

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Arlene C. 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 (arrived 7:38 pm)
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Poulos for Antonetta Accardi, 4833 Olcott #203: Speaking for her mother - wondering why her mother received a bill for the beautification project of Lawrence Ave. She lives in the Clock Tower Condominiums and the closing papers do not mention this assessment. Rob Bush suggested she go back to the Title Company as this should have shown up on the title search. This is not a Village issue but a dispute she will have with her Real Estate Broker. Rob Bush offered to help her get an answer if she is not successful with her broker.

Kevin Shuttleworth, 6677 W Montrose: Commented that according to an FOIA that he received, there were bills for \$15,000.00 for the police dog.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N Rutherford: Wondered how Union negotiations were going? Unhappy about Skores expanding their outside porch; concerned if noise will be heard until 2 or 3 am? Commented that Harwood Heights is 1 of 3 villages who may not be getting further grants for the C.O.P.S. program. Wondered if the Ordinance had changed on having a specialty car show?

Danuta Wojcik Dobrzycki, 4733 N Sayre Ave: Would like to know why no member of the Board has apologized to her and her family about their home. Could it be possible that the County made a mistake in their record keeping?

Addie Squires, (no address given)

She complimented the Cook County Assessors Office on notifying her that her Senior Freeze application papers were not received.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

Addressed what was reported in the Sun Times and heard from the TV media that our Village was "blacklisted" for 3 years from receiving any further grants from a C.O.P.S. program due to misappropriation of funds. Called for an immediate internal investigation in this matter to determine what has transpired, will do my best to resolve this issue and hopefully reverse its outcome. It appears this is a result of an Audit not being completed between the years 2004 -2008.

First of all, we must make clear that our records give evidence of no improper spending of money. I met with those involved and believe we have pin-pointed certain documents which were not detailed enough to give the Federal Grant reviewers clear evidence that we did, in fact, comply fully with grant requirements. We are making an appeal to the

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Department of Justice in full hopes that they will give us the opportunity to re-open our reporting period and submit the proper forms to prove there is no doubt of non-compliance on our part.

Has been in contact with our State Senator James DeLeo and State Representative Michael McAuliffe regarding a number of Stimulus projects that can help our community. I met with 2 of our Village engineers to put together the necessary paperwork requesting funds for a number of projects that could help with our infrastructure needs. Hopefully we can qualify for one or several. I will announce these as they become available.

The Harwood Heights Police Department, along with many other law enforcement agencies statewide, are participating in the Click It or Ticket Campaign through May 31. The campaign is designed to increase seat belt use. Officers will be monitoring traffic, paying close attention to motorists who are not using seat belts. State law requires drivers and front seat passengers are to be secured by a seat belt. State law also requires children 17 years of age or younger to be secured with a seat belt or in a child safety seat despite whether the child is sitting in the front or back seat.

The Police Safety Check that was scheduled for Friday, May 15th, was postponed due to the weather. It was held on Monday, 18th at the intersection of Lawrence & Oketo. As a result, 33 motorist and passengers were cited for failure to wear a seat belt. So, for your safety, please remember to buckle up!

Since the activation of our Red Speed Camera on May 1st, over 300 violations have been issued. So, once again as a reminder, please make sure to come to a complete stop before turning on red and stop before the white bar markings just before the intersection.

On May 18th, Sgt Trypak conducted a sting operation where underage participants attempted to purchase tobacco products in 11 businesses in Harwood Heights. This is a requirement per a grant received from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. I am pleased to announce that no business sold tobacco products to these underage participants! Thank you for following the law and protecting our youth.

Yesterday, Trustee Szlendak and I attended the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission held at the O'Hare Aviation Department. We met with many of the new and re-elected Mayors along with representatives from the Federal Aviation Agency and City of Chicago. Discussion took place about the projected Noise Contour for 2014. As you can imagine, many of us were not pleased with its projections and determination for sound insulation. We will continue to voice our opinions and suggestions for monitoring changes.

A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd.

Forestry & Green Initiatives

Trustee Dobrzycki

Currently gathering information and other facts to better lead this committee. There are two boxes on either side of the Village Hall doorway; one is from the Sheriffs office collecting cell phone drop offs to benefit Senior's and the other box is collecting cell phones for the Ridgewood Class of 2010. As the weeks progress he will be putting together other ideas to present to the Board.

Recreation

Trustee Gadzinski

The Harwood Heights Youth Commission held a Swing Fling dance last week Friday. There were many youth commission members present acting as chaperones and also helping out the entire night. Trustee Steiner and I were happy to see the Union Ridge gym filled with kids, dancing to the beats of DJ Dino Golas. Thanked the Youth Commission for running such a smooth and successful dance.

The seniors assistance center needs volunteers to help deliver meals to less fortunate homebound neighbors within the Norwood Park Township which includes; Harwood Heights, Norridge, Park Ridge, and unincorporated areas. Please call 708-456-7979 and speak to Arlene Newhouse to volunteer.

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**Public Works
Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner**

Reported that Public Works had 2 water breaks and have been flushing the fire hydrants. Five of the hydrants were broke and they have repaired four; parts are on order for the final repair. As of now, 400 new water meters have been installed. Hot patching will start the 2nd week of June. The street sweeper was in need of some repairs, but is now up and running. A committee meeting was held on May 27th to discuss the Oak Park water main project, sidewalks and curb repairs and the possibility of speed bumps on some streets.

**Public Health & Safety/Building
Trustee Mougolias**

Agenda item I 2 is an authorization for a new test to be given for the Police Officers Eligibility List. This is a State mandated list that has to be updated every 2 years; our list expires in July. Agenda item I 5 is for authorization to authorize the funds to hold a Village wide Spring Clean up. This will be on June 22, 23 and 25th. Arc Disposal will pick up large items that you may want to get rid of. A Village wide Garage sale will be held on June 12, 13, and 14th. It will be advertised on the internet and possibly the Pioneer Press.

A Vacant Building Ordinance will be put into effect. Residents will have to register their vacant buildings, pay the \$200.00 fee, and they will have to be inspected. There will be a \$500.00 inspection fee for the building department to make sure they are safe and they have insurance. This will keep the neighborhood safe for our residents.

**Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer**

Motion I 17 is for **Ordinance 09-12**. This amends the descriptions of the standing committees; it adds the description for the Green Initiatives and Building Committees.

Concrete slab patios that need to be replaced cannot be done so in the same manner as before as they were created prior to the Open Space Ordinance. We have a number of residents who are concerned about how this project can be done. Building Commission Carmen Rinaldi has been looking into how other Villages work with this problem. At the June 3rd Committee of the Whole I will be presenting his recommendations and see if its something we would like to implement in our Village.

**Finance
Information & Technology
Trustee Szlendak**

A Finance meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 4:00 pm prior to the Committee Meeting of the Whole. We will be meeting with the Harwood Heights Police Department and Public Works department to start off; invited residents to join him at the meeting.

Heard documents are missing and that it takes a great deal of time to find documents in the Village. Would like to look into getting an inexpensive document management program that we can use to scan documents and try to go paperless in the future.

We are hoping to get Stimulus Grant to do the Oak Park water main project in September.

Clerk's Report

Attended a meeting for the Cook County US Census for 2010 at Brookfield Zoo; a Committee will be formed to host meetings at churches and schools to educate the residents on the importance of filling out the census forms in February 2010.

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Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski

Clerk Pollowy and I attended a 2010 Census Kick off meeting at Brookfield Zoo. Filling out the census will allow for strengthening of our community. It will also benefit us in requesting funding from the federal government for education to help fund schools and fixing infrastructure such as our streets and sidewalks.

We will keep everyone informed as to the process and procedures necessary in successfully having our residents fill out the 2010 Census.

Trustee Schuepfer

Attended the O'Hare Noise Commission Community Abatement Meeting; we are not a member of this Commission. Meeting has to do with monies set aside each year for homes, schools, etc. Found meeting very informative. The Commission is in the process of finalizing the website for residents to report noises that disrupted them throughout their day directly to the website at their convenience.

On Friday, May 29, 2009 at 2:00pm, NEIU is naming one of their buildings after Lech Walesa, the former President of Poland. They are expecting standing room only.

Trustee Szlendak

I attended the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission with the Mayor. The contour map, which is drawn by the FAA, needs to be changed to include Harwood Heights. I am going to join with Park Ridge and other communities and will do anything possible to change the contour map before 2014. That is the year that the map is due to be changed and they do not want to change it before then. We have to change that map as there is no reason for our residents to suffer.

Trustee Dorzycki

The O'Hare Noise Commission, as well as the FAA, makes determinations based on what the runways are used for. Preliminary uses over Harwood Heights are for landing. Communities that have runways that the planes take off on place greater noise and emphasis on those runways. The majority of the planes land over Harwood Heights. I have worked with the Village of Norridge in the past, and although RHS has qualified for noise insulation they have not yet received it. When Ridgewood High School receives insulation, the likelihood that we would receive it would be more apparent.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

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I. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Trustee Mougolias, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda items I 1 – I 19.
Trustee Dobrzycki pulled motion I 10 for a separate vote.**

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items I 1- 9 & I 11-19:

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held May 14, 2009.
2. To authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to start preparation for the testing process to make a new Police Officers Eligibility List.
3. To approve Trustee Gadzinski as the Representative to the WSSRA, West Suburban Special Recreation Association Board of Directors and Trustee Dobrzycki as the WSSRA Alternate Representative.
4. To approve a village wide garage sale for the weekend of June 12th, 13th and 14th.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,900.00, payable to ARC Disposal for Spring cleanup week on June 22nd, 23rd and 25th, to be expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-09-00-7060 – Health.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$990.00, payable to Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C. for April 6 through April 30, 2009 expensed to FY 08/09 line item 11-02-00-7051 – Legal.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,720.03, payable to ADT Security Services Inc. for quarterly billing for Police Department security system expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-9008 – Police.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed, \$1,200.00 payable to AI Air to repair air conditioner in the Detectives Office, to be expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-06-6000 – Public Works.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,600.00 payable to Colosimo's Construction for 400 sq ft of sidewalk and 40liner feet of curb replacement to repair Water break areas to be expensed to FY 09/10line item 22-00-00-7036 - Water & Sewer. .
11. To approve expenditure , not to exceed the amount of \$2,497.61 for emergency repairs made to the village street sweeper, FY 09/10, line item 11-06-00-7044 –Public Works
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,107.00 payable to Pioneer Press for placement of ad for position of Chief of Police expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-01-00-7060 – Employment Fees.
13. To approve wire transfer of \$5,661.25 from Parkway Bank & Trust Co. Lawrence Avenue SSA Tax Receipts & Debt Service Account to Municap, Inc. for invoices #17436, #17574 and #17979 covering the issuance of the Spring 2009 tax bills from the Village to Special Service Area property owners. Amount to be charged to line item 57-00-00-5020 SSA Debt Service Fund Administrative Expenses.
14. To approve wire transfer of \$7,195.75 SSA debt service payment from Parkway Bank & Trust Co. Lawrence Ave SSA Tax Receipts & Debt Service Account to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago for semi-annual interest due June 1, 2009 for Series 2006A BI #2663 SSA Bonds. Amount to be charged to line item 57-00-00-5010 SSA Debt Service Fund Interest Expense.
15. To approve wire transfer of \$52,825.00 SSA debt service payment from Parkway Bank & Trust Co. Lawrence Avenue SSA Tax Receipts & Debt Service Account to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago for semi-annual interest due June 1, 2009 for Series 2006B BI #2664 SSA Bonds. Amount to be charged to line item 57-00-00-5010 SSA Debt Service Fund Interest Expense.
16. To approve wire transfer of \$52,945.00 debt service payment from Parkway Bank & Trust Co. General Account to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago for semi-annual interest due June 1, 2009 for General Obligation Bonds Series 2003 BI #1984.Amount to be charged to line item 55-00-00-7025 General Obligation Bonds Fund Interest Expense.

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17. To adopt **Ordinance 09-12**, an Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinance to provide for an Expansion and Reorganization of Standing Committees to Provide for Committees Focused on Environmental Issues and the Built Environment.
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$163,017.21** as they appear on check register **#46427** thru **#46499**.
19. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the **estimated** amount of **\$163,000.00** due to ADP system malfunction to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (Corrected amount will be reported at the June 11th Board Meeting).

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-9, & I 11 - 19 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 Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda item I 10:

10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of **\$15,000.00** payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD., for engineering and design of the remaining portion of the Oak Park Water Main Replacement Project from Sunnyside Avenue to Forest Preserve Drive. Expensed to FY 09/10, line item 22-00-00-7023 – Water & Sewer Engineering. **“and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement”**.

Motion I 10 amended by Trustee Steiner to add “and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement”.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item 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

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N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski

Reported that this Saturday, May 30th, from 1-4pm, there will be a grand opening celebration for the newly opened E-Café located in Eisenhower Public Library. There will be complementary samples of coffee, smoothies and pastries given out to customers.

Trustee Dobrzycki

Stated that for the 6 years he has been on the Village Board he has been a great proponent of infrastructure replacement in the Village and has been working hard since day one.

Trustee Mougolias

Twins Gyros held an event to invite customers to view each others antique cars, and was upset because 2 residents called the HHPD to see if a permit was issued. A permit was not required for this event.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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, May 28, 2009 at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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