

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 (arrived 7:35 pm) Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak (arrived 7:32 pm)
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Magnelli: 4735 N Oketo; Would like to have the Village change all the water meters within the Village as he feels we are not getting accurate readings therefore not receiving the proper payments. Suggested that the Village split the difference to cover the costs of the upgrades.

Roy Schmidt: 4336 N Rutherford; Wanted to know what is taking so long at looking at the license fees for the businesses? Wanted to know when the Finance committee was going to meet to discuss the increase in fees for business licenses? Does not feel that businesses will leave the Village because of an increase in the license fee.

Petar Kotur: 4744 N. Sayre; Did an apartment conversion to condominiums and is requesting that Ordinance 06-33 be changed allowing new owners to rent the condominium if they would like to.

Peter Maddelini: 7541 Strong; Wanted to compliment Public Works on the beautiful job they did during both snowstorms.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

On February 20th, I, along with the Village Clerk Pollowy and the Police Chief Ricchio attended the West Central Municipal Conference. We met with a number of state legislators and obtained an overview of the number of proposed bills supported by the Conference. Legislators spoke to the attendees and each is concerned about the state's budget and they were receptive to the concerns of local governments.

On Tuesday, February 23, I attended a meeting at Triton College along with a number of local Mayors with concerns about students not meeting minimum requirements in reading, writing and math. They have been collecting data and working at action plans to work with K-12 classes.

Mary, our accounting consultant and I have begun the interview process for the accountant's position. We will present the finalists to the Board upon completion. Although there is still much to do, I want to thank Mary Reibel and Harry Sakai, our accounting consultants for their expertise and diligent work on sorting through our finances and working with our auditing firm. We have made great progress in reporting, reconciliation of accounts and implementing procedures for staff. In addition, Trustee Szlendak and I met with our auditors this past week. I will refer to Trustee Szlendak to fill you in during his finance committee report.

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I would like to remind our residents that on March 18th – 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. We welcome your attendance.

For those seeking employment, please visit our lobby bulletin board or our website at harwoodheights.org to view new local job postings.

Forestry & Green Initiatives
Trustee Dobrzycki

No Report

Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

The youth commission ended another successful season to the dodgeball and floor hockey programs; an awards party was held at Union Ridge Elementary School this past Tuesday and tomorrow there will be the awards ceremony/party held for all Floor hockey program participants here at the Village hall @ 6:30pm The Harwood Heights Youth Commission is planning to have an Easter Party tentatively scheduled for Sunday March 21, from 1-3pm; I will present more detailed information to the Board at our next Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday March 4th. Volleyball is starting next Tuesday, March 2, and as of right now there are 50 kids registered for the program.

Sandy Gbur, the Director of the WSSRA is scheduled to attend our COW meeting next month. She will be answering a number of questions that the Board has prepared for her regarding special Rec.

The Town of Cicero is hosting its 3rd annual special recreation wheelchair Basketball game on March 11, 2010 @ Cicero Community Center. The WSSRA will be teamed up along with the Chicago Fire Basketball team to play a competitive game vs. the Cicero Fire Dept. There is a flier with additional information posted on our website.

I am working on the Harwood Heights 2nd Annual Health Fair that I will be hosting in November; I've contacted a number of Healthcare providers in regards to having free blood pressure and glucose/diabetic tests to be provided for our residents here at the village hall in the upcoming months. I will keep everyone posted and present more information regarding dates and times in our future meetings.

Public Works
Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner

Thanked Public Works for the great job they have done with clearing our streets; will pass on the compliment from Pete Maddelini. Asked residents to please continue to follow the snow removal parking rules and asked that residents please report potholes they may see to Public Works.

Public Health & Safety/Building
Trustee Mougolias

Agenda item I 9 will be paid for by a grant from Jan Schakowsky. These are the in car cameras for the police department. The funds for these have already been received. Item I 16 is an Ordinance to increase the vehicle impound fee from \$500.00 to \$600.00. He asked the Boards approval for both these agenda items.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer

Asked for Boards approval on Agenda item I 16.

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Finance

Information & Technology

Trustee Szlendak

Met with the auditors and reported that the audit for 2008 has been completed and that it was challenging. It will be presented at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on March 4th. Thanked Mary Reibel and Harry Sakai for their help in getting the information ready for the 2009 audit. He foresees it coming within the next 2 or 3 months. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Clerk's Report

Within the next couple weeks everyone will be receiving their 2010 census forms. The census form only has 10 questions and we ask that you please fill them out and return them. The count is important as that will determine how much money the Village will receive. The library will be having assistance from the census bureau to help anyone who needs help filling them out.

Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dobrzycki

Asked the Mayor if there were any specific schools identified at the Triton meeting and were there any members of the local school districts in attendance to address issues.

Mayor Jezierny said it was just to inform the Mayors of local communities and did not get into specifics about what schools they were referring to.

Trustee Dobrzycki said he is an administrator of a local legal clinic. He said that starting in November the number of people coming to the clinic regarding foreclosures starting increasing. Last week 25 out of 50 people attending the clinic for help was regarding a foreclosures. Each month since November has steadily increased. It seems as though this year may be worse than last year. Urges extreme caution to the board that they consider all this when putting together the budget for next year.

Trustee Schuepfer

Approximately 80% of the students entering college are deficient in math. They require 1 or 2 classes that have to be taken in order to get them to a college level math class. She thinks that K-12 is in bad shape. Governor has proposed a 2 billion dollar cut. 900 million dollars of that is directed to K-12. This cut is going to be implemented for the 2011 budget. 400million is another set of cuts for colleges. Another 400 million is also focused on eliminating health services in the state. You might want to consider contacting your local representative and ask them to look at house bill 174. This might be one of the ways we can get out of this serious situation we are in.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

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I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda Items I 1 – I 18.

Item I 7 pulled by Trustee Dobrzycki for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda Items I 1 - I 6 & I 8 – I 18.

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held February 11, 2010.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,927.44, payable to Morton Salt for 3rd load of salt expensed to FY 09/10 line item 44-00-00-8034 – Motor Fuel Tax.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,950.00, payable to H.D. Water Works for supply of sleeves and copper wiring for water breaks expensed to FY 09/10 line item 22-00-00-6014 – Water & Sewer.
4. To approve the attendance of George Assimakopoulos, Public Works employee and Dave Koch, Water Commissioner at \$190.00 each to the Illinois Section American Water Works Annual Conference March 16 –18, 2010 in Springfield, IL., reimbursement of expenses pursuant to Ordinance 99-07, to be expensed to FY 09/10 line item 22-00-00-7025 – Water Department.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$470.00, payable to State Surplus Property Revolving Fund – Federal Account, for purchase of surplus office furniture expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-9002 (\$80.00) – Police & 22-00-00-6000 (\$390.00) – Water & Sewer.
6. Motion to authorize an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to advertise for a Part Time Records Clerk for the Police Department.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,727.69, payable to ADT Security Services Inc. for the quarterly security system billing 3-1-10 to 5-31-10 for the Police Department expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-9008 – Police.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$29,910.00, payable to Digital-Ally for 6 cameras expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-9002 – Police. (Expense to be reimbursed from money received from grant that has already been credited to the General Fund).
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$786.00, payable to the Illinois Municipal League for membership dues beginning 3-1-2010 and ending 2-28-2011 to be expensed to line item 11-01-00-7027 – Dues - Municipal Organizations.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,269.78 plus shipping, payable to Rydin Decal for the 2010/2011 annual vehicle stickers to be expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7030 – License & Decals.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,210.00, payable to RGP Diversified Services, Inc. for accounting services for billing period of February 1, 2010 through February 12, 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.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,625.00, payable to Harry I. Sakai, CPA for professional accounting services rendered for January 01, 2010 through January 15, 2010 expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7032 – Finance.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,625.00, payable to Harry I. Sakai, CPA for professional accounting services rendered for January 16, 2010 through January 31, 2010 expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7032 – Finance.

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15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$17,887.38**, payable to Ancel Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer for billing through January 31, 2010; \$12,318.03 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051- Legal; \$742.50 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051 – Legal, FAA; \$4,001.85 expensed to line item 11-05-00-7031 – Police Legal; \$825.00 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051 – Legal, Zoning - FY 09/10.
16. To Adopt **Ordinance 10-08**, An Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Village Code 10.72 Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles to increase the bond, penalty and fee associated with vehicle impoundment.
17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$228,653.46** as they appear on check register **#47646** thru **#47709**. (# 47645 - \$134.02 Payroll check)
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$195,633.57** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 6 & I 8 - 18 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 Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda item I 7.

7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,000.00**, payable to Lt. Frank Biagi for buyout on health insurance cost expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-7015 – Police, Health Insurance.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 7 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Dobrzycki

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

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M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dobrzycki

Stated that he is for saving money but the issue of dropping out of health insurance is not something that he can support. That is why he abstained on his vote for Consent Agenda item I 7.

Trustee Szlendak

Stated that Lt. Biagi is not dropping his insurance. He has coverage from his wife. This is one of the conditions for him to opt out of our program.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:11pm by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Steiner.

A roll call vote to enter into Executive Session at 8:11pm resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:40pm resulted as follows:

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Mougolias

Clerk Pollowy called the role and all present.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Mougolias 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 25, 2010 at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk
Prepared by Mary Q'Connor, Deputy Clerk