

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER** at 7:02 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 (Absent) Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak (Absent)

Also present: Chief Ricchio

D. **AGENDA ITEMS**

**Presentation by Sandy Gbur, Director for the WSSRA**

- Sandy Gbur gave an update on the WSSRA activities for 2008 and reviewed some of the upcoming activities scheduled for next year. She thanked the village for the use of our Community Center for the weekly Tuesday morning Yoga classes for adults with physical disabilities and encouraged the board members to stop by.
- The Snapshot for 2008 included: 523 programs/events were offered. 1,043 individuals with disabilities participated in programs.
- Sandy Gbur reviewed the Fundraising Events that were held and the net profit from each event:
  1. Derby Gala, net profit - \$ 33,958.51
  2. Wacky Quacky net profit - \$ 5,936.51
  3. Fun in the Sun net profit - \$ 3,822.01 (Family Palace raised \$656 for this cause.)
  4. Golf Pat-Tee net profit - \$ 2,333.88
- Sandy Gbur thanked Mayor Jezierny for accepting to be on the steering community for next year's Derby Gala which will be held on May 1, 2010.
- The Village of Harwood Heights in 2008 had 37 individuals with disabilities participated in programs. 11 individuals without disabilities also participated. These 48 Village of Harwood Heights residents participated in 184 programs and events.

**Presentation - Visa Card Transactions**

- Chief Ricchio gave an overview of a proposed program that he and Lt. Maraviglia researched which would facilitate the village's self-adjudication process for accepting payments through a credit card company not only for paying fines and violations, but also could be beneficial for the village's administrative side.
- Mr. Scott from TransNational gave the board a background of the TransNational Company and how the process would work for the village's needs. Mr. Scott was not able to show the board the slide presentation that would show the steps and process of this program. Mr. Scott will reschedule his presentation for the November 4, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Mr. Scott talked about the cost of this program and the benefits his company has over using a regular credit card company.

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**Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Steiner**

- Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes of September 2, 2009

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

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Trustee Mougolias, Szlendak**                      **Motion Carried**

**Mayor's Updates**

- The Village Calendar is in the process of being prepared for 2010 – The Mayor will be looking for volunteers to distribute them at the end of the year. The Board will have their photo taken after the next board meeting on October 22, 2009.
- Reminder that this weekend is the Community P.R.I.D.E. Red Ribbon Walk, Sunday October 18, 2009 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm starting and ending at the Norridge Park District. The kickoff starts at 11:30am.
- At the November 4, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting, there will be a presentation from our FAA Planning Consultants, Houseal Lavigne. Also attending this meeting will be the Planning Commission and Zoning Commission members.
- An Executive Session will be called to discuss the accounting issues that have arisen.
- If any Board members have any issues to be discussed at the Committee of the Whole, please submit or email them to the Mayor or the Village Clerk.
- Mayor Jezierny provided the board with a copy of the Risk Management Minimum/Maximum Agreement and the proposed Ordinance that will be on the next board agenda for approval.

**Truck Ordinance Amendment**

- Trustee Schuepfer discussed the amended changes to the current ordinance with recommendations from the Village Attorney's and from Chief Ricchio.
- Chief Ricchio indicated that the amended changes were based on state statutes.

**Discussion – Video Poker**

- The board discussed the pros and cons relating to Video Poker and that it would not benefit the village. Chief Ricchio indicated that he's not in favor of allowing Video Poker because of the policing that would be involved and the problems that could arise.
- Each board member expressed their concerns relating to this matter; all being against allowing Video Poker. Some of the board members attended the Video Poker presentation that was presented at the IML Conference at the end of September and presented data that was handed out.

**ITW Graffiti**

- Chief Ricchio informed the board that he will be submitting a form to ITW to take advantage of the Cook County's Graffiti Removal System, which has no cost to the village or the property owner. The County needs ITW's permission and a waiver and the county will come in and remove the graffiti from the ITW building.
- Chief Ricchio has placed extra patrol around the building to prevent additional vandalism.
- ITW has boarded up the broken windows and installed additional lighting on the Anisle side of the building.
- Chief Ricchio will work with ITW to complete the required forms.
- Chief Ricchio is organizing the first "Gang Intelligence" meeting with the Police Departments from the surrounding communities; it is scheduled for next week, here in Harwood Heights.

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**Public Comment**

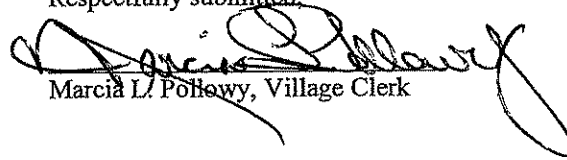
**Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford:** Reported that his neighbor's garage was spray painted with graffiti; didn't know if they had already reported it to the Police Department. Also, asked about the Fire Departments water billing issues.

Mayor Jezierny stated that she was waiting for the an answer; the Fire Board was meeting to discuss this matter.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Steiner 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, October 14, 2009 at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk