

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

MAYOR FULLER ()	CLERK LARSON ()	
	DEPUTY CLERK POLLOWY ()	
TRUSTEES: DOBRZYCKI ()	MOUGOLIAS ()	
GADZINSKI ()	SCHUEPFER ()	
JEZIERNY ()	SZLENDAK ()	
ATTORNEY _____ ()		

D. PUBLIC COMMENT 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; Village Code 2.12.090

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

MAYOR FULLER	MAYOR'S REPORT
TRUSTEE DOBRZYCKI	INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY
TRUSTEE GADZINSKI	FORESTRY/RECREATION
TRUSTEE JEZIERNY	PUBLIC WORKS
TRUSTEE MOUGOLIAS	PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
TRUSTEE SCHUEPFER	ORDINANCE/LICENSE
TRUSTEE SZLENDAK	FINANCE SEWER & WATER
CLERK LARSON	CLERK'S REPORT

ATTORNEY

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Grace Cherry as a Village Greeter.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 27, 2007
2. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held Thursday, October 11, 2007.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,157.46, payable to Miner Electronics Corp. for equipment for Police Department vehicles, line item 11-05-00-7058 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Police Dept.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$14,000.00, payable to Morton Salt for the purchase of salt for Winter Street Safety, line item 11-06-00-6006 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Public Works.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,194.00, payable to SEPS, Inc. for one year on site contract with battery coverage, line item 22-00-00-7042 – to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Sewer/Water Dept.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,249.75, payable to Colosimo's Construction, Inc. for concrete repairs, line item 22-00-00-7036 – to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer Dept.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,300.00, payable to Hendricksen Tree Service for tree removal, trimming and hanging branches, line item 11-04-00-7050 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Forestry.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$30,000.00, payable to Hendricksen Tree Service for the FY 07/08 5 year trimming program, line item 11-04-00-7053 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Forestry.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,114.58, payable to Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd, \$1,000.00 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7050, \$604.27 to line item 11-02-00-7051, \$2,483.75 to line item 11-02-00-7057 and \$3,026.50 to line item 11-05-00-7031 for FY 07/08 – Legal.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$188,634.32 (payment with 2% discount) for regular annual contribution payable to IMLRMA for 12/31/07 to 12/31/08.

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11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$44,025.21, payable to Trine Construction Corp. for the final payment on the Wilson/Pump Station Water Main Project, line item 22-00-00-9020 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer Fund.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,524.36, payable to Comcast for relocation of cable facilities at Lawrence and Oketo Avenues, line item 56-00-00-7004 SSA expensed to the FY 07/08 SSA and to be reimbursed by developer.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$12,450.50, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for Streetscape work, with \$553.78 to be reimbursed by engineer, line item 56-00-00-7002 expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$11,934.10, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for water main replacement/Harlem & Wilson Avenues, with \$108.10 to be reimbursed by engineer, line item 56-00-00-7009 expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,073.07, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for Phase 11 Water Tower Replacement, line item 56-00-00-7005 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,752.03, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for Lawrence Avenue Water Main Replacement, with \$558.53 to be reimbursed by engineer, line item 56-00-00-7005 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.
17. To authorize expenditure, not to exceed \$1,500.00, payable to Josephine Sampiere for the Flood Relief Grant line item 22-00-00-7075 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,500.00, for Flood Relief Grant application to 5044 North Odell Avenue, line item 22-00-00-7075 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer.
19. To authorize the Fire and Police Commission to test for Sergeants and Lieutenants for the eligibility promotional list.
20. To authorize the Mayor to execute the Benefit Program Application with Blue Cross/Blue Shield through 1/1/09.
21. To hire Barbara Schwarzer as part time crossing guard for afternoons at a salary of \$30.83 per afternoon worked.
22. To adopt Ordinance 07-22, An Ordinance Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Question of Increasing the Monthly Surcharge on Billed Subscribers of Network Connections Provided by Telecommunication Carriers to Fund an Emergency Telephone System to the Electors of the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois by Referendum at the General Election to be Held on the 2nd Day of November 2008.

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23. To adopt **Resolution 7-16**, a Resolution Requesting Funding for Lawrence Avenue by the North Central Council of Mayors.
24. To approve Misericordia Candy Days on Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26, 2008
25. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$265,049.05, as they appear on check register #43670 thru #43743.
26. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$142,947.54 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. OLD BUSINESS

L. CORRESPONDENCE

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

P. ADJOURN

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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
Deputy Clerk	Marcia Pollowy
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki Michael Gadzinski Arlene Jezierny Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lester Szlendak (Late 7:34)
Attorney	Paul Stephanides

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Mary Cappello, 7525 W. Lawrence Avenue: So far I haven't heard anything about this water pressure test that we're supposed to be having at this building; that was supposed to be due by September 23rd, so, I'm waiting. Anyway I'm really here about this letter that Suttleworth sent me, that I'm very offended. It's no secret that I've been calling him since July after the two times that he came to my house and wanted information about the previous commissioner that I didn't have for him but then he hasn't answered ever since, so I've been calling and I told you guys that I've been calling, so it's not a secret.

Anyway, "I have received multiple voice mails from you. The Village of Harwood Heights does not solicit for people to file complaints. The unnamed people that you say have water issues or other issues need to first notify the Condo Association in writing. If nothing is done and it is a building or life safety issue then they should also in writing send their concerns to the Village of Harwood Heights. You have stated in the past that you were on the Condo Association Board and you can prove that there has been work done without permits and by unlicensed businesses, yet you refuse to send the documents to us or your attorney; we cannot file charges without due cause. Please do not call my cell phone. Forward all your concerns in writing. Please be aware we have ticketed the association and they are moving forward to do a water test and from there the Plumbing Inspector will decide what needs to be done after the water tests results are submitted to the Village of Harwood Heights."

Every time I come here I'm really stressed out because I can't stand this village and I'm waiting to have this problem fixed so I can get the hell out of here. Anyway, he's insulting me; he gave me his cell phone number to call him when I need to and I told you guys that I've been trying to reach him. I'm sure someone must have notified him that I've been trying; he could have at least put one common courteous call in since he came to my house twice looking for information about the previous commissioner.

Anyway, about me telling him that everything's been done without permits and unlicensed businesses; he's the one who told me this building has never had permits in 30-years, that's the only way I would get the information from the Building Commissioner. He's the one that told me the previous commissioners worked in our building, who's not a

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licensed plumber that was allowed to do the work. He wants paperwork from my condo because I was on the board for one year; he's not going to get it from me! Let his attorney subpoena the paperwork showing that the commissioner worked on our building illegally. So, I think it got him scared because the last couple of messages I left him stated that Leonard Falcone and Jerry Rasmussen on the board were going to come in and talk to him because they're pissed off about him and give him some nice choice words. This is what I overheard them saying; and I left him that message. Well, low and behold a few days later I got this letter. He must have gotten enough were he couldn't refuse, he must have gotten scared so now he wants to put in writing, like I'm calling him all the time, right! It's not a secret, I tell people I call him and he is the commissioner. If he doesn't want that job anymore he can actually resign and isn't that not what he should be doing right now, since he hasn't called me back since July.

Is he praised for not calling me back? I don't appreciate that and this is very disrespectful and the next letter I want in writing from him is an apology that he has never called me back. That's all I want to say, we need to get new people in this village, they all suck. And as far as Natalie still being here, he's the one that wanted to fire her, why is she still there?

Mayor Fuller: I do want to make some comments here that as much as the Building Commissioner or I would like to return every single phone call we just can't possibly keep every resident updated on things that are going on in the village. As far as I know that permit was pulled for that and that is going through the Plumbing Inspector. The Plumbing Inspector is working with the condo unit and they started to correct what they need to correct before they can do the actual test. So that is as much as I know at this time.

Herman Wu, 4746 N. Odell: Once again I am asking the same questions? What are the board's plans for the old Village Hall property? The eye sore is getting worse. It has become a stopping place for semi-trucks everyday and now the concrete trucks are using it to clean their chutes. Something should be done. Cover the ground with grass to cut the dust down and keep it from being a drop off for excess debris. It would be nice to see some income "tax dollars" from this property. Maybe we should do a cost analysis on this like everything else.

I ask again, does any committee, mainly the Finance and Ordinance, keep minutes of their public meetings and submit them to the Village Clerk as required by the law? We do have a Village Clerk who is suppose to keep these minutes on file for the public to review; but, if she doesn't get them, who is in violation of the Law??? Does the Freedom of Information Act mean anything to this board? My FOI request of August 28th has not been fulfilled. Maybe the board would like to talk to the press or the courts to explain why no good answers are forth coming.

Rita Rogers, 7515 W. Winnemac: I was one of the people affected by the flood at the end of August and incurred massive damage of mud and water up to my waist. Attempts are being made to get my flood control fixed which was part of the problem. I had the line sewer rodded and telescoped and I have a copy of the video that they sent me and the cost is \$750, senior rate. They were at my house for four hours trying to dig out the line.

I would like to address the issue of the Sewer Ordinance that the village and the Sewer Inspector dogmatically states "it is my responsibility from my house to the middle of the street to the main sewer line. In Chicago and some suburbs the homeowners are only responsible for the sewer line to the edge of their property which is at the point of where the public sidewalk begins. They are not responsible for the public sidewalk, the parkway or the street; the village owns the public sidewalk, the parkway and the street, they also own the trees and the tree roots in the parkway. The telescoping like a colonoscopy shows blockage and a black space at the middle of the parkway between the two trees and it could not past beyond that point. If the line at that point is collapsed or blocked in any way, ergo the village has caused damage to" my property sewer line and I think that they should take some responsibility to help repair it.

If a village truck were to hit my car in the street, would they just shrug their shoulders and say "too bad" go and get the repairs done yourself? One of my friends works for the City of Chicago repairing sewers and I know from when I speak, and your Sewer Inspector needs to get some of his facts straight. I don't appreciate his attitude towards me. One of the people I consulted was told by Tom here at the village, that the property is well known and that my property is located in a flood zone. Yet when I purchased the property I was told by my insurance company, Allstate that I was not in need of any flood insurance because it was not in a flood zone.

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Joan White, 7429 W. Winona: The only comment that I was going to make, first of all, I think this is a nice way to communicate with the residents, its brief, to the point and it gets all the facts out. But on here there's a water and sewer bill item where it says if you're not at home and your meter is not read, you must call in your reading within 24-hours or you will be subject to fines. Is this fair to someone on vacation? Again, I realize no questions can be asked, I'll give a comment. I don't think it's fair to people who are not home everyday to call within 24-hours, if this is going to be the practice and is it in the form of an ordinance? This again, I guess I can't ask a question, but I hope it's in the ordinance if you're enforcing fines?

As far as Mr. Wu's comment, I had put in an FOI for copies of Committee of the Whole meetings or Finance Committee meetings from January '06 to April '07, none on file Herman, not only for yours, but they weren't on file the year before either, so possibly it's never really been practiced. Again, can't ask the question, just make a comment. There was only one set of minutes regarding the budget and I think I addressed that at the last meeting where the Chief did give his comments about his needs and they were ignored last year.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Fuller

I am very pleased to announce that our Village Attorneys were able to get us a refund check from the Cook County Treasurers office in the amount of \$18,306.25, refunding the property taxes for the final two and half months of 2002 for the property here at 7300 Wilson that was purchased October 18, 2002. Also, two of our Village Attorneys Paul Stephanides and also Ken Florey are instructors at the Land Use Law seminars taking place in December through the National Business Institute.

Tonight I would like to appoint Grace Cherry as a Village Greeter. Grace is a resident who has been helping Helen Schneider for a while now and it's time we give her the recognition as a volunteer who is not compensated for her work. These volunteers greet all the new residents with village tote bags loaded with information, the village calendar, and items from local businesses.

Motion I 23, Resolution No 07-16 is part of the process of applying for the grant that Lee Fell from Christopher Burke Engineering is assisting us with requesting additional funds for the Lawrence Avenue improvements. The Resolution will be forwarded to the Council of Mayors and I will follow up with the Mayors in the council.

The Lawrence Avenue Water Main project will be beginning next week, I was able to get approval from ITW for parking during construction. The MFT street work is moving along, Argyle between Oconto and Harlem is complete and Odell between Foster and Argyle is almost complete.

On October 18th, 5 employees of Public Works were trained on the Proper Use and Maintenance of Fire Hydrants, valves and drilling tapping machines for 5 ½ hours each and received Certificates. A fire hydrant that was hit in an accident last week that Public Works was not able to repair was removed and replaced with a new hydrant. A boil order was issued on part of the 7400 & 7500 blocks of Ainslie because of the water shut down. The Superintendent and the Water Commissioner attended the Illinois Rural Water Conference this week, and one of the things they did learn is that the village will soon need to get out information to all residential properties in the village regarding the back flow prevention. Currently we are addressing the back flow prevention with all the commercial properties.

Motion I 11, is for the final payment for the Wilson/Harlem/ to the pump station water main project. It went over budget during the construction observation phase of the project. All tickets and final waivers have now been received and reviewed by our engineer for the final payment to be made. This was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting.

I am withdrawing Motions I 13, 14, 15 and 16 as they are payments on contracts that were already approved and should not even be on the agenda.

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It appears that the Cook County Board passed their own red light camera enforcement ordinance last week. The Northwest Municipal Conference has a couple of Municipal Attorneys looking at the ordinance. It may be that we can challenge the county's authority to implement this within municipal jurisdiction. I will keep everyone updated.

Chief Podosek, and Lts. Biagi and Maraviglia attended a conference in Springfield for the Illinois Public Safety Telecommunications this week. The Community Service Officer will be distributing the flyers to all businesses, industries and apartment buildings, informing them again about taking precautionary measures when it comes to thefts from motor vehicles and asking for their assistance by posting the flyer so that their employees or tenants can be made aware of what steps have to be taken to prevent theft from vehicles. Also our Canine Officer Al Palacz received the bullet-proof vest for Selene from the Illinois Police Association; the Chief had submitted a grant application to the Illinois Police Association to become a recipient of their grant to pay for the full cost of the bullet-proof canine vest that costs approximately \$5,000.00 to manufacture; the Police Department was awarded the grant and Selene just received it this week. The Cub Scouts from St. Eugene's Church also donated money for Selene. In the next few weeks we will have a formal presentation with the Illinois Police Association with Canine Officer Al Palacz and Selene. Chief Podosek submitted a grant application for a \$20,000.00 grant for the purpose of purchasing a new police vehicle, the grant recipients can only use the awarded \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a new police vehicle, so I hope we get a positive response on that. The Chief also submitted a grant application to U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company 6 High Ridge Park Stamford CT for a Ranger All Purpose Terrain Vehicle (ATV) at a cost of \$15,000.00; this is the second time he has submitted a grant application for this vehicle; we should be hearing something by the end of this year if we will be awarded the vehicle for 2008. Our CALEA process is moving along very well our CALEA Consultants arrived to once again go through the third on-site assessment of the police personnel and department; they will be here for approximately four days with the intensive on-site assessment; the consultants are confident that we will be accredited through CALEA by June or July of 2008.

I gave the board ordinance information back in July on the model right of way ordinance to protect us from the cable and video competition laws. Turns out now the ICC has officially issued AT&T authorization to provide video service within the service footprint it identified in its application to the commission. If we do not take action within the next 45 days, AT&T will automatically have permits. I have asked the village attorney to proceed with the drafting of the necessary ordinance for our protection.

I'm happy to announce that 18 condos have sold this month so far, 16 from the Clock Tower and 2 other condos, and one single-family home, so the condo market is moving along.

Everyone is invited to the Village's 60th anniversary reception Open House on November 4th, 2007 from 2 to 4 p.m. Guest speakers will be former Mayor Ray Willas who was in office for ½ of these 60 years and also former Mayor Patrick Arbor.

I also wish everyone a Happy and safe Halloween; please check the Police Department Web site for safety precautions.

Information/Technology
Trustee Dobrzycki

A report of the Information & Technology Committee; this past weekend I attended the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference. I spoke with other elected officials, other trustees, councilmen, aldermen, spoke with them about various ideas on how they communicate with their residents and businesses. I'll be putting that information together and compiling a report for the next board meeting.

Forestry/Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

Report from the Forestry Committee; tonight there are two motions on the agenda dealing with Forestry. The first one is a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$30,000.00 payable to Hendricksen Tree Service for the 07/08 5-year Tree Trimming Program. This is a continuation of the 5-year tree trimming program. This amount has been appropriated in our budget.

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The second is an expenditure not to exceed \$3,300.00 payable also to Hendricksen Tree Service for tree removal, trimming and removal of hanging branches.

These are the services to fulfill the remainder of the requests that we had in the late summer season due to the various storms.

Superintendent Tom Schroeder and the Publics Works employees have also been busy trimming and maintaining trees that are feasible and in reach with equipment that we own. I encourage the board to pass this motion so that we do not prolong this service any longer.

Reporting from the Youth Committee; this last Saturday the Youth Committee held a Halloween Party right here at the Village Hall. I stopped by and it looked to me that everyone was having a great time. Spider webs and scary pictures of vampires and goblins were hung all over. Festive music and strange sounds filled the room. When I walked in, both kids and adults were dressed up in costumes and not recognizable, there was a large amount of participants, and it looked to be a very successful and a fun-filled night full of Halloween-autumn festivities.

Public Works
Trustee Jezierny

The Mayor gave some of the Public Works reports but I did have a few other items to add, so please bear with me on some of the repetition. Superintendent Tom Schroeder and Water Commission Dave Koch attended a seminar on Water pertaining to IEPA Regulation Updates, Reversed Osmosis, Cross Connection Control programs, Water Rates & Audits, Water Treatment Plant piping, Hydrant & Value Operation Maintenance, and also the introduction of the Illinois Mutual Aid program that would affect Water, Sewer and Public Works operations for Joint resources preparing for any disaster programs and all this was sponsored by the Illinois Rural Water Association.

The new census meters are continuing to be installed on the 7400 and 7500 blocks of Carmen and Winnemac.

A hydrant replacement was replaced as the Mayor said, at Ainsle & Olcott on the east corner, due to a previous accident that occurred at this intersection. Public Works already notified residents of a protective boil order on the 7400 & 7500 blocks of Ainslie. A release of this order generally takes place anywhere from 24-48 hours and the people on those blocks will be notified accordingly.

Public Works did hot patching on the 7200, 7300 & 7400 blocks of Wilson as well as the 7400 & 7500 blocks of Strong. They also did catch basin cleaning in those areas.

A collapsed value vault was also rebuilt on the southwest corner of Ronald & Gunnison that basically interfered with the pedestrian walkway.

Foreman Tom Wolf and Maurizio Lazazzera, while doing their JULIE locations in the area, noticed a gas pipe leak on the 4400 block of Sayre and immediately contacted Superintendant Tom Schroeder who coordinated the efforts of Nicor, the Police and Fire Departments. In the meantime they secured the area for safety of pedestrians, making sure people are away from the fumes.

There is a motion on tonight's agenda to approve a payment to Morton Salt for the salt required for this year's winter street safety preparations.

In reporting on some of the projects, the Odell and Argyle project is winding down and should be about 90% complete with the exception of any check lists items that need attention, which will be done the following week. However our Sidewalk program was quite disappointing. Unfortunately, one of our approved Engineering firms miscalculated the sidewalk dimensions and as a result 75% of those that were on the sidewalk list, will not have their walkways done this year. This is very disappointing and I do hope that the fees charged by the Engineer will be significantly reduced or if not eliminated altogether for this mistake.

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Public Health & Safety
Trustee Mougolias

Item I 19, to authorize the Fire and Police Commission to test for Sergeants and Lieutenants for the eligibility promotional list; I spoke to the Chair of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Mr. Steve Wyda and we are obligated under state statute to have a current list for the sergeants and lieutenants if we would be in a position to promote anybody. So I would recommend that the board does approve this. The list will be current for three years and this will be done in house, meaning that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will do the test, it won't be farmed out as our new applicant test was.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer

The Report for the Ordinance & License Committee includes item I 22 on the agenda. We met on October 22nd, one of our primary goals was to forward the motion to place on the November 2008 ballot a referendum to increase the 911 surcharge. Now, one of the reasons that this is absolutely important is that we began to charge residents a surcharge for land lines in 1993, the surcharge is \$1.25 per month. During that time since 1993 there's been a significant decrease in the number of land lines; as you probably know, more and more people have abandoned land lines and moved to wireless connections. At this point, when we examined the last audited budget which was 2005/2006 and we looked at the revenue collected on land lines and wireless service, we collected or income at that point was \$68,467. The cost of operating the 911 system was \$87,728; that means at that point for that year our income was only supporting 78% of the costs. The Chief did a very nice analysis of future projections of costs and so our recommendation is that on the November 2008 ballot we in fact have a question asked whether or not we increase the surcharge \$0.50 per month, so that the surcharge would be \$1.75. So I recommend that we vote "yes" to allow the public to voice their vote in terms of increasing that surcharge on the November 2008 ballot.

Other activities that took place at the Ordinance Committee meeting; we once again reviewed the ordinance on cell phone restriction while driving and what we propose to do, because we do think that the public needs to provide us input as to their concerns about driving while talking on cell phones. We are proposing that we have an open meeting, as always, with the Ordinance Committee on December 3rd at 7:00pm; so that residents who are concerned about driving while using cell phones, can in fact voice their opinions so that we can have additional information.

Other ordinances we were considering, at the request of Trustee Mougolias, we looked at parking on the west side of the 4700 block of Oketo. We in fact found that that looked to be appropriate especially providing relief when they're doing street sweeping because that's one of the streets in the village that the residents are not able to switch from one side to the other when there is street sweeping; so we're bringing that back to the Committee Meeting of the Whole. There are a number of items that we are referring to the Committee Meeting of the Whole at the next meeting, which I believe is the beginning of November and that is a Temporary Sign Ordinance, Unfunded Positions, and the Installation of Fire Sprinklers in New Homes or New Construction.

Finance
Sewer & Water
Trustee Szlendak

No Report

Clerk's Report
Clerk Larson

The West Cook Central Household Waste Collection was held last week Saturday at Triton College and there will be another one held in the Spring.

And here is a very important announcement; the Board Meeting which is scheduled on the calendar for Monday, November 19th has been changed to Thursday, November 29th at 7:30pm, regular time. This is due to Thanksgiving being on our fourth Thursday of the month.

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Attorney's Report

As I stated at the last meeting, I'll be attending the International Municipal League Conference next week and I look forward to reporting back to you on any legal developments across the country.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Szlendak: I also attended last weekend the Illinois Municipal League Conference. I spent a great deal of time talking to the Red Light Illinois Company. I also attended a get together and a group session with other towns that have Red Light cameras; they came up with a number of ideas where the cameras can be used besides finding the violators of not stopping at a red light. One item that they repeated over and over again is that the town has to have their Hearing Officer's at arm's length from the town itself. It's not against the law but if you have people that are associated with our town also being the Hearing Officer, it gives a perception that we're not enforcing the law but we're in it for the money. That is something that we need to examine and make sure the residents and the public that we will be out for their interests and not just to take their money away.

Trustee Gadzinski: I also attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference this last weekend. I learned many new things and enjoyed strolling around talking to other elected officials of other municipalities, and basically finding out the pros and cons of other municipalities and towns surrounding us and throughout the whole state of Illinois. Some interesting seminars I attended had to do with conducting village business, budgeting, and problems that may occur and may happen at a village board meeting. I really enjoyed the demonstrations and wide spread of information that was given out and it was good to see fellow trustees from this board also attending the conference.

Trustee Jezierny: I also attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference from Thursday through Saturday last week. As always, these conferences are very informative as you attend each seminar and visit with officials from various municipalities you always get a deluge of information. I will do what Trustee Szlendak said, I was also at that one seminar where they spoke about a Hearing Officer. Having a Hearing Officer and having a Village Prosecutor being the same person is generally not a good idea; they highly stressed not to do that and again as Trustee Szlendak said it is not prohibited but if each one of our residents or non-resident comes to a Hearing Officer and they want to appeal to a higher court, how can we have our Village Prosecutor represent them when they're supposed to be representing them in the hearing. So it's very much a conflict of interest in a judicial type of law.

I also attended a number of seminars on Budgeting: and basically the rule of thumb is this, the budget process is simple -- cut unnecessary spending!

As far as land use, preparing for future development, we have some properties that may be contaminated in our town and we need to do something about it in order for us to grow as a community. There are a number of EPA Brownsfield grants that are available and we should be PROACTIVE in applying for these grants now. We have to assess the need and provide assistance, where necessary, to properties owners to begin the clean up. The grants are out there and we are missing the boat if we don't take advantage of it! So I think this would help our future of Harwood Heights and the development to get on the right foot.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Appointment:

1. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Grace Cherry as a Village Greeter.

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A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 1- 12 & I 17 - 26:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 27, 2007
2. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held Thursday, October 11, 2007.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,157.46, payable to Miner Electronics Corp. for equipment for Police Department vehicles, line item 11-05-00-7058 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Police Dept.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$14,000.00, payable to Morton Salt for the purchase of salt for Winter Street Safety, line item 11-06-00-6006 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Public Works.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,194.00, payable to SEPS, Inc. for one year on site contract with battery coverage, line item 22-00-00-7042 – to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Sewer/Water Dept.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,249.75, payable to Colosimo's Construction, Inc. for concrete repairs, line item 22-00-00-7036 – to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer Dept.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,300.00, payable to Hendricksen Tree Service for tree removal, trimming and hanging branches, line item 11-04-00-7050 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Forestry.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$30,000.00, payable to Hendricksen Tree Service for the FY 07/08 5 year trimming program, line item 11-04-00-7053 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Forestry.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,114.58, payable to Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd, \$1,000.00 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7050, \$604.27 to line item 11-02-00-7051, \$2,483.75 to line item 11-02-00-7057 and \$3,026.50 to line item 11-05-00-7031 for FY 07/08 – Legal.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$188,634.32 (payment with 2% discount) for regular annual contribution payable to IMLRMA for 12/31/07 to 12/31/08.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$44,025.21, payable to Trine Construction Corp. for the final payment on the Wilson/Pump Station Water Main Project, line item 22-00-00-9020 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer Fund.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,524.36, payable to Comcast for relocation of cable facilities at Lawrence and Oketo Avenues, line item 56-00-00-7004 SSA expensed to the FY 07/08 SSA and to be reimbursed by developer.
17. To authorize expenditure, not to exceed \$1,500.00, payable to Josephine Sampiere for the Flood Relief Grant line item 22-00-00-7075 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,500.00, for Flood Relief Grant application to 5044 North Odell Avenue, line item 22-00-00-7075 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 Water/Sewer.

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19. To authorize the Fire and Police Commission to test for Sergeants and Lieutenants for the eligibility promotional list.
20. To authorize the Mayor to execute the Benefit Program Application with Blue Cross/Blue Shield through 1/1/09.
21. To hire Barbara Schwarzer as part time crossing guard for afternoons at a salary of \$30.83 per afternoon worked.
22. To adopt Ordinance 07-22, An Ordinance Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Question of Increasing the Monthly Surcharge on Billed Subscribers of Network Connections Provided by Telecommunication Carriers to Fund an Emergency Telephone System to the Electors of the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois by Referendum at the General Election to be Held on the 2nd Day of November 2008.
23. To adopt Resolution 7-16, a Resolution Requesting Funding for Lawrence Avenue by the North Central Council of Mayors.
24. To approve Misericordia Candy Days on Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26, 2008
25. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$265,049.05, as they appear on check register #43670 thru #43743.
26. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$142,947.54 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1- 12 & I 17 - 26 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motions Withdrawn by Mayor Fuller

13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$12,450.50, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for Streetscape work, with \$553.78 to be reimbursed by engineer, line item 56-00-00-7002 expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$11,934.10, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for water main replacement/Harlem & Wilson Avenues, with \$108.10 to be reimbursed by engineer, line item 56-00-00-7009 expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,073.07, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for Phase 11 Water Tower Replacement, line item 56-00-00-7005 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,752.03, payable to Christopher B. Burke, Engineering, Ltd. for Lawrence Avenue Water Main Replacement, with \$558.53 to be reimbursed by engineer, line item 56-00-00-7005 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – SSA.

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J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Larson: Read another letter from Carlo Cavallaro, Director of Government Affairs, for Comcast regarding more changes to the Comcast cable channels.

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Jezierny: Basically I'd just like to make a recommendation; we do have a hugh legal bill on I 9 which we approved, but if in the future especially since this is the end of the quarter if we could have more detail to determine what exactly took place. This is just totals.

Trustee Dobrzycki: I just wanted to wish everyone a Happy Halloween and also I know that we always have a good time here on Halloween in Harwood Heights. And also bring to your attention that October is Polish American Heritage Month, so I salute and congratulate those people of Polish descent; as well as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As you can see I'm wearing a pin here. Please take advantage of all the information that's available through our local health facilities, hospitals and so forth; it is a serious disease and the one important thing about it is the progress made over the years that if you start early and start soon, it is very curable. So I congratulate those who have survived and I wish everyone the best.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to enter into Executive Session at 8:10pm.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

A roll call vote to enter into Executive Session resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Executive Session adjourned at 9:08pm, on a voice vote, all being in favor.

Open Session reopened at 9:10pm.

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P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, 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, October 25, 2007 at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk