

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

A. **CALL TO ORDER** at 7:05 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 (Absent)
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. **AGENDA ITEMS**

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Steiner

- Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for January 6, 2010

On a voice vote, all being in favor, (Trustee Szlendak absent), the motion carried and the Minutes for the January 6, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.

Sidewalk Program

- Trustee Steiner reviewed a copy of all of the sidewalks that are on the sidewalk program prepared by Public Works. The village has a \$645,000 grant pending that will be available in the fall; there is also another additional \$100,000 grant available in the fall. Working with IDOT to see if the cost of engineering will be included as part of the grant.
- The list will be updated throughout the spring/summer with any additional "sidewalks" called in or earmarked by Public Works.

Skores Banner request

- Skores is requesting an extension on hanging a 24' X 4' delivery banner indefinitely.
- As a result of a discussion it was agreed to allow the extension to hang the banner for an additional six week period. The motion will be placed on the February 11, 2010 board agenda for board approval.

Business Licenses

- Current business licenses will be expiring on 4-30-10; any fee increases will have to be approved by the beginning of March when renewal letters go out.
- It was recommended to send this item to the Finance Committee for review and recommendations by the end of the month or at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

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Financial Policy Resolution

- This Resolution was suggested by the accountants to formally accept the goals and policies set by the village.
- Consensus was to include the adoption of this resolution on the February 11, 2010 board agenda for board approval.

Resolution for State of IL Federal Surplus Property program

- Chief Ricchio reviewed the letter, application and sample resolution for participation in a State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. All of the requirements to join this program have been completed except for the adoption of the Resolution.
- Allows the Village and the Police Department to purchase surplus equipment for free or at a minimal cost.
- Consensus of the board was to place the Resolution on the February 11, 2010 board agenda for board approval.

Airport Noise Committee

- Trustee Schuepfer researched this item and found that we already have an existing ordinance on this subject.
- The existing ordinance approved for the appointment of 7 members; 6 members and a chair. Mayor Jezierny will ask Trustee Szlendak for the names of individuals to be appointed to this committee.
- Trustee Szlendak will be appointed to act as board liaison for this committee.

Ordinance – Self-Storage Facility Accommodation Tax

- Attorney Rob Bush provided the board with background information regarding the proposed ordinance for the purpose of providing additional tax revenue to the village from Self-Storage Facilities.
- Mayor Jezierny, in the absence of Trustee Szlendak the Finance Chairman, suggested that this ordinance go to the Finance Committee for review. Trustee Dobrzycki stated that the late payment on this ordinance is only 1%, where other ordinances show a late payment rates at 1-1/2%.
- The building plans will be reviewed for the # of rental spaces to calculate the anticipated revenue that would be generated.

Presentation: RHS Mural Project

- Mr. Wayne Bush, a graduate of Ridgewood High School, presented a Unity Mosaic mural project that he is initiating to help commemorate Ridgewood High School's 50th Anniversary and to recognize the Harwood Heights/Norridge communities and their history. The mural will be located on the wall at the entrance of the school on Montrose Ave.
- Families, businesses, supporters and other community entities can purchase a tile that will be designed and fabricated, under the direction of an artist who designed the mural in the entrance foyer at the Eisenhower Public Library, by Ridgewood High School art students.
- By the end of February or the beginning of March, the first set of completed tiles will be ready to be mounted on the Unity Mosaic wall; this mural will be an ongoing work in progress for future generations to come.

Legislative Breakfast

- Reminder regarding the Legislative Breakfast hosted by the WCMC on Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 9:00am to 11:30pm at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont.
- Please let the Village Clerk know who will be attending so motion can be placed on the 2-11-10 board agenda for board approval.

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Accountant Interviews

- Mayor Jezierny is setting up appointments for individuals who have responded to the accountant position.
- Invited the Finance Committee members to participate if they wish to be included in the interviews.

Calendars

- Mayor provided board with list of areas where calendars have not been delivered to yet.

Vehicle Stickers

- The vehicle sticker design is being created by the 7th & 8th grade students from Union Ridge School; the theme is the "2010 Census."
- The trustees reviewed each art design; each trustee indicated their top 3 choices.
- The Clerk & Deputy Clerk will tally the results for the art design chosen for the vehicle sticker design.

Public Comment

Roy Schmidt: Asked if Public Works is concentrating on replacing commercial water meters? What, if anything, has been decided from the discussion regarding generating revenue from working with a towing service? Commented on the discussion regarding imposing a tax on the self storage facility.

Bill Heinzinger: Suggested opening up the middle unfinished section of the Village Hall as a garage for the police cars and the village bus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer to enter into Executive Session at 8:15pm; on a roll call vote, all in favor.

Motion to enter into Executive Session: pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings © 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. (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.

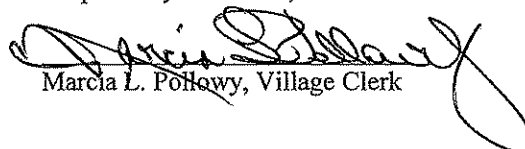
Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski to close Executive Session at 9:11pm; on a roll call vote, all in favor.

Return to open session at 9:14pm; Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias; all in favor.

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 Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 9:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk