas in the Northwest section. It was interesting to hear about the legislative process; although the two Conferences are similar it was important to go there to meet some of the new faces.

Public Health & Safety
Trustee Mougolias

Item I 3 on the agenda, to approve a contract with Law Enforcement Accreditation Consultants for a service cost of \$14,500. As the Chief said, this company that he's recommending has a 100% success rate with helping Police Departments pass all standards required for CALEA certification. We are well on the way to being CALEA certified and if we succeed in passing this certification it will not only prove that we have a top rate Police Department, it will most likely save us a lot of money on our liability insurance and everything else. The funds used to pay for this will not be taken out of the village funds; these funds were confiscated from criminals by the Police Department, which are to be used to improve the Police Department. They were not paid for by taxpayers, they were from criminals, drug dealers as the Chief mentioned. I recommend that we proceed and approve this item so the Chief can proceed with the CALEA certification to better our Police Department and the village by proving to everybody that we do have a top rate Police Department.

Motion I 17, as the Mayor said, being part of this Consortium will help us find more candidates and will actually be more cost effective than staging our own tests. I believe there has to be a test every two years. I believe it will be more cost effective and we will have a better selection of recruits. The past test that we had there were 40 applicants and 10 made it to the list and the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners exhausted the entire list. Now that we were looking to hire there, everyone either has taken a job or they did not meet all of the requirements needed so we are out of candidates. Joining this Consortium we might have a better chance; a bigger list of candidates to work with and we don't have to pay for the expense of staging our own tests. I believe we should approve this expenditure also.

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I also wanted to inform residents about a scam that has been taking place in the Chicago area surrounding Harwood Heights and last week we had one incident reported in Harwood Heights. The perpetrators usually come to the door acting as if they are with a utility company or a contractor working in the area and they try to gain access into your home. Usually they target the elderly, they'll try to gain access to your home by telling you they need to check a meter or check something in your house; while the one is distracting you the other one will be searching your house for valuables. We wanted to let the residents know to be careful and if someone does come to your door that you haven't called or solicited, please give the police a call and they can come and verify their identity to make sure that they are who they say they are. So, don't be afraid to give them a call.

Forestry/Recreation
Trustee Schmidt

Nothing to report on the Forestry; regarding the Recreation Committee, I was able to attend the WSSRA Golf Par Tee on January 13th. It was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, the way I golfed gave many people reasons to say "At least I did better than him". I believe the WSSRA was pleased with the attendance and hopefully it helped raise money for their programs.

Sewer & Water
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak

I would like to clarify item I 13; the original estimate just for the Lawrence portion of this project was well over \$600,000. What I'm talking about is the portion for the water main from Harlem westbound. The total cost is \$601,812.35 bid, but \$121,546.35 is for the portion from the pumping station to Harlem Avenue itself, it is not really part of Lawrence Avenue, it's supplying more water to that portion. Let's keep in mind we came in well under the estimate, I hope this continues, it's not very probable but let's hope this continues.

Clerk's Report
Clerk Larson

On your agenda tonight I just want to make sure that you have the right figures, on item I 19, payment of current approved bills in the amount of \$451,943.11 as they appear on check register # 42272 thru # 42352. Also, item I 20, Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$141,782.29 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. Those are the correct figures.

Attorney's Report

On your Consent Agenda, item I 2, this regards the Executive Sessions minutes; your board tends to not have many Executive Sessions, but it is necessary that you periodically review those minutes and decide which can be released. I had some discussion with the Mayor's office today and I believe we need to take a little further study on the list and I suggest that we pull this at this time and we'll resurrect it for the next meeting.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt: I just want to thank the Mayor and Lester too, for correcting some of the misunderstandings about the SSA/Lawrence street projects that were mentioned today.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Schmidt: Two items on the agenda are regarding expenses for the Youth Commission. One is for the purchase of tickets to the Wolves game on February 25th. If approved, the cost of the tickets will be \$15.00 and includes bus transportation to and from the game.

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H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Jezierny, seconded by Trustee Alex:

1. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Gwen Gialo as License Commissioner for term of February 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda item I 2 pulled by Mayor Fuller and Attorney Mat Delort

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex on Consent Agenda items I 1, & I 3-I 20:

Items I 1, I 3, I 11 and I 12 pulled by Trustee Jezierny

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Alex on Consent Agenda items I 4-10 & I 13-20:

4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,104.26 + shipping, payable to Rydin Decal for 2007 Vehicle stickers to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Administration.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,300.00, payable to Parachute Marketing Group, LLC for the purchase of 60th Anniversary items to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Administration.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,995.00, payable to NABTECH for new computer equipment to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Finance.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,771.00, payable to hallsigns for Public Works safety barricades to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Public Works.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,128.07, payable to Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd. for legal consulting fees to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Legal.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,381.75, payable to Top Line Sports, Inc. for apparel for Gymnastic & Hockey programs to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Recreation.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$620.00, payable to Scott Rein, Chairperson Youth Commission for reimbursement for purchase of 50 tickets @\$12.00 each for Wolves game on Sunday, February 25, 2007, plus \$20.00 for parking to be expensed to the FY 06/07 General Fund – Recreation.
13. To approve contract with Trine Construction for the Lawrence Avenue Watermain Replacement project. Alternate 1 in the amount of \$601,812.35 with \$480,266.00 to be expensed to the FY 06/07 and FY 07/08 Special Service Area Fund and \$121,546.35 to be expensed to the FY 06/07 and FY 07/08 Water and Sewer Fund and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.
14. To accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2006.

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15. To direct Public Works to remove handicapped parking sign at the address commonly known as **4550 North Newcastle Avenue** per resident request.
16. To approve the attendance of Supt. Tom Schroeder and Water Commissioner Dave Koch to the IL Section American Water Works annual meeting in Springfield, IL the week of March 12, 2007. Reimbursement of expenses pursuant to Ordinance 99-07.
17. To approve **Ordinance 07-03**, an Ordinance Authorizing Membership in the Northwest Municipal Conference Area Police Recruitment and Testing Consortium.
18. To approve Children's Benefit League of Chicago and Suburbs (tag days) on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, 2007.
19. Payment of current approved bills in the amount of **\$451,943.11** as they appear on check register **#42272** thru **#42352**.
20. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$141,782.29** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 4-10 & I 13-20 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda items I 1:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held, Thursday, January 11, 2007

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Jezierny

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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

3. To approve contract with Law Enforcement Accreditation Consultants, Inc. for a service cost of **\$14,500.00**, to be paid from Police Department Federal Seizure Account and to authorize Chief Martin Podosek to execute the agreement.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 3 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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Motion by Trustee Alex, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items I 11:

11. To approve contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for engineering services associated with the Lawrence Avenue Water Main Improvements in the amount of **\$16, 210.00** to be expensed to the FY 06/07 Water and Sewer Fund and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 11 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items I 12:

12. To approve contract with Commonwealth Edison for undergrounding of electrical lines adjacent to 7343 West Lawrence in the amount of **\$364,367.92** to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Special Service Area Fund and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Larson read a letter from Comcast regarding programming changes that will take effect March 21, 2007.

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt: I did call quite a few people at the village, namely Paul, Larry and the Mayor to clarify certain things on there. It helped me understand what is on the agenda, but, hopefully it helped them and if they didn't have an answer they said they would get back to me. I don't know if I can always do that; I know I tried the Mayor earlier but she was out, but eventually I did get a hold of her and it just seemed to help me understand what's on here or if not, at least present maybe further questions after some clarification. So, I do appreciate that you responded to my questions.

Mayor Fuller: I have to tell you Trustee Schmidt, I had a waiting line of two people while I was on the phone with you, I never did get to talk to Trustee Mougolias.

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O. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Alex, 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, January 25, 2007 at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk