

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

**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
Attorney	Paul Stephanides

**D. 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. This according to Village Code, Section 2.12.090, Section D.

**Herman Wu, 4746 N. Odell:** The Harwood Heights Historical Committee would like to thank the following for the high success of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; the dignitaries for their great speeches, letters and proclamations congratulating the village for its 60 years of existence. Second, all the businesses that donated all of the cakes, cookies, sandwiches, pizza, pop and juices, plus all of the beautiful floral pieces that made this celebration a fine success. Third, to all of the residents that gave the village the history we are celebrating.

Finally, Mayor Fuller and all of the many volunteers who contributed their time and work in making this celebration happen. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday! And again thank you.

**Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford:** First, many times I have asked and suggested that residents attend board meetings. While I still hope they do, I would highly recommend residents attend the meetings of the whole. At the meetings of the whole the board seems to try to discuss the issues and ask the questions of the speakers and it is good to hear the discussions between the trustees. It seems like board meetings are more for feather pruning.

I attended the meeting of the whole last night and there was much discussion about the fairness of ordinances and how to handle certain situations. I mentioned again, my concern about the unfairness of charging certain exempt entities for water and not charging others. Our ordinance does not currently address how to charge exempt entities for water. Yet some exempt entities are charged a dollar and other charged a higher fee. I was hoping that the Board, the Ordinance Committee or the Water & Sewer Committee, whichever committee is appropriate, would address the issue; unfortunately, that did not happen. I hope there will be a discussion of this issue in the very near future so that all exempt entities are treated equally.

On the brighter note, I would like to thank Trustee Szlendak for bringing up the issue of broken meters and ways of finding out about the village water loss.

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

**Mayor's Report**  
**Mayor Fuller**

The North Central Council of Mayors has approved the \$250,000 grant for the Transportation Control Measures for the Lawrence Avenue Streetscape project. The request will now go to CMAP, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, for their vote in their November Transportation Committee Meeting. This is good news for our streetscape project and I thank all the Mayors that voted for our funding approval and especially thank Lee Fell from Christopher Burke Engineering for his help with this grant application.

I am pleased to say that the Village's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reception was quite a success with 200 residents, officials and community leaders in attendance and we thank them for taking the time out in their busy schedules to celebrate with us. That was the last event for our year of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities.

We have a lot of people to thank including Eli's Cheesecake for the wonderful key lime cheesecake and additional cheesecakes and the Union Ridge School Band and the band teacher Jennifer Rooney. The following businesses made contributions to the event.

Allegretti's Bakery  
Basilico Restaurant  
Butera  
Café DiMaggio's  
Dominick's in Park Ridge  
Eli's Cheesecake  
Elliott's Dairy  
Family Palace  
Flower Fantasy  
Gallery of Flowers  
Harwood Heights Convenient Store  
House of Cakes  
Totuccio Pizzeria

A special thank you to our wonderful had working volunteers; we couldn't have done it without them: Herman and Grace Wu, Don and Faith Busch, Darlene Bazzoli, Rich and Catherine Caporale, Ed Connelly Sr., Clerk Dianne Larson, Richard Lubarda, Grace Muto, Marie Majka, Marge Naegle, Amy Nedic, Joan Norrick, Helen and Nick Pouloupoulos, Gail Radcliffe, Helen Schneider, Cindy and Andy Schmidt, Maria Salvador, our photographer Ken Havlich and former Trustee Roy Schmidt.

Tonight the Historical Committee is pleased to announce the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Student Essay Contest winners who will receive gift certificates, the essays are hanging in the lobby. The students were asked to write "Harwood Heights is a Diamond of a Town because". 1<sup>st</sup> place is Andrew Kastiv, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader from Pennoyer School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Amanda Leech, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader from Union Ridge School and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Alex Kastiv, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader from Pennoyer School. I would like to ask them all to come up, Herman Wu has the gift certificates for you so come up to the front and I was wondering if the winner would be interested in reading the essay for us.

The winners for the annual Halloween House decorating contest are for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 6511 West Forest Preserve Drive, the Larson Family and 7421 West Winona, the Kaltakis Family was 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The new temporary lighting on Lawrence Avenue between Oriole and Olcott has been connected to Com Ed and is now operating; the project is complete and we have received payment from both Norridge and Norwood Park Township for their share of the costs. Again, I want to thank Lee Fell from Christopher Burke engineering who did the specs and coordinated this project for us at no cost to us.

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On the agenda tonight is a Resolution for the execution of the sub recipient agreement for the CDBG grant program. Last Monday I attended a mandatory meeting downtown held by Cook County for the CDBG grant program. They would not allow our consulting engineer to attend on our behalf; they wanted the Mayor or Village Manager. I attended the seminar and picked up the agreement in person and had to sign for it. The Resolution on the agenda tonight is one of the additional requirements. Other requirements include that they will no longer accept applications accept by electronic media. Many of the funding agencies are also enacting strict requirements. I am seeing this more and more, that organizations are requiring the full time Village Manager or Administrator to implement programs and reports where funding is involved. I emphasize Manager or Administrator. We may soon be unable to obtain these grants due to not having a full time professional staff person to be there long term to make sure the grant and the reports are administered. If an agency agrees to give the village money, they don't want to be involved with who's in office or who's been fired or other political problems, they want to make sure whoever they give the money to, will use it according to the agreement, will perform all the steps necessary, and submit all the reports.

I think the board needs to seriously consider the management needs as a requirement, and take the necessary steps to include an administrative position in the budget. With our budget up to \$14 million dollars, it is time for the board to look at the finances and the current fees to see what needs to be adjusted. If we can't afford a full time administrative person, then we have some serious problems. In one day three trustees contacted the same staff employee asking for information. This employee was already over loaded with work and responsibilities such as the auditors being in, working on the bank reconciliations; updating the financials; the payroll; problems with Fundware; both copy machines were down. Not to mention having to get info for a DCEO grant notice I received for a grant from 2001 for which reports were not completed, back when Clark Dietz was the engineer. And most importantly this employee was busy finishing the Treasurers report for year ended 4/30/07 that needed to be filed by 10/31/07. He did complete the report and file it himself in person downtown; so I'm not sure if the trustees even knew that this was due.

I also ask the Finance Committee when they will prepare the Tax Levy; do they know the legal requirements? When is the public hearing? You can start with getting a copy of last year's tax levy from the Clerk and look at the finances, look at the appropriation that you prepared and adopted and determine whether the charges for municipal services are sufficient to pay for the services and make a recommendation. I have not been contacted about the tax levy at all to obtain any information from staff for the levy.

The Police Department's high school intern is returning this week to start working again on a part-time basis; her time is strictly volunteer and it is for school credit through Ridgewood High School; she will be utilized in records, communications and will do ride-a-longs with the patrol officers.

The 911 calls to the Police Department for this year to date are up from last year. Chief Podosek attended a seminar on managing the teen driving crisis held by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. The Chicago Crime Commission presented a plaque to the Major Case Assistance Team Management that include the Village of Harwood Heights Police, in recognition and appreciation for its collaboration and performance in providing expert technical assistance to Chicago's suburban communities in major criminal investigations.

There were three water breaks on Oak Park Avenue on 10/28 which I am looking into; all three took place 3 days after a power surge. The 2007 MFT street projects are complete, the striping will be done on Odell as soon as weather allows, Argyle from Oconto to Harlem is complete as well as the sidewalk program. I want to make some corrections to Trustee Jezierny's statements from the last meeting. Most importantly, every board member received a copy of Paul May's estimates for the 2007, the concrete program was estimated at \$40,000, yet no one questioned why it came in so low. You know the old saying, if it's too good to be true, maybe it is? The original sidewalk project included about 150 squares. The program grew to 166 squares by the time the project began. Due to the engineer's mathematical error, unfortunately not all would be done this year. But 85 out of the 166 were completed, which is more than 1/2 of the proposed sidewalks. The residents were informed about the problem in the news brief that was mailed out. Also the engineer fees for the work is based on the contract, so the cost will be based on the work completed. So no one is making money where they shouldn't be as inferred. It would be beneficial to everyone if the trustees ask their questions before they get to the board meeting, that's if they really want the facts.

We all hear and see about the "green" initiatives, the clean city organization. DesPlaines has purchased two hybrid cars. Some of the schools have installed solar panels to save energy. Chicago has some green roofs. While all the initiatives

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are currently voluntary, I believe we need to prepare for the inevitable, that as a public body we will be required to make changes to save energy, and help save the environment. I don't know of any pending laws, but we need to take the steps necessary to contribute to the clean city initiatives. I would hope the village board would put together a clean city policy for the village and prepare for future requirements. We already have a great recycling and yard waste program, and the full newsletter gave residents ways in which they can save energy. But I know that there is more we can do

In honor of Veterans Day this month, please join the Historical Committee on Sat. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. when we will dedicate a plaque in honor of the only Harwood Heights resident who gave his life in Vietnam, George Lous Gavaria. George Gavaria was a life long resident of Harwood Heights and lived at 4925 N. Oriole Ave. He was the only Harwood Heights resident killed in the Vietnam War on December 1st, 1966. He was the proud son of Mr. & Mrs. Gavaria, his mother Lillian currently resides at the Central Baptist senior home and she has told me that she intends to come to the dedication. The Color Guard for the event will be from the Sheridan's Cavalry Chapter, 1st Cavalry Division Association, Roselle, IL. The Vietnam memorial in Washington DC is also celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Tomorrow Friday Norridge will hold its Veterans Day program at 10:30 a.m.

**Information/Technology**  
**Trustee Dobrzycki**

Report of the Information & Technology Committee; I thank those trustees who submitted their comments and ideas for better communicating with the residents and businesses of our village. I will take that into consideration and will be developing a plan to expedite those ideas, as well as contribute my own, to make sure that we continue on providing information and facts to our villagers so everyone knows where to turn to for help or what they need to do for permits and other ideas and information so they know what's going on.

**Forestry/Recreation**  
**Trustee Gadzinski**

No Report

**Public Works**  
**Trustee Jezierny**

As Chairperson of Public Works I have very disturbing news about an incident that took place ....

Last night at approximately 9:00 pm a break-in occurred at the Public Works and Water Department. The alarm went off and the Police were called. Later, police indicated that the building was all secured. However, upon the arrival of Superintendent Tom Schroeder this morning, he immediately took security precautions by reviewing the security cameras at Public Works and found that 2 people did in fact, breached the security that sounded the alarm. They were in the building. He once again contacted the Police Department today, left a message with the Mayor, she was not available and followed emergency procedures by taking immediate water samples and notified the IEPA.

Only now, I find out that the Mayor authorized this late night break-in entry. This action could have put lives in jeopardy. And I would like a complete investigation and answers for this highly questionable, unprofessional and erratic behavior.

**Public Health & Safety**  
**Trustee Mougolias**

On the agenda tonight is item I 2, which is an expenditure for \$1,416.35, payable to Miner Electronics. This is an expense for the equipment needed for the motorcycle unit. This expense will be covered out of a grant that we did receive from the township which was enough to cover the lease of the motorcycle and the equipment needed on the motorcycle.

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**Ordinance/License  
Trustee Schuepfer**

No Report

**Finance  
Sewer & Water  
Trustee Szlendak**

Report for the Water & Sewer; this morning I got a call from Tom Schroeder; he informed me that there was a break-in to our Public Works. He attempted to contact the Mayor; I called our Police Department, reported the incident, the crime. They went out there to investigate the situation; apparently two individuals broke into Public Works and attempted to enter Tom Schroeder's office. The part that's really, really disturbing is that and I don't know if residents know it, but Tom Schroeder's office is exactly where our water supply is at. Let's forget about me being the Chairmen of Public Works, I'm concerned about being a resident, drinking the water, all of a sudden somebody's in there visiting the location.

The other fact that disturbs me immensely and I'm sorry that the Chief is not here to make a comment about this, is that when Tom Schroeder reported this thing last night at about 9:00pm, (that's the time we had the Committee of the Whole meeting,) to our Police Department; the officer went there, pulled on the door and reported that the building was secure. We're not talking about a nickel and dime store where the alarm went off, this is our water supply; and this is the way that this break-in was investigated. Apparently, I come to find out later on, that the Mayor authorized these individuals to go in there. We need to investigate this. Why were these people there? Why in the middle of the night? Later on the Mayor and the Chief went to the building and took Tom Schroeder's computer. That computer could have been taken at 4:00pm the day before or at 7:00am this morning. Why at 9:00pm at night, without notifying the rest of the police force?

This is an incident that has to be investigated. It has to be investigated, I don't know if by our Police Department or by somebody else. It's our Chief that authorized this break-in from what I understand. There are a lot of unknowns here.

The other thing that I was notified about later on today was that our Superintendent of Public Works was suspended. I don't know the details on it, but I look forward to getting some. But we've got one of the biggest projects along Lawrence Avenue going on right now, we're replacing the water mains and we are suspending our Superintendent? What's going on in this town? That's it, I'm sorry I don't have any other better news, but there are a lot of unknowns that we need to get the answers.

**Clerk's Report  
Clerk Larson**

First of all, our deepest sympathy to the family of Eugene Brutto Sr. one of our former Village Clerks who passed away this week.

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm instead of what is printed on the calendar. I believe it's printed for next week.

And a reminder, the food drive for the less unfortunate of our community by the Salvation Army is still going on. You can bring your food donations here to the Village Hall until next week Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Attorney's Report**

The Mayor had mentioned about green initiatives and green roofs; last week I had the pleasure of attending the International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference. A hot topic across the country is green development and one of the major initiatives that has been launched is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program or LEED as it's been called by the U.S. Green Building Council. There are several materials that I obtained from the conference and I'd be more than willing to share them with you. What the LEED program is, it's a certification program

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for green development, it's based upon a point system; the City of Chicago has numerous buildings that have already participated in the program. Very interesting and very worthwhile, if you're interested, please let me know.

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Gadzinski:** On October 25<sup>th</sup> following a Regular Board Meeting, the board had gone into Executive Session; this meeting was intended to be a confidential matter and all information discussed and presented at this meeting was to stay behind closed doors. The next day I was contacted by our Chief of Police, Chief Martin Podosek, and he mentioned a specific topic that was talked about in the confidential Closed Executive Session meeting. I asked the Chief to supply me and the board with the name or names of the individuals who violated our confidentiality, my confidentiality; also there was no response from the Chief, another fellow board member also contacted the Chief, no response also. I know this is not a question time but this is something directed towards our attorney. What action or remedy shall be taken by the board to find out who violated our confidentiality? To find out why private matters were discussed outside of our Closed Executive Session meeting? Shall there be an application filed with the State's Attorneys? I question, I would just like to find out the answer.

**Attorney Paul Stephanides:** I can tell you that it is not stated in the criminal code that it is a criminal offense. The village code does not also have a similar, any kind of provision in it that makes it any kind of ordinance violation rather it would be governed by just your open meetings and closed session rules.

**Trustee Gadzinski:** So an application could be filed with the State's Attorney for reasons of giving out information?

**Attorney Paul Stephanides:** No; there is no provision in the criminal code with regard to what you're stating.

**Trustee Gadzinski:** So that has to be directed to the Ordinance Committee?

**Attorney Paul Stephanides:** It would be an internal matter.

**Mayor Fuller:** I'd like to ask the attorney right here, the talk that he's talking about should not have been in Closed Session. The comments that were made in the Closed Session were not Closed Session material. Isn't that a violation?

**Attorney Paul Stephanides:** That's true; the Open Meetings Act specifically states what can and cannot be discussed in Closed Sessions.

**Trustee Gadzinski:** So why don't we have meetings open to the public, right?

**Attorney Paul Stephanides:** That's what the Open meetings Act is intended to serve.

**Trustee Gadzinski:** What's the point of having a Closed Session meeting, behind closed doors, isn't that so that and this is directed to the Mayor, so that all information is behind closed doors?

**Mayor Fuller:** No, what you talk about behind closed door is limited.

**Trustee Gadzinski:** This is a personal issue for I believe the whole board, this is a trust issue. Why even trust or believe anything that is said, it should stay behind closed doors, it's as simple as that. It should not be leaked out, especially to someone that did not, was not invited to the Closed Session and was not there.

**Trustee Mougolias:** I do have a comment on the suspension of Mr. Tom Schroeder. I actually agree, I spoke with Trustee Szlendak earlier today and I do agree with Trustee Szlendak that, I don't know the circumstances and I don't know if we can talk about it in open session why he was suspended. But I do know that we do have a very large project that is costing the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars and I don't know if this was the optimal time to suspend our top guy who has all the information these engineers and contractors may need. I would ask the Mayor to maybe give us some information later in a Closed Session or to maybe reconsider the suspension at this time if the reason is not that severe.

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**Trustee Schuepfer:** I also have a comment about the actions that took place last night while we were all attending the Committee Meeting of the Whole. Again, I want to comment more in terms of administrative style; at this point we don't know the conditions that the Mayor believed were in place, whether or not the public was in imminent danger that it required entry into this facility but I do want to make an observation that I think for me is very troubling. My family moved here in 1954, I've been a resident here almost all my life except for my timeout getting my degrees and I was very proud to be elected as a trustee. In the short time that I've been here though, I'm concerned about the way we look as a governing body. And specifically it is the way in which particular actions are taken and just some brief background; when I was running for trustee many of you know some of the slander that was pitched at me, but hey, that's part of being in politics. What I didn't talk about was that the Mayor chose to file a police report against me during the campaign, I thought politics; I was concerned that the police were used as part of a political campaign. Then within a few short months of being a trustee we had a resident come in, by the name of Lana, who brought to our attention that she was visited in her home by a Public Works employee who was accompanied by a police officer and the accusation was that she had engaged in water theft. I know that on many times she greeted or attempted to speak to the Mayor about this and one day when she did this, when she returned home after trying to speak to the Mayor, she was visited by two officers in sequence. Now, we have an appointee, a long time appointee and an employee, who rather than if the key was to in fact confiscate the computer, which as Trustee Szlendak has pointed out could have been done during working hours and the Mayor has the prerogative to confiscate that computer. Why were the police once again used as the instrument?

Now, these are trained professionals, these are trained men and women who have very specific duties. Those duties do not include harassment and intimidation. I know we're a small town with all kinds of growing opportunities; one of them should not be to mimic a fascist state. So, I beg the Mayor if she is thinking about taking further actions, count to ten; if she is consulting with the Chief, the two of them should count to twenty; and if in fact she consulted with the attorneys before she took that action, perhaps it should be the three of them count to a hundred.

**Mayor Fuller:** Well thank you for the wonderful speech, but I do have some comments. Trustee Szlendak, I think you already spoke.

**Trustee Szlendak:** Once again, something is missing, something is wrong there. The Mayor has the right to confiscate the computer, she has the right to go to Tom Schroeder to tell him to surrender the keys and lock him out of his office, at any time. Why do we have a break-in at 9:00pm at night? The board is not notified of this incident at all, while we're sitting there with the Mayor the break-in takes place. To my knowledge the rest of the Police Department is not notified of this; if it was so urgent, that computer could be taken away at 7:00am, not in the middle of the night. And just as Trustee Jezierny said, what if the police, our police did their job and instead of just pulling on the door went in there to investigate and found the other two individuals in there and killed them! This is our water supply; what is going on? There is something that needs to be explained and once again, council or whoever, we need an investigation of the situation and find out what were the marching orders of the two individuals that attempted to break-in.

**Mayor Fuller:** First of all there is a thorough investigation taking place right now under my direction and that's all I'm going to say about that at this time. Secondly, Trustee Schuepfer would like to make things appear that everything is so criminal. First of all during the election there were a lot of calls for signs being stolen and one of those calls that I made to the police were for signs being stolen and that was on the direction of several residents. Regarding the women who came to the board meeting regarding a water meter, I'll be happy to give the trustees the packet of information I have on that because that all goes right back to one of your own trustees who started that investigation at that particular house; and that's too clear that up.

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

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**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Mougolias on Consent Agenda items I 1- 10:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, October 25, 2007.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,416.35, payable to Miner Electronics Corp. for equipment for Police Department vehicles, line item 11-05-00-7044 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Police Dept.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,850.00, payable to ADT Security Services, completion of job number 3324566313, line item 11-05-00-9008 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Police Dept.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,300.00, payable to Carol McNamara, coach for Gymnastic program, line item 11-08-00-7033 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Recreation.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$546.00, payable to Illinois State BPA for USBS sanctioning for HHYC bowling program, line item 11-08-00-7039 to be expensed to the FY 07/08 – Recreation.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$12.00 per person, plus tip, to be determined by number of guests attending, payable to Ridgemoor County Club for Village Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, line item 11-01-00-7040 - to be expensed to the FY 07/08 –Administration.
7. To adopt **Resolution 07-17**, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Agreement for the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program with the County of Cook, Illinois.
8. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$112,893.66, as they appear on check register #43744 thru #43826.
9. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$114,095.24 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
10. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$11,502.84 for September IMRF Pension Fund.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 10 resulted as follows:**

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**K. OLD BUSINESS**

None

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**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

**N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Dobrzycki:** First of all I would like to congratulate the students and teachers at Union Ridge School for their exemplary educational results of the last year as published in today's Pioneer Press Newspaper. I'd also like to publically thank the Block Family Foundation for their very generous donation of \$5,000 to the Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce and to St. Rosalie's Parish. Once again, out of a bad situation something good happened, if you remember a few years past there were various rumors and gossips going around in the village as when we were preparing our new Comprehensive Plan and misinformation was spread. A special meeting was called here at the village and I had the opportunity to meet the Block family and after that meeting we had spoken again and they asked me what institutions in the village might need some money and I suggested the new Chamber of Commerce and I suggested St. Rosalie's Parish. So once again, out of something bad something good happened and I thank once again the Block Family Foundation for their very generous gifts.

In conclusion, to our veterans, may we all honor them on Veterans Day, this Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for the offer to us and our country their service.

**Trustee Szlendak:** This investigation under the Mayor's direction is not acceptable. We are investigating the Mayor's actions. What we're looking at in here would be like Richard Nixon is investigating the Water Gate break-in. We need an outside, independent individuals to look into this incident.

**Mayor Fuller:** Well, you're wrong and that's all I'll say right now; but there's an investigation going on under my direction.

**Trustee Schuepfer:** Could you tell us who comprises the unit that's investigating?

**Mayor Fuller:** I'm not going to give you any information.

**Trustee Schuepfer:** Can you tell us why you're not giving us any information?

**Mayor Fuller:** Because it's under investigation.

**Trustee Schuepfer:** I didn't finish my question. Can you tell us who's involved with the investigation?

**Mayor Fuller:** I'm not going to divulge any information.

**Trustee Schuepfer:** I believe that we have the right to know that.

**Mayor Fuller:** I don't think you do.

**Trustee Schuepfer:** Are you alleging a criminal act?

**Mayor Fuller:** I'm not alleging anything right now.

**Trustee Jeziorny:** I just want to also wish my condolences to the Gene Brutto family on the passing of their father, Gene Brutto, Sr.; he has been a very well respected Clerk and an elected official of this village. He did very well for the people in our town and also as a CPA he did very well for the people that utilized his services and worked until the day he died; so my condolences to the family.

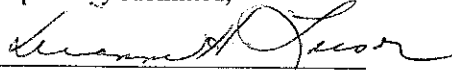
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**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**P. 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 Margaret P. Fuller on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianne H. Larson, Village Clerk