

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Deputy Clerk	Mary O'Connor
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Rob Bush

MAYOR JEZIERNY STATED PRIOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT: If you are in attendance regarding parking on Sayre, please note that item I-2 on the agenda calls for a Public Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 22 at 7:00. So I ask that anyone wishing to make a comment pertaining to Sayre, please reserve your comments for the meeting on June 22nd. All those who wish to speak will be heard at that time.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Johnson, 6635 W. Norwood Ct, The Greens of Ridgemoor: Stated that on June 7th at 11:35pm, the Fire alarms at the above mentioned condominium went off. At 11:37pm a call was placed to 911. The Harwood Heights Police Department, responded in about 3 minutes but the Norwood Park Fire Department took almost 10 minutes to arrive. She was concerned about the length of time it took them to get to her building. Mayor Jezierny informed her that she would pass this information on to Chief Stenson of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Questioned Trustee Mougolias on what his opinion of harassment was? Attended the Committee of the Whole regarding the parking on Sayre Avenue; and remarked on a new ordinance that had already been written. Questioned why the residents did not receive letters regarding the meeting that would be affecting them. Also questioned why the meeting was put on the agenda and not just posted. Asked Attorney Bush how many Trustees does it mean when an Ordinance says "When a quorum of Trustees must be physically present"? Mr. Schmidt then passed out sealed envelopes to the Mayor, Clerk, and the Board.

Mayor Jezierny: I just want to make a correction, there was no new ordinance written. The ordinances passed out were already established ordinances.

Barb Szyalik, 4705 N. Sayre: Replied that none of the residents were notified of the meeting regarding Sayre Avenue; wondered if they could get a notice in the mail if something affects them directly. Stated that not everyone has the internet to see the posted meetings that will be held.

Lisa D'Ambrosio, 4724 N. Sayre: Concerned regarding the way the current process of changing the Ordinance about Sayre Avenue is being done. She cannot find this Ordinance on the website and questions why all other Ordinances can be found on the website.

Mary Almaguer, 7171 W Gunnison, Montclare Apartments: Filed a harassment report with the Harwood Heights Police Department at the end of last year. She was not happy with the follow through and handling of the Order of Protection given to her from the Harwood Heights Police Department that was filed through the Rolling Meadows Courts. Mayor Jezierny stated she would speak with the officers involved.

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E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Jezierny

On the agenda are appointments for members of the Special Events Committee. One of their topics would be to discuss the feasibility of holding a Village Picnic sometime during the month of August and to coordinate the dates with Union Ridge School and the costs. It is important to bring the community together and enjoy the camaraderie. They will also look at other events which would include Movies in the Park and other events of interest for this year and years to come. We welcome everyone's suggestions.

Mayor stated that next week interviews for the Chief of Police will be conducted by herself and members of the Police Committee; hoping to have a decision ready for the Board's advice and consent by the end of the month.

Tomorrow is the last day for Consultants to respond to the Request for Qualifications pertaining to the use of the FAA Grant. Thereafter, the entire Board will need to interview each of the 5 finalists. The \$320,000 grant along (with a Village match of \$80,000) is provided by the Federal Aviation Agency and will be put to use to coincide with the O'Hare Modernization Program and clearly establish our community's economic growth. She looks forward to moving this project forward so we can focus on bringing Revenue into our community.

On the agenda tonight is a Resolution and motion to approve the annual dues pertaining to joining the West Central Municipal Conference. Conferences such as these are extremely useful for elected officials. They inform us of actions taken by members in Springfield and Congress in Washington and represent municipalities by lobbying on behalf of our benefit. Mayor requests the support of the Board on this agenda item

A motion is also on the agenda that includes our participation at the Island in the City Festival held at the Norridge Park District – from July 9th – 12th. Harwood Heights would be the sponsor for Sunday, July 12th, so please stop by and visit with us. Most or all of this cost will be paid through the permit fees required to hold this event.

Announced that we received our 3rd check in the amount of \$10,000 from Parkway Bank for their donation to the Security Camera on Harlem; thanked Parkway for their contribution.

On Friday, June 5th, I attended the O'Hare Compatibility Noise Commission and although the projected Noise Contour for 2014 does not include sound-proofing beyond its projected mapping, many of the Mayors and I continue to speak out in pursuit of sound proofing or continued noise reduction for our residents. Instead of looking at a DNL (day-night) average, we would like to see the Noise levels at peak times as well as a Day only average.

As a reminder, regarding Red Speed, make certain that you stop behind the white bar before proceeding to make your right turn (especially at the intersection of Lawrence & Harlem). To date, there have been 920 tickets issued. (610 in May and 310 thus far in June). We are also continuing the feasibility of installing RedSpeed eastbound on Foster at Harlem.

Again, a Public Meeting is scheduled for June 22 for parking on Sayre. Our next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for July 1st.

Forestry & Green Initiatives
Trustee Dobrzycki

This is a committee that he is currently gathering information on. He will report back as he gathers more information.

Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

Contacted the Illinois Secretary of States office requesting that they set up a mobile driver's facility unit in Harwood Heights. This will allow our residents to renew their driver's license and state ID's and provide them with many other services. The mobile unit will be at the Village Hall on July 22nd during regular business hours. As the date draws nearer he will be supplying everyone with further information. He will be putting this information on the Village website and also in the local newspaper.

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**Public Works
Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner**

Public Works planted flowers in the planter boxes on Lawrence Avenue. The 5th broken fire hydrant has now been repaired. Water samples have been sent in for testing. Catch basins are being cleaned and hot patching will begin soon. Trustee Steiner asked residents to report potholes to the Village. The Harwood Heights Water Quality Report is published in today's Pioneer Press and that our drinking water is safe for all to consume.

Mayor Jezierny: Thanked Trustee Schuepfer and her brother John for the donation of a 200 gallon container that Public Works can put on the back of their truck for watering the plants on Lawrence Avenue.

**Public Health & Safety/Building
Trustee Mougolias**

Asked the board for support of motion I 4; the more training our officers have, the better everyone benefits. We are interviewing for a new Police Chief and hope to have it done by the end of the month. We still need to finish the Police negotiations with the Union. Looking at many things to make some changes in the parking tickets and other things connected to the Police Department. Reminded everyone about the Village wide garage sale that takes place on June 12, 13, & 14 and that big garbage pickup will take place the week of June 22nd on your regular garbage pick up day.

**Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer**

Stated that at the Committee of the Whole meeting last week, the Board discussed the potential change in parking for Sayre Ave.; reminded everyone that no new ordinance has been written. There is a meeting on June 22nd that will not only involve the residents on Sayre but also the residents in the surrounding areas. It was first brought to the current boards attention when residents in the other areas talked about how their quality of life was impacted based on the parking to their areas from Sayre. It was decided at the Committee of the Whole that all fees for Village services need to be reexamined. The Ordinance Committee is investigating new ways to promote greening of our backyards; one of these ways is to figure out a cost effective way in which individuals who wish to replace their concrete can do so to meet our Open Space Ordinance. Looks forwards to seeing the residents on June 22nd.

**Finance
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak**

Motion I 8 on the agenda is for a software expert to come in from St Louis to properly upgrade the Fundware Software that we currently use for our financial reporting and water billing system. Last week the Finance met to discuss the Police and Public Works budget; these departments are asking for more money than we can afford. Right now our revenue is stretched, transfer tax is down, and basically everything is on the table. We have to get as much revenue as we possibly can. Our residents do not have the money to pay for a tax increase so I do not foresee a tax increase in the plan. We will look at every other item. We discussed a moratorium on late water billing fines. We have about \$88,000.00 in overdue water bills. We discussed that in July, anybody who comes in and pays the water bill in full, will have the past due fines removed. On August 1st the late charges will be put back on the bills and we are going to be very aggressive in collecting these past due bills. We have to get the money in to pay our bills.

Clerk's Report

Received a letter from the Director of the Family Assistance Ministry at the Salvation Army; they are asking if we can collect school supplies and backpacks for children for the 2009-2010 school year. A box will be in the lobby along with fliers by the front door stating what is needed. We are hoping that our residents will be as generous as they have been at Christmas and Thanksgiving. We will be collecting these items through July 24th.

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Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Mougolias

Would like to propose the possibility of a moratorium for past due parking tickets as well as the late fees for water. Was not sure of the exact amount of fees that are outstanding but knows there are many.

Trustee Dobrzycki

Thanked Trustee Gadzinski about informing us about the mobile Drivers license Center from the Secretary of States office. Was wondering if there were any updates on the Recreation Committee?

Trustee Gadzinski

There are no new updates at this time on recreation. He will let everyone know of any updates when they are available.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

To approve the following Appointments to the Special Events Committee:
3-year terms: Don Hansen, Chairman; members Collette Scaletta, Becky O'Connor;
2-year terms: Dave Scimo, Melissa Christl, Patricia Renk;
1-year terms: Gail Radcliffe, Maria (Majka) Naselli

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Szlendak.

Motion to Table by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Szlendak

AYES: Trustee Dobrzycki, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS: Trustee Gadzinski

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 1 – I 19.

Trustee Dobrzycki pulled motion I and I 2 for a separate vote.

Trustee Szlendak pulled motion I 11 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 3 – I 10 & I 12 – I 19.

3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,250.00**, payable to North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. for membership dues from 7-1-09 to 7-1-10 for 25 officers at \$90.00 each, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 1105-00-7036 – Police.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,840.00**, payable to the University of Illinois for Basic Law Training, Police Spanish, Taser Training and Patrol Rifle Course Training for new recruit Ryan Swartzendruber, expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-05-00-5025 – Police.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,000.00**, payable to Illinois EPA for yearly NPDES storm permit, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 22-00-00-6019 – Water & Sewer.

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6. To adopt **Resolution 09-05**, a Resolution Petitioning the West Central Municipal Conference for Full Membership.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,000.00**, payable to the West Central Municipal Conference for the 2009-2010 Annual Membership Dues for participation, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-01-00-7027 – General Administration
8. To approve an emergency expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,500.00**, payable to WTI Systems for resolution of FundWare Accounting issues, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7035 – Finance.
9. Motion to approve permits and liquor license for the Norridge Park District’s “Island in the City” Festival scheduled for July 9th thru July 12th.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,500.00**, payable to Norridge Park District for Harwood Heights participation in the 2009 “Island in the City” Festival scheduled for July 9th thru July 12th, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-01-00-7040 – General Administration.
12. To approve Handicap Parking at the address commonly known as **4322 N. Oak Park Ave.** and to direct Public Works to erect the sign in a timely manner.
13. To approve Handicap Parking at the address commonly known as **6801 W. Montrose Ave.** and to direct Public Works to erect the sign in a timely manner.
14. To approve a **1-year extension ending 6-30-10** to Mr. Kawa for building a new home on the property commonly know as **4343 N. Newcastle** in the Village of Harwood Heights.
15. To approve a Block Party to be held on **Saturday, July 11, 2009** for the block commonly known as **4400 North New England** and to direct Public Works to clean the street, and also to provide barricades as well as orange cones for use that day.
16. To adopt **Ordinance 09-14**, an Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wages for Public Works in the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.
17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$139,339.46** as they appear on check register **#46500** thru **#46569**.
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$116,362.15** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
19. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$10,539.33** for the May 2009 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 3 -10, & I 12 - 19 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda item I 1:

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held May 28, 2009.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki to Table. No second to Table. Motion to Table failed due to a lack of a second.

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

AYES: Trustee Gadzinski, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda I 2:

2. To approve a 7:00 pm. Public Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009 at the Harwood Heights Village Hall to discuss the removal of the "No Parking" restriction for the 4700 block of Sayre.

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

AYES: Trustee Gadzinski, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Steiner, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 11:

Motion to Table Consent Agenda item I 11 by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski:

11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$18,300.68 for Invoice 224052 thru 4-30-09, payable to Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd: \$1,200.00 Retainer expensed to line item 11-02-00-7050, \$16,881.93 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051 Legal, \$218.75 expensed to line item 11-05-00-7031 Police Legal for FY 08/09 – Legal

A roll call vote to Table on Consent Agenda item I 11 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Pollowy announced that Plaza Bank at 7460 W. Irving, Norridge, will be holding a community shredding event on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 10am-12pm. Also, reminded everyone that Digital TV begins tomorrow, June 12th at 12:00pm and anyone with a digital converter box will have to rescan their TV's to receive the new digital channels. Comcast TV will be moving the Lifetime Movie Network HD channel from channel 29 to 229 beginning June 30th.

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

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N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski

The Senior Assistance Center is in need for drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels. Please call Arlene at the Senior Center if you can donate a few hours per week. 708-456-7979

Trustee Dobrzycki

Wondered when a meeting is posted is it not the Trustees that call the meeting? The meeting being held on Monday, June 22nd, 2009, is part of the Ordinance and License Committee of which he is a member. He was not informed or asked about that specific date before the meeting was posted.

Trustee Mougolias

The reason another meeting was called was to give residents a second chance to hear what their concerns are regarding the parking on Sayre. The first meeting went very well and would like to know why there is a problem with holding a second meeting?

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak 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 Arlene C. Jezierny on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polkow, Village Clerk
Prepared by Mary O'Connor, Deputy Clerk