

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:10 pm by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak

Also present: Chief Ricchio
Attorney David Silverman

D. AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski

- Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes of October 14, 2009

A roll call vote to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Szlendak

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

**Presentation by TransNational
-Credit Card Transactions**

- Representative was a no show. Presentation will be rescheduled for the December 2, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Finance Committee Review

- Trustee Szlendak gave a brief recap on the discussion that took place at the Finance Committee meeting that preceded the Committee of the Whole tonight.
- Some of the items discussed were raising the liquor license fees, the vehicle sticker fee and public storage fees.
- The tax levy was reviewed and Trustee Szlendak made a recommendation to stay at the same dollar amount as last year and recommended for a public hearing on December 10, 2009 at 7:00pm prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting at 7:30pm.
- To look at ways to increase revenues, Trustee Dobrzycki suggested that when a person rents/leases new space at the storage facility, that an inspection be done on the space, such as electrical or an overall inspection, and the village charge an inspection fee; the attorney will need to review the guidelines to protect the village's interests.
- Trustee Dobrzycki also suggested possibly adding an additional penalty fee on drivers stopped for a violation who don't have auto insurance; the Village Attorney concurred that another violation had to occur to issue a fine for no auto insurance.

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Liquor License request/s

- Mayor Jezierny stated that our current license is out of date and asked the Ordinance/License Committee Chair to review the village's current liquor license ordinance with the advice/consent of our Village Attorney; asked the committee to also look at the state liquor license laws/statutes to possibly incorporate those laws/statutes into our ordinance.
- Received a request for a liquor license from a new Bulgarian Restaurant that will be moving into the Zitella property on Lawrence Avenue.

Self Defense Seminar

- Trustee Gadzinski has been in connect with a number of retired police officers regarding a possible self-defense/safety seminar/workshop for our residents in the near future. He will do further research for possible dates and the cost of putting on this program and will present the program to the board for their approval.

Skores – Banner request

- Skores' is requesting permission to hang a banner in the front of their establishment to advertise that they now have "food delivery" service; they want the banner hung for 6-weeks. Our current ordinance indicates that flags and banner requests need to be approved by the board.
- The board consensus was to place the motion for approval on the November 11, 2009 board agenda.

Medical Expenses of Arrestees Ordinance

- Trustee Schuepfer briefly reviewed the draft ordinance prepared by the Village Attorney's and asked the trustees to review the ordinance in detail. This ordinance will be on the 11-12-09 agenda for board approval.

McDonald's 24-hour Operations

- Trustee Mougolias suggested that the board hold off on approving the 24-hour McDonald's until Mr. Mondo makes contact with Mitty's regarding the parking arrangement that Mr. Mondo expressed when he requested approval for the 24-hour operation.
- Board consensus was to hold off approval on both McDonald's.

Moratorium of M-1 and M-2 Uses

- The board agreed that the ordinance for the M-1 & M-2 Moratorium should be placed on the 11-12-09 board agenda for board approval.

WSSRA Update

- Trustee Gadzinski updated the board on the discussion that was presented at the WSSRA meeting that he attended regarding the WSSRA budget for 2010. The new budget reflected a 2% increase + a .005 per capita. He asked the board members to review the share packet that he distributed.
- The total increase for the village for next year is \$623 over last years share total amount which was \$59,434, so the new total is \$60,057. If we do an alternate share payment the amount will be higher.
- Discussion ensued regarding individuals that participate in WSSRA programs that do not have disabilities and why the municipalities have to cover these costs. Trustee Gadzinski will contact Sandy Gbur regarding these questions.
- Mayor Jezierny suggested a possible fundraiser to help supplement WSSRA's costs.

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Overweight Trucks

- Chief Ricchio updated the board on the progress of the Overweight Truck Enforcement. Officer Hancock issued 29 overweight tickets for the month of October 2009 which resulted in collecting \$12,129 in overweight bonds; to date he has collected \$35,082 in overweight bonds. Most of the fines were on the local ordinance, but \$10,000 is on cases that have yet to be adjudicated at the Rolling Meadows court on state statutes. Once the proposed amended overweight truck ordinance is passed, these cases can be written on our local ordinance.

Seminar – Treasurer

- The Village Treasurer, Joe Russo requested attendance at a Treasurer's Seminar. The cost is \$200-\$400 a course and Mayor Jezierny suggested waiting until we review the duties of the Treasurer and possibly for him to attend next year's seminar; these costs are not budgeted for this fiscal year.

Christmas Party

- The tentative date for the Village Christmas Party is Thursday, December 17th at the Ridgemoor Country Club. The Mayor is meeting with the director next week to negotiate the price.

Officer Appreciation Day

- Chief Ricchio is hosting an "Officer Appreciation Day" on Friday, November 13th at the Police Department and extended the invitation to the board members.

Sing-a-Long with the Clerk/Deputy Clerk

- Carrying on the tradition of our late Clerk, Dianne Larson, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will host a Holiday Sing-a-long on Friday, December 4th at 7:00pm in the village community center. Invited the Mayor and Trustees to join the festivities.

Health Fair

- Reminded the board that a Health Fair is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th in the community center. Representatives from Resurrection Hospital, the Senior Assistance Center, the WSSRA, Central Baptist Village, Curves will be present. Still waiting for other volunteer services to participate.

**7:45 pm. Presentation by Houseal-Lavigne
To Village Board, Planning, Zoning & Building Committees**

- Mr. John Houseal from Houseal-Lavigne, gave a presentation as to the timelines for the Land Use and Airport Compatibility Plan for the Village of Harwood Heights that was approved for the FAA Grant.
- Mr. Houseal involved the board members and the members from the Building, Zoning, Planning Commissions and Public Works who will be active participants throughout the whole process in an exercise dealing with the current needs of the village, such as infrastructure, flooding, vacant properties etc. and what the future growth potentials are for the village.
- Mr. Houseal will be conducting meetings with the residents to get further input and ideas.

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Additional Items Discussed

Public Works

- Superintendent Tom Wolfe has been conducting interviews for an additional Public Works laborer.
- Discussion ensued regarding leaves and snow removal. Many residents are placing leaves in the streets, which causes the drains to clog. A notice will be prepared and put on the website and cable reminding residents not to place leaves or snow in the streets.

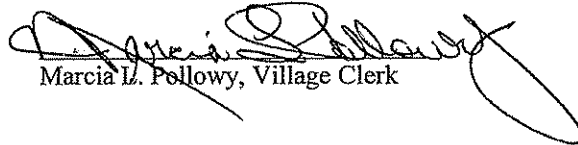
Public Comment

No Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor, the motion carried and the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk