

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009**

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Slanomir Noga, 4929 N Oriole: His basement flooded on Friday, June 19th. Was wondering if the pumps are being serviced and the sewers being cleaned. Hoping there is enough money to fix the flooding problems since so much money was spent on Lawrence Avenue. Requested 3 times for Public Works to trim his tree. Also has a sidewalk problem in front of this home.

Matina Verduco, 7171 W Gunnison: Was at meeting representing some elderly residents that live in her building. Would like to know if the stop light on Harlem and Lawrence could be adjusted to allow more time for those with canes and walkers to get across the street.

Christine Holzer, 4337 N Newcastle: Feels confident that this current Board will be able to make the correct decisions for our Village. Asked if someone could follow up with AT&T to see if the area where they removed the AT&T boxes could be filled in with landscaping; also if they could landscape the area where they moved the boxes to.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Addressed Trustee Mougolias regarding the truths of some of the statements he made in the past minutes. Asked if at the last COW was there a vote to put an Ordinance on the Agenda regarding Sayre Ave. or not? If not, he asked what did the Board vote for? Hope's that Mayor Jezierny is going to follow up on the COPS program investigation. Questioned if it was necessary to have 9 people on the Special Events Committee? Wanted to know if there was more information on Agenda item I 10? Was not happy with the results he got from a FOIA he filed.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

Mayor Jezierny asked to move item H 1 to this point in the agenda to honor longtime resident Herman Wu. A proclamation to Herman Wu was read by Mayor Jezierny. A plaque was presented to Herman Wu by Steve Wyda on behalf of the Norwood Park Township. A gold shovel was presented to Herman Wu by Ronald Stoch on behalf of the Eisenhower Library. Also represented was Norridge Village Historian Myron Petrakis.

Herman Wu thanked Mayor Jezierny and the Village Board along with Norwood Park Township, Eisenhower Library, and Myron Petrakis.

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**Mayor Jezierny asked for a motion to recess for a short time to serve cake and coffee to honor Herman Wu.
Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Szlendak**

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Recess began at 7:50pm. Reconvened the General Session of Thursday June 25, 2009 at 8:12pm.

Motion to reconvene by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Mayor Jezierny continued with Mayor's Report.

Addressed everyone's biggest concern of the past week regarding the storms and flooding in our Village. Within the last couple years it seems that the intensity and frequency of storms has been increasing. Spoke to Mayors in surrounding communities and they too were affected by flooded streets, some with water in basements and trees down. This can be very frustrating for anyone affected. When a downpour occurs or when multiple cells of rain come one right after another, we, as well as other communities are faced with flooding. I examined every street throughout the entire Village during these storms and it was very frustrating to see that the same streets flood over and over again. In an effort to help our residents cope with these problems, our new budget will include emergency pumps for residents, which can be obtained on a first-come; first-serve basis. Also requested Stimulus money to expand the detention on Oriole and we will also budget Engineering fees to produce a thorough plan to address the East side of town to alleviate the pressures on those sewers and provide capacities for the storm and sanitary water.

The Mayor of Norridge and I have contacted our County Commissioner Peter Silvestri who in turn wrote a letter to the Cook County President to declare Cook County a disaster. If approved, those who have incurred damages will be able to make a claim through FEMA. So we await a reply. We will also continue our Flood Grant program for this year once our budget is approved.

Last Friday, June 19, the series of storms that came through the Northern Cook County area flooded our streets, and they needed to be blocked from traffic. With Public Works on a water break literally up to their shoulders during the storm, we needed to come together as a community to address the issue. Called for assistance from the Police Department, our building commissioner, Carmen Rinaldi, and together with a volunteer resident Brett Bardit, Trustee Jimmy Mougolias and myself, we took action and put barricades in place during the storm. I proudly report that not one responded that it wasn't their job – all contributed their services in doing what needed to be done. I want to also acknowledge Sgt. Lumberis, Corporal Jolanta Smith and Officers Greg Hauptman and Erin Ottaiano for their assistance. I also want to thank Trustee Michael Gadzinski for his assistance in reaching the Water Reclamation Department to check on whether the deep tunnel was open – and it was.

Later that evening a power outage occurred between Odell and Harlem and Lawrence and Wilson the outage also included the Library, the Village Hall and Police Department where all 911 calls were immediately transferred to Norridge along with dispatch assistance from Harwood Heights. ComEd could not give us an estimated time of service due to all the power outages in the area. On Saturday, the power was still out in this area and the temperature was rising. Since we could not offer our Village Hall as a cooling center, due to the power outage, I called upon the Fire Department to accommodate our residents in this area and we put forth a plan. I called Chief Biagi and directed officers to reach out to our residents in this area to check on their well being and offer the Fire Department as a cooling center that would be stocked with cots, bottled water and light snacks. But, fortunately when the officers reached the last house, the power was restored. I want to thank Sgt. Lumberis, and Officers Steve Biagi and Ed Smith who assisted with the door-to-door checks – even Chief Biagi came in to assist. I want to thank the Fire Department for offering their assistance. The Village Hall is a cooling center but we do not have cots. The Fire Department does have cots so they can assist you there also. Our residents have two facilities to go to.

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Regarding the COPS Grant, this matter is still under investigation. I have personally been in contact with the COPS representatives and have submitted the back-up documents which they have been requesting for the last four years. We can only now await their response and see what our next steps will be.

Red Speed Update: The first hearings for Red Speed were conducted here at the Village Hall on Tuesday, June 22. Our Hearing Officer, Red Speed representative and Captain Maraviglia were present. There were 15 hearings conducted and only 2 got away. Once they show the film and show the car is not stopping its pretty hard to fight that battle. At the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 1st, we will discuss future hearings on site for parking tickets, building fines, and so on, so people don't have to go all the way to Rolling Meadows.

Chief Interviews: Last week, members of the Police Safety Committee (Trustees Mougolias, Schuepfer and Gadzinski and I) conducted a number of interviews for the Chief of Police position. All interviewees were asked the same questions and each were then rated. This information will be shared with the other members of the Board at our Executive Session following the Committee of the Whole scheduled for July 1st.

FAA Grant: We have been awarded an FAA Grant from the Federal Aviation Agency. This grant will provide consultants to give us a thorough plan so we can move forward in preparation of planning and zoning. It will also provide funding for Economic Development Consultants and an FAA Coordinator who can work side-by-side with the consultants and begin to match our available properties with Developers and businesses. I am in receipt of various presentations from numerous Consultants and will plan dates for an Interview process with the entire Board.

Octavia and Oconto Streets: The bid opening for the 4700 blocks will be held on July 7th to pave and put the curbs in. We have been awarded a CDBG grant for \$100,000.00 for those streets.

Fundware: At our last meeting we approved WTI to assist with a glitch in our accounting software. I am happy to announce that the issue hindering us to produce trial balances for 4 years has now been resolved. I want to thank Trustee Szlendak who has researched the proper firm to get the job done.

Accounting: On the agenda tonight is I-10, a motion to hire accounting services. Due to an internal issue, it is necessary that we move forward to provide the necessary audit work and budgeting process.

On Sunday, June 14th, Trustees Mougolias, Steiner, Gadzinski, Clerk Pollowy and I attended the dedication of the Norridge Village Hall to Earl J. Field. It was truly fitting to honor such an outstanding Mayor. Other Mayors, residents, Police, Fire fighters and members from other communities and his family were there for this dedication. It shows how much one is appreciated for being there for others. Let's carry-on his good works and reach out to others ourselves.

I also attended the Union Ridge graduation along with the Clerk and Trustees and we congratulate all of our 2009 graduates in all our schools.

Clerk Pollowy and I attended the Eisenhower Plaque ceremony on Saturday, June 13th. A replica of the plaque was presented to Harwood Heights. We will be hanging this plaque in our lobby for all to see.

Yesterday I met with members of the West Central Municipal Conference who gave me an orientation of their facility and also shared resources that could assist us in our future plans.

In keeping with my promise, we had our first Community Leaders' Meeting where leaders from Norridge, Norridge Park District, Eisenhower Library, Norwood Park Fire Dept, Norwood Park Township and Schools got together to share ideas on how we can make our community stronger. Our first task is to develop a Community calendar to assist with proper planning of events and programs that each has to offer. IT representatives were also on hand to listen to our needs so the project can become a reality. The library shared their computer assistance programs and teleconferencing capabilities, the Park District spoke about their upcoming fest. We will continue to meet in the future to share ideas and resources.

Again as a reminder: the Norridge Park District will be conducting the Island in the City Festival from July 9 – 12. Sunday, July 12 is sponsored by Harwood Heights, so come out and enjoy the day with us.

Lastly and with much appreciation, I want to read a note I received from the Kuligowski family.

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Mayor Jezierny read a note thanking the Village for the Village Helper Bus Program. Their mother recently passed away and used the bus quite often. The Kuligowski family sent a donation for the Helper Bus in their mother's memory for \$250.00.

Forestry & Green Initiatives
Trustee Dobrzycki

Stated that he was not asked or consulted on chairing this committee.

Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

Announced that on Friday, July 17, 2009, at 10:00am, he will be hosting an Elderly Care Workshop at the Village Hall. The workshop will last for about 1 ½ hours. An Attorney that deals only with elderly care will be here to share information. Some of the issues that he will be talking about are what important legal documents you should have, why your parents estate plans might not work, how gifting can mess up the entire estate plan, the secrets of Veteran benefits, and why the new Medicare laws require fast planning. There is a whole list of other subjects that will be covered. He will be distributing a book called "Easy Guide to Medicaid and Long Term Planning".

On July 22, 2009, the Illinois Secretary of State mobile unit will be at the Village Hall from 10:00am until 2:00pm. You can renew State ID's, Drivers Licenses, License plates stickers etc. All this information will be posted on the internet and fliers will be made.

Tomorrow there will be a Youth Commission meeting; I will report any information from that meeting at the next Village Board meeting.

Public Works
Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner

Public Works had 3 water breaks, one on 6434 Gunnison, one on 6436 Montrose and during the storm on Friday a water break on Oketo. Public Works has been cleaning out catch basins. Hoping to start hot patching on July 1st. Urges resident's to please let us know if they have any issues with their streets. Public Works has been picking up branches and assisting residents showing them what can be done in their homes to help alleviate flooding such as overhead sewers and check valves. A tree was blocking the eastbound right lane on Gunnison by Ridgemoor Country Club. I called Public Works and they had already put a call into IDOT. In the meantime, Public Works pushed the tree to the side, as Gunnison is a state road and Ridgemoor Country Club is not in our jurisdiction.

Public Health & Safety/Building
Trustee Mougolias

A Roadside Safety Check scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2009, was cancelled due to the bad weather and is rescheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009, from 10:00pm until 2 or 3am. Informed residents that mosquito season is here and suggested residents keep themselves covered and use insect repellent containing DEET. Mosquitoes are most active at dusk. Clarke Mosquito sprayed on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, and will spray again on Sunday, June 28, 2009. You can register to be called prior to the spraying at ClarkMosquito.com. Public Works has treated catch basins for mosquito eggs. He was out working with Public Works and residents during the flood putting up barricades; working on an Emergency Management Team with a resident trying to set up some type of emergency management service with a group of volunteers that we can use in cases like this. We can have a plan set up ahead of time and these volunteers can go out prior to the streets flooding and set the barricades in place. This resident is a Cook County Sheriff and has some experience in this field. I am also meeting with other Emergency Management teams from other towns and will be getting some information next week; hoping to have this plan in effect soon.

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**Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer**

Stated that on June 22, 2009, an Ordinance Committee meeting was held regarding the parking ordinance on the 4700 block of Sayre Avenue. The current Ordinance was put into effect during the 1960's when the average household had less than 1 car; now some houses have up to 6 cars. It was well attended. More than 35 residents attended. At the Committee of the Whole scheduled for July 1, 2009, we plan to have a proposal for lifting the parking ban and also to have other options that may accompany this action. We hope to arrive at a consensus at the Committee of the Whole and hope to have some action taken at the July 9, 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees. At the Committee of the Whole we will also be discussing the fees and license charges that haven't been changed for quite a while and could be another source of revenue.

**Finance
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak**

Finance Committee is working on the Appropriation for next year. The Village revenue is down significantly and we have to address the flooding issue and the infrastructure problems. We have applied for a number of grants and are hoping to get as many as we can. We have also applied for a no interest loan from the EPA for water retention. We need to get engineers in and get the money to correct this flooding problem so our residents don't have this problem every time it rains. I will have more information in 2 weeks.

Clerk's Report

Reminded everyone that Plaza Bank, 7460 W Irving Park, Norridge, will be having a shredding event on Saturday, June 27, 2009, from 10am – 12pm. Also in the lobby of the Village Hall there is a box for school supply donations. The Salvation Army Family Ministry Program will be distributing the donated items to local families in need.

Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski

Rain barrels are available for \$40.00 from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. You have to purchase them online and you can pick them up at 3 separate locations on the first Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday of each month. You can pick them up in Skokie, Cicero and a location in Chicago.

Trustee Dobrzycki

Noticed tree down on Gunnison Avenue by Ridgemoor Country Club and called the Police Department to ask for barricades and assisted them in placing them on the streets. He photographed the tree as there was extensive damage to the fence to make sure there wouldn't be any liability issues with Public Works moving the tree. Since Public Works did the work, he recommends that we submit a bill to the Country Club for the overtime work for Public Works.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Tributes to Herman Wu. (Moved to beginning of Agenda)

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**Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki.
Motion to Table by Trustee Dobrzycki, no second.
Motion failed due to lack of a second.**

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 16.
Trustee Dobrzycki pulled motion I 1, I 2, I 3, I 6, and I 10 for a separate vote.
Trustee Szlendak pulled motion I 7 for a separate vote.
Mayor Jezierny withdrew I 7
Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 4, 5, 8, 9, and 11-16.**

4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,105.00, payable to MuniCap Inc. for the January to April 2009 administration and billing process fees for the special tax on the SSA participants expensed to FY 08/09 line item 56-00-00-7008 – SSA Administration.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,451.77, payable to ADT Security Services Inc. for the 7/01/09 – 9/30/09 quarterly billing for the Village Hall expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7038 – Finance.
8. Motion to approve a moratorium (amnesty program) starting July 1, 2009 and ending July 31, 2009 where all residents with past due water bills can bring their account current (paid in full) and the Village will waive all late charges and penalties.
9. Motion to approve permit for an event sponsored by Synergy Events, “2009 got milk? Drink Well. Live Well Tour” to be held at Elliott’s Dairy, 4800 N. Nagle Avenue on Friday, July 3rd from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.
11. To approve the emergency transfer of \$75,000.00 from the Illinois Fund account in Springfield to our Parkway General Fund account to cover previously approved checks.
12. To approve a single family flood grant FY 08/09 for 4519 N New England in the amount of \$1,500.00 pending all licenses, inspections and approval from the plumbing inspector to be expensed line item 22-00-00-7075 FY 08/09 - Water Sewer.
13. To approve a single family flood grant FY 08/09 for 4523 N New England in the amount of \$1,500.00 pending all licenses, inspections and approval from the plumbing inspector to be expensed line item 22-00-00-7075 FY 08/09 - Water Sewer.
14. To approve Handicap Parking at the address commonly known as 4709 N. Odell Ave. and to direct Public Works to erect the sign in a timely manner.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$89,096.88 as they appear on check register #46570 thru #46622.

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16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$145,122.78 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 4,5,8,9, 11-16 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 Szlendak on Consent Agenda item I 1:

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held June 11, 2009.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

PRESENT: Trustee Dobrzycki Motion Carried

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

2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,050.00, payable to Robert W. Hendricksen Company for the list of trees that need to be removed or need trimming expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-04-00-7050 – Forestry.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda item I 3:

3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,450.00, payable to the Northwest Municipal Conference for the Employee Assistance Program from May 2, 2009 to May 1, 2010 for 58 participants at \$25.00 each, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7015 (13% or \$188.50) - Finance; 11-05-00-7015 (73% or \$1,058.58) – Police; 11-06-00-7015 (13% or \$188.50) – Public Works & 11-07-00-7015 (1% or \$14.50) – Building; - Health, Dental, Life, AD&D & EAP Insurance.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda item I 6:

6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$11,082.47, payable to Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C. for the billing through May 31, 2009; \$9,597.47 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7051 Legal; \$907.50 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7031 Police Legal; \$577.50 expensed to line item 11-02-00-7055 Liability Claims – F/Y 09/10 – Legal.

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A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 6 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 10:

10. Motion to approve accounting services from RGP Diversified Services

Motion to pull I 10 by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski:

A roll call vote to pull Consent Agenda items I 10 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Szlendak

Commented that being Chairman of a committee is an honor and if Trustee Dobrzycki does not wish to remain Chairman of his committee he is sure other Trustees would take over his committee with his resignation.

Trustee Gadzinski

Stated that he would love to Chair Trustee Dobrzycki's committee if he did not want to?

Trustee Dobrzycki

Stated that he did not say he didn't want to Chair the committee.

Mayor Jezierny

Said that she is proud of everyone taking control of their committees and putting in all the hard work that goes along with it; she is glad everyone is communicating. The committees are determined are by the Trustees. She put together a spread sheet of suggestions and they were discussed at a Committee of the Whole. She would be happy to help Trustee Dobrzycki with this. Residents of the Village feel this is a very important issue. She passed along some information to Trustee Dobrzycki on Green Initiatives earlier and information on Forestry that she got at

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the West Central. Trustee Dobrzycki thanked her for her information and commented that he has been working very hard and will pass on his information as soon as he has it available.

O. 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: (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to enter into Closed Executive Session at 9:13pm.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Executive Session Closed at 9:30pm; all in favor.

Back in open session 9:32pm

Motion by Trustee Dobrzicki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 10:

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski to include "as per contractual services agreement".

10. Motion to approve accounting services from RGP Diversified Services, "as per contractual services agreement".

A roll call to approve with amendment Consent Agenda item I 10 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor, the motion carried and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 9:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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