

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:30 pm by Mayor Arlene 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	Mark Heinle

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Donna Dobrzycki, 4648 N Sayre:** Owns a 2 flat and is unhappy about the garbage fee. Feels it is too much money. Thinks that 3 flats should not pay the same fee as a 2 flat. Thinks she will be paying \$500.00 over the year for water, sewer fees, and garbage. Thinks senior citizens should get a discount. **MAYOR JEZIERNY** commented that there is no senior discount for 2 or more unit buildings for water, sewer or garbage fees.

**Patricia Kozak, 4656 N Sayre:** Objects to garbage fees. Wants to know why a 2 flat is paying the same amount of money as a 3 flat. Is not objecting to paying a fee but doesn't understand why a building that has more garbage than hers is paying the same price. Wanted to know why she had to pay over \$200.00 for a new water meter and her neighbor had one put in for free. **Mayor Jezierny** asked her when she paid for her water meter.

**Rita Rogers, 7515 Winnemac:** Commended the Village on the excellent job of snow removal. She is having a problem with her neighbor to the east of her home. They have their sump pump draining into the center of their backyard. However when the freeze came, it wouldn't flow. Her brother thinks that they have hooked up their water from the basement to the pump. So whenever they are using water it comes out. It is coming into her yard and she feels it is very unsanitary. She feels it is a health issue. A couple weeks ago a plane came over her house that was so low the pilot had to lift the nose of the plane not to hit the tree. **Mayor Jezierny** commented that she will send the inspectors to look at her neighbor's house.

**Roy Schmidt, 4336 Rutherford:** Questioned item I 8 on the agenda. Wanted to know why we were asking for approval for \$120.00 when we didn't ask for approval on a trip to Washington D.C. and San Antonio Texas. Thanked Mayor Jezierny for going to Jan Schakowsky's office for the grant. Hoped that Trustee Szlendak was able to take the time to go to his company's office in San Antonio to meet the employees? At the last Committee of the Whole there was a discussion about increasing business licenses? Trustee Mougolias commented that we shouldn't do anything to their fees as we do not want to chase them out. He doesn't feel that tacking an increase on will chase them out of the Village.

**E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY**

**Mayor's Report**  
**Mayor Jezierny**

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With the recent snowfall and in preparing for any future snow storms reminded residents to following the snow ordinance and procedures as posted on each street. If you are not sure if the snow ban is in effect, please call 867-7605 – a recording will advise you if the snow ban is in effect. If you forget the number, you can always call the Police Department. This ban is to provide our residents with plowed and salted streets. Once streets are plowed and salted, Public Works will then focus on clearing alleys.

The “Local Jobs Now” program is taking off. Businesses and industry have already submitted their job openings for our local residents to apply. Visit our website at harwoodheights.org. Go to employment to view new job postings. These postings will also be in the Lobby by next week. Some postings require you to apply on-line. The Library can assist you with on-line applications and resumes.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the West Central Municipal Conference will be hosting a meeting with surrounding municipalities. This gives our local elected officials an opportunity to visit and hear from our state legislatures.

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Our Planning Consultants, Houseal-Lavigne will be commencing a meeting to include residents and businesses to participate in an open discussion regarding planning for our Village’s future. Notices will be posted on our website, cable, local paper, Village Hall lobby and at key areas throughout our Village. We welcome your attendance. At this point, I would like to ask our Chief of Police to give you a report on continuing safety measures for our town.

Chief Ricchio: We were able to obtain a technology grant from the government. While reviewing our street cameras he found that we have no cameras east of Harlem Ave. He is proposing to divert some of the technology grant to put some of the street cameras east of Harlem. Right now we are looking at putting a camera at Nagle and Gunnison, Montrose and Narragansett and Forest Preserve Drive and Oak Park. This is all preliminary and we are still working on a lot of things. Feels that we should get the maximum protection we can; phase one should cost the Village nothing.

**Forestry & Green Initiatives**

**Trustee Dobrzycki**

Spoke to Tom Wolfe and he told him that he will provide him information regarding trees and other forestry information within the Village. No report regarding green initiatives.

**Recreation**

**Trustee Gadzinski**

Asked for Boards approval on agenda items I 9 through I 15. The WSSRA will be joining the Chicago Fire wheelchair basketball team and the Cicero Fire Department basketball game fundraiser on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go toward the Midwest Wheelchair and Social Club.

**Public Works**

**Water & Sewer**

**Trustee Steiner**

Thanked the residents for moving their cars to allow Public Works to plow the streets properly and asked that residents not shovel their snow back into the street after the plows have come through. Was happy to hear the compliment from Patricia Kozak thanking Public Works for their hard work in snowplowing and will pass it on to Public Works.

**Public Health & Safety/Building**

**Trustee Mougolias**

Commented on motion I 3 saying that this is from the COPS grant and we are guaranteed this money. We have been awarded this money. **Chief Ricchio** confirmed this and said that we have already had a wire transfer from Washington into our General account. **Trustee Mougolias** thanked **Chief Ricchio** for his work. **Mayor Jezierny** commented that all grant money is being checked very closely.

**Ordinance/License**

**Trustee Schuepfer**

**No Report**

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**Finance**

**Information & Technology**

**Trustee Szlendak**

We are facing some challenging times in the coming year. Wants to start working on the appropriations for next year as soon as possible. Has contacted Joe Russo and asked him to give him his projections for revenue. He made a commitment that it would be ready in one week and then we will sit down and see how it looks. Thanked the Chief for helping us with the cash flow.

**Clerk's Report**

Advised the Board that the reason they received a revised agenda was because item I 1 said 2009 instead of 2010. No other changes to the agenda were made.

**Attorney's Report**

**No Report**

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Szlendak**

When any resident observes a noisy or low flying aircraft, please call 311 to report it; this incident will be investigated. Thanks the residents for their comments and welcomes them. Always vote yes if they ask for additional time. However, what is not fair is when somebody outright lies in their comments.

**Trustee Mougolias**

At the last Committee of the Whole meeting I never said not to raise the business license fees as was stated by a resident earlier; I did say we should look at the fees and think about how much we had to raise them. The Board wants to encourage business development in town. A way to do this is not by taxing them to death. If you keep trying to chase businesses out of this town, we will not have any sales tax revenue. All of the burden will be passed down to the residents then. The taxes will be astronomical. We want to try to find a happy medium.

**Trustee Dobrzycki**

311 is a toll free number that works in the City of Chicago with the 312 and 773 area codes; 311 does not work on the 708 area code. There is a separate 800 number to use. The service agreement for the garbage was entered into in September 2005. Initially when the contract was signed, the cost per unit (the garbage container itself) was \$12.12 and was signed with the knowledge that there would be a 4% increase each year on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There was also an additional charge of \$.54 for the blue unit recycling container and the yard collection was \$1.90. At that time the total cost was \$14.56. Currently it is now \$17.03 for all 3 pickups per month. If you have a single family home, your total cost for the year for the garbage service is \$195.48. The current cost for a 2 flat is \$34.06 per month. If you have a 3 flat the cost is \$51.09. The contract can be received by filing a FOIA or he will supply the resident with the copy that he has.

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**None**

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Mougolias**

1. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Colleen Timmers to the Zoning Board to replace Angelo Ladas for a term ending 4-30-11.

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A roll call vote on H 1 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda Items I 1 – I 23.  
Item I 1 pulled by Trustee Sz;endak for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzicki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda Items I 2 - I 23.

2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,118.00, payable to Thompson Elevator Inspection Service, Inc. for 26 semi-annual inspections expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-07-00-7024 – Building.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$42,733.88, payable to NABTECH for 29 new computers, monitors, software and UPS/Battery Backups for the Harwood Heights Police Department, expensed to line item 11-05-00-7039 – Computer Services & Supplies – Police. (\$42,733.88 will be reimbursed from the 09 COPS Grant when funds are received.)
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,681.25, payable to RGP Diversified Services, Inc. for accounting services for billing period of January 4, 2010 through January 13, 2010 as specified in the service agreement approved by the board at the September 24, 2009 Board meeting, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7032 – Finance.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,713.75, payable to RGP Diversified Services, Inc. for accounting services for billing period of January 18, 2010 through January 28, 2010 as specified in the service agreement approved by the board at the January 14, 2010 Board meeting, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7032 – Finance.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,535.00, payable to Harry I. Sakai, CPA for professional accounting services rendered for December 16, 2009 through December 30, 2009 expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7032 – Finance.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$10,297.64, payable to Ancel Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer for billing through December 31, 2009; \$5,759.42 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051- Legal; \$165.00 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051 – Legal, FAA; \$4,084.47 expensed to line item 11-05-00-7031 – Police Legal; \$288.75 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051 – Legal, Zoning - FY 09/10.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$120.00, payable to the West Central Municipal Conference for 3 participants at \$40 each at the “Legislative Breakfast” to be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Rosewood Restaurant expensed to line item 11-01-00-7025 – General Administration.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$360.00 for the purchase of t-shirts required for the 2010 soccer program. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 7036-Recreation.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$200.00, payable to Domino’s Pizza, for the purchase of pizza for the Hockey Awards party to be held on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 2010. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 7035-Recreation.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$450.00, payable to “Crown Trophy” for the purchase of trophies for the floor hockey awards party to be held on Feb. 26, 2010. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 7035-Recreation.

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12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$75.00 for the purchase of beverages from Sam's Club. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 7035-Recreation.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$300.00, payable to "World's Oldest Sports" for the purchase of tee-shirts required for the 2010 volleyball program starting on March 2, 2010. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 7034-Recreation.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$50.00, payable to "Vince's Italian Restaurant" for the purchase of pizzas for the Dodgeball awards party to be held at Union Ridge Elementary School. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 7041-Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$150.00, payable to "Crown Trophy" for the purchase of awards for the Dodgeball program awards party. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 7041-Recreation.
16. Motion to approve a "Banner Sign" for Skores Club for a 6-week period ending March 25, 2010.
17. To Adopt Resolution 10-04, A Resolution Regarding the Financial Policies for the Village of Harwood Heights, Illinois.
18. To approve and adopt Resolution 10-05, A Resolution for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.
19. Motion to approve the application for participation in the Federal Assistance Program from the Illinois State Agency for Federal Surplus Property and to authorize the Mayor to sign the application as the Village representative.
20. To Adopt Resolution 10-06, A Resolution to Authorize the Engagement in an Intra-Jurisdictional Interoperable Communication System Known as the NET15.
21. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$134,834.62 as they appear on check register #47589 thru #47644. (Check 47590 – Voided. Sent to setup Credit Card Company). (Checks 47591 through 47601 Reissue of payroll checks that were lost in the mail.)
22. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$121,910.70 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
23. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$13,535.19 for January 2010 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 2 – 23 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 Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 1**

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held January 28, 2010

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Szlendak

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Mougolias

In speaking with some of the parents involved in the Youth Commission Activities, he found that a lot of them don't have any way for their children to get to the library. They had an idea that maybe we could use the Senior Bus to have the children at Union Ridge picked up and brought to the Library after school. It would then be the parents responsibility to pick them up from the Library. The other schools are within walking distance of the library. We could even charge a fee to compensate for the gas. It would be nice to help keep the kids off the streets.

Mayor Jezierny stated we need to check the age limits allowed on the bus and if Pace and the grant allow for that.

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski

Wanted to wish everyone a wonderful and warm weekend. Happy Valentine's Day!

Trustee Mougolias

Wanted to add to Trustee Dobrzycki's comments on the garbage fees and stated that Trustee Dobrzycki did not include the cost for the big garbage day's collections. Those cost the Village between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 per year depending on how many we do. We also have a fuel surcharge that we pay when diesel fuel is around \$4.00 and we did pay it for a few months last year. Mayor Jezierny stated that Trustee Mougolias is looking into the contract that is up this year.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. 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 Arlene C. Jezierny, on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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