

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Margaret P. Fuller

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Margaret P. Fuller
Clerk	Dianne H. Larson (Absent)
Deputy Clerk	Marcia Pollowy
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki (Absent due to family emergency) Michael Gadzinski (Absent) Arlene Jezierny Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Neal Smith

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - Upon recognition to speak by the village president or acting chairperson, the person shall rise and state his or her name and address. An individual may speak for himself or herself or as a representative of a community group. No person shall speak longer than three minutes unless specifically authorized to do so by a majority vote of the board of trustees. The three minute time limit will be measured by a person selected by the village board. Thirty (30) minutes of meeting time will be the maximum time allowed for public comment. This according to Village Code, Section 2.12.090, Section D.

Barbara Schwarzer, 7425 W. Carmen: Commented on the proposal on tonight's agenda to reduce the trustee's salary, stating that the position is a part-time position and if people are interested in village issues and want to be involved the salary reduction would not be a drawback.

Also commented on the stop sign that was installed at Montrose and Newcastle, stating that it has made crossing there safer for the children going to school and pedestrians crossing; it's helping but not all drivers are adhering to a complete stop.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Asked the board members to report on agenda issues and not exaggerate information by giving incorrect facts. Believes that it is alright to disagree but the board shouldn't have to do it by adding false facts.

Commented on Trustee Dobrzycki not receiving memos or correspondence from the legislative counsel and also stated that he FOI'd the clerk's office and was informed that the clerk's office only has copies of the attorney bills and no other correspondence.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fuller

- On behalf of the Village of Harwood Heights, thanked the Fire Department, the Harwood Heights Police Department and the Public Works department for their assistance during the flood of Sept. 13th. And that both the Chief and the Superintendent came in to oversee the emergency operations.

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- In order to keep our records updated, please make sure you give the village your information if you flooded, what type of flooding, sewer back up or storm water. I have not yet received information from FEMA that we have been declared a federal disaster area.
- There was an emergency expenditure to repair the pump #2 on the Oriole drainage system, but it has been recommended that the pump be replaced and the Superintendent of Public Works is in process of getting the pump replaced as soon as possible. Also pump # 1 was thoroughly checked.
- Superintendent Wolfe was able to have the Lawrence Avenue Contractor pour a little concrete for the water break repair they were doing on Wilson which saved the village money.
- Thanked Norridge for installing the Stop sign requested at the corner of Cullom and Sayre on the Norridge side of the street.
- PACE complimented our office staff for their professional reporting regarding the Bus Program. I thank the office staff for their work on the program.
- Met with the 5 students from Poland who won a book contest thru a program with the Eisenhower Library.
- The State Police audited the Police Drug Asset and Seizure Fund regarding recent transactions and there was no apparent criminal conduct within the Harwood Heights Police Department relating to the State Drug Asset and Seizure Fund. A copy of the letters will be placed in a file in the trustee's room, along with the latest bank reconciliations for the drug funds.
- As far as the amount due on the CALEA contract, it was the trustee's decision to end the program so they will need to contact the CALEA consultants if they feel they should not pay the final bill that was submitted.
- On Tuesday, September 16th, a home was burglarized; the resident a seventy year old woman had her home ransacked during the day; jewelry and other valuable items were taken from the home; so far the police have no available leads at this time and they canvassed the area talking to the neighbors on the block and no one saw anything suspicious. The Chief posted on our website to alert our residents and to remind them not to leave any windows unlocked if they leave the home.
- Mr. Tony Hilton Project Coordinator for Cook County Project Gold Shield asked Chief Podosek to attend a news conference on Monday, September 22nd at the Cook County Government Building because the Village of Harwood Heights is scheduled to be the first to receive the Project Gold Shield installation for the interoperable mobile video and data communications network in Phase III; 81 communities are involved in Phase III.
- The Harwood Heights Police Department will be participating in two (2) joint roadside safety checkpoints with the Chicago Police Department on Friday, October 25th, and Friday, November 1st, 2008; they will be working in conjunction with the Chicago Police Department checking for seat belt violations at Montrose and Narragansett; it will be taking place in the evening hours, when we have more information it will be updated.
- As O'Hare continues to reconfigure its runways and expand, grant money is being handed out to villages around the airport for possible improvements that could be made. Harwood Heights will be receiving the next grant that helps pay for planning and research of how a village can best coexist with a nearby airport, such as for adopting codes regarding the soundproofing for new buildings and other land use compatibility issues. Our federally funded grant will be for a maximum amount of \$320,000.
- Lawrence Ave. was paved this week and about 50% of the brick pavers have been installed. The contractor is now working on cutting out the pavement for the brick paver crosswalks.
- The landscaper is expected to begin planting in the next couple weeks.

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- Once Com Ed completes their work, Martam will complete the remainder of concrete work, planters and brick pavers that are currently obstructed. After the utility poles have been removed, Trittech will begin installing street lights.
- An update on the AT & T boxes, the building commissioner is awaiting an engineering design for an alternate location from the AT & T engineer which was coordinated with our Building Commissioner for moving the boxes on Newcastle and for the installation of a new one on Montrose/FPD area.

Information/Technology

Trustee Dobrzycki

No Report - Absent due to family emergency

Forestry/Recreation

Trustee Gadzinski

No Report – Absent

Public Works

Trustee Jezierny

- Reminded the board and those in attendance that Trustee Gadzinski would not be at tonight's board meeting because he was out of the country.
- Reported on the past storm that hit our community the weekend of September 12th that impacted our community with impassable roadways, flooded streets and flooded basements. Contacted Public Works at 4:00am to apprise them of the situation and they responded immediately to handle and monitor the affected areas.
- Some of the areas hit the hardest from the record rainfall were Oriole and Argyle, even though we have a 300,000 gallon detention holding tank, the area flooded twice during the two days of heavy rains, also some streets on the eastside that have continual flooding problems.
- Proposed that the village investigate and discuss the possibility of purchasing backup pumps to help residents who experience flooding with immediate assistance. The pumps would be available on a first come-first serve basis.
- Reported that three fire hydrants were tampered with and left open for one hour which caused the water tower levels to drop. The Superintendent of Public Works received a call signaling the low water level and the staff responded immediately and this incident is currently under investigation.
- Public Works is also assisting in reading the water meters in the absence of the water meter reader, and also continue to install new meters as time permits.
- Was informed today that ComEd hit the storm sewer at the northeast corner of Lawrence and Oketo and put a hole in it. This utility was previously Julie marked by Public Works. A representative from the engineering firm of Christopher Burke indicated that Public Works would have to do the repairs and the village would absorb the labor and parts cost; believes the engineer should resolve these costs with ComEd and the village should not be responsible for the cost.
- The position for the Public Works employee is posted on the village website.

Mayor Fuller: Commented that she has a volunteer to put together a group of volunteers to raise money to purchase pumps if we ever encounter another storm like the one over the September 12th weekend.

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Public Health & Safety
Trustee Mougolias

- Reported that the trustees had appropriated funds for a new officer for the Police Department. After the last board meeting the Fire & Police Board was advised to start the process of hiring a new officer. The Chairman of the Fire & Police Board, Mr. Steve Wyda, told me he sent out 10 letters to the first 10 people on the list.
- We share a list of potential recruits with a police consortium and a few individuals showed interest, but we won't know for a couple more days if any of them are available.
- The interested potential recruit would have to pass a background check and a polygraph test.
- If no recruit is selected from the first 10 letters, 10 more letters will be sent out for possible recruitment. The process will continue until a candidate is selected, so it could take time to find the right person.
- Reviewed the CALEA contract and stated that the consulting company promised to have the village recognized by the CALEA certification by March 2008; we should be certified and finished with the process. Believes that the company may be in default of the contract.

Mayor Fuller: Sent the CALEA settlement payment to the trustees for approval; indicated that we are not recognized by CALEA at this time. Trustees need to contact CALEA and discuss the contract procedures and remaining payment issue.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer

- Presented no formal report for the Ordinance & License Committee.
- Stated that the board did not reach a consensus on the reduction of the trustees salary which are motions I 5 & 6 on the consent agenda this evening for a vote by the board of trustees.
- The board did reach a consensus on leaving several village positions in the Village Code that are currently open for possible future hiring when funds are available.
- Also reviewed the CALEA contract and stated the same interpretation that Trustee Mougolias had presented in his report earlier.

Finance
Sewer & Water
Trustee Szlendak

- Reported that when he was distributing the Mayor's flyers regarding flooding issues, he spoke with the residents on the 4700 block of New England and the 4700 block of Newcastle, both streets continue to have flooding problems when we experience heavy rains. The Water & Sewer Committee will address these issues in the near future for possible solutions.
- Apologized to the Senior Assistance Center for not placing the motion for the village's contribution on tonight's agenda. The motion for approval will be placed on the October 9th meeting agenda.

Clerk's Report
Clerk Larson

No Report

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Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Jeziorny: Reported that a number of the board members will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference this weekend, September 26th through the 27th at the Chicago Hilton.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fuller pulled items I 3, I 5, I 6, I 10 & I 11 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda items: I 1-2, I 4, I 7-9 & I 12-14:

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held September 11, 28, 2008.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,000.00**, payable to the Major Case Assistance Team for the 2008-2009 MCAT Annual dues expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-05-00-7060 – Police.
4. Motion to hire the following returning coaches and 1 new coach at **\$15.00** per game, as referee, or scorekeeping that was done. The program starts Monday, October 6, 2008. Returning Coaches: 1. Joe Jacobsen; 2. Nick De Grazio; 3. Patrick Czerwiec and New Coach/referee/scorekeeper Sean Fagan pending back ground check.
7. To authorize transferring **\$4,000.00** from the line item 22-00-00-6016 - meters in the Water & Sewer Fund to line item 22-00-00-7075 - Flood Relief Grant within the Water & Sewer Fund. (To allow for 3 additional flood relief grants if and when applied for, approved and inspected).
8. To authorize the transfer of funds from the grant fund in the amount of **\$50,000.00** for the Library Grant received from DCEO on their behalf.
9. To approve Harwood Heights Police assistance for the 2008 Annual Community PRIDE National Red Ribbon Walk for Sunday, October 19, 2008 beginning at 11:15am pursuant to route submitted.
12. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$287,351.90** as they appear on check register **#45249** thru **#45323**.
13. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$138,589.38** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
14. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$10,422.80** for August IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-2, I 4, I 7-9 & I 12-14 resulted as follows:

A YES: Jeziorny, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski

Motion Carried

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ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer on Consent Agenda item I 3:

3. To approve an expenditure in the amount of **\$3,141.67**, payable to Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C. for invoice 12588 dated August 14 for the July, 2008 billing with \$2268.75 expensed to line item 11-05-00-7031 (Police-Legal) and \$872.92 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7057 (Legislative Counsel) FY 08/09.

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

A YES: Trustee Jezierny, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski

Motion Carried

No Motion on Consent Agenda item I 5; Motion Failed.

5. To Approve a Waiver of Review by the Ordinance and Legislative Committee pursuant to Section 2.12.220 of the Harwood Heights Village Code of **Ordinance 08-24**, an Ordinance Establishing the Salary of Village Trustees.

No Motion on Consent Agenda item I 6; Motion Failed.

6. To adopt Ordinance 08-24, an Ordinance Establishing the Salary of Village Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Jezierny on Consent Agenda item I 10:

10. Motion to reconsider **Ordinance No. 08-23** – An ordinance concerning the position of Public Works Superintendent.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 10 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Jezierny, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski

Motion Carried

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

11. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-23 – An ordinance concerning the position of Public Works Superintendent, notwithstanding the Mayor's veto.

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

A YES: Trustee Jezierny, Mougolias, Schuepfer, Szlendak

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki, Gadzinski

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

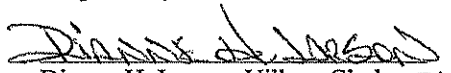
Trustee Schuepfer: Asked everyone in attendance tonight to keep the Village Clerk, Dianne Larson, in their thoughts and prayers.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Jezierny, 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 Margaret P. Fuller on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk