

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009**

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 at 7:50pm) Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Mark Heinle

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N Rutherford: Filed a FOIA for meeting minutes regarding when the discussion of the FAA Grant Coordinator position was discussed and found that it was only discussed at a Finance meeting. Would like to listen to tapes of what meetings this position was discussed at. Quoted from minutes of a COW held on September 2nd where a discussion was held saying that a motion would be placed on the September 10th board meeting for the hiring of a new police officer based on appropriate funds allocated in the 2009-2010 budget. If we do not have enough money for a police officer, then how do we have enough money for an FAA Grant Coordinator? Went through past minutes to find out where it was approved for Mayor Jezierny to attend the WCMC in Washington. He cannot find this approval and would like to listen to the tape where it was approved.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

On the agenda tonight is the re-appointment of a number of dedicated residents to several committees for Harwood Heights. I have received many comments from these committed citizens that they are very proud and look forward to continuing their service in our community.

Houseal Lavinge, our Planning Consultants funded by the FAA Grant, will be kicking off their planning activities. The activities will begin with a presentation made to the Village Board along with the members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. I ask each of these committee members along with our Building Department to be sure to join us on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm.

The 32nd running of the Bank of America **Chicago Marathon** in Grant Park was held last week on Sunday, October 11th. With 4200 participants back in 1977 the Marathon now celebrates the commitment of over 45,000 participants! The Chicago Course is home to 4 World records, several national records and countless personal bests. Two of Harwood Heights personal bests have completed the 26.2 mile event. They are Carmen Rinaldi, our Building Commissioner with a finish of 4 hours 28 minutes and 17 seconds and Mitch Drozd with a finish of 4 hours 8 minutes and 18 seconds. Due to their excellent finish times, if I didn't know better, I would think that they both trained together. Let's congratulate our finishers.

Please join me up front as we recognize your accomplishments...Mitch Drozd and Carmen Rinaldi. Trustee Gadzinski, as Chair of Recreation, please join me in awarding our plaques.

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Trustee Gadzinski

I am very proud to have the two of you present here today at our village meeting, but I am even more honored to have presented you with this award along with the Mayor on behalf of the Village of Harwood Heights for your commitment, your strength and perseverance and your successful completion of the 2009 Chicago Marathon. I myself know that it takes many months of training and devotion to reach the point of endurance in which someone can run a marathon. It is a very physically demanding task. Not everyone can commit to such an event. In the past I have jogged through our community to keep up my health and stay in shape and I continue to do so today. Although sometimes its hard for me to do because I just can't resist my grandmother's home cooking. It is my vision to run the Chicago Marathon myself within the next few years. But until that time, I will be looking up to the both of you and calling you both on the phone for tips and advice. Congratulations once again.

Mayor Jezierny

At this time I would like to report on my recent trip to Washington, DC through the West Central Municipal Conference. Conferences like these take many "drive down" trips to Springfield, IL but this was their first venture to conduct a "fly out" to Washington. About 14 Mayors from the WCMC were in attendance along with their respective staff. Accompanying my journey was Clerk Pollowy and Chief Ricchio who joined us later.

The importance of the trip was multi-purpose. It gave us an opportunity to meet with many of the Congress men and women who serve on various committees. I have been to Washington several times but was very exciting because this was the first time I was representing our community of Harwood Heights. Our days were kept busy and on a tight schedule. It was necessary to split up and attend various meetings and keep up with appointments. Clerk Pollowy attended the Department of Energy and Department of Transportation presentations while Chief Ricchio and I kept previous appointments with the Department of Justice and an appointment with our Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky at the Capitol.

Chief Ricchio and I had a scheduled meeting regarding the COPS program as many of you heard of by now. Our goal was to determine the seriousness of the so called "blacklisting". Our meeting was quite informative as we met with the Associate General Counsel, a representative from the Audit Liaison Division and the Senior Policy Analyst. I want to report that we are not "blacklisted" and we are not barred from government-wide agencies. Our 3-year bar strictly pertains to COPS as a remedy for the failure of previous administrations not submitting required audits and not maintaining the minimum level of officers upon the issuance of the grant. Although we do not qualify for grant money from this agency until the fall of 2011, we have found that the number of applications submitted far exceed the grant funds available until 2011. However, the Department will allow us to submit applications for grants in the Spring of 2011 so when grants are issued in the Fall of that year we will once again qualify. We learned that we are eligible for grants from other funding sources and the Department of Justice will advise us of future grants and related deadlines.

Our meeting with our Congresswoman was extremely enlightening. Jan Schakowsky spent quite a bit of time with us as we discussed the needs of Harwood Heights. Since our return the Chief and I have been already contacted by her staff and our next meeting is already set for next week in our offices. We are working on a number of opportunities for helping Harwood Heights maintain a high level of services for our residents and community as a whole.

Clerk Pollowy and I did get a brief chance to tour the White House at 7:00 am and visit the Vietnam, World War II and Korean memorials before we departed. Let me encourage all of you to visit these memorials should the opportunity emerge. It is both a somber and important moment to honor those who gave their lives to keep the world safe for their children and future generations. Let's take a moment of silence to recognize those heroes of the past and pray for those who are in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan. (pause)...stay safe and come home soon!

I also want to say that I was honored to be the Grand Marshall along with Mayor Ron Oppedisano from Norridge for the PRIDE Red Ribbon walk held on Sunday, October 18th at Noon. I was pleased that many members of our Board were also present: Village Clerk Marcia Pollowy and Trustees Michael Gadzinski, Larry Steiner and Lester Szlendak along with the participation of the schools, children and our residents. I am proud that this organization is taking a stance on keeping our children off drugs. Thank you!

At our next Board meeting of November 12th, we will present financial updates from our Auditing firm.

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Forestry & Green Initiatives
Trustee Dobrzycki

No Report

Recreation
Trustee Gadzinski

The Harwood Heights Youth Commission has a Halloween Party scheduled for this Sunday October 25, 2009 from 1-3pm at the village hall in the community center. Looking forward to seeing all of the kids and members dressed up in all sorts of scary costumes and outfits in the spirit of Halloween.

I am proud to say that I participated in the Red Ribbon Walk held this past Sunday in support of a drug free community. This was a very positive event held together by residents from both Harwood Heights and Norridge to show our commitment in "saying no to drugs". Among the many residents in attendance, also present was Major Jezierny, Trustees Steiner and Szlendak and Mayor Ron Oppedisano and Trustee Jackie Gregorio from Norridge. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the members of the Harwood Heights-Norridge Rotary Club for their kind donation of supplying water bottles and taffy apples to all participants.

On tonight's agenda, agenda number I-9, is to approve a Health Fair to be held in our community center on November 19, 2009 from 9-noon. I ask the boards support and approval.

HEALTH FAIR

On Thursday November 19, 2009, I have requested Resurrection Healthcare to be here at our village to provide some basic services and screening to our residents for no charge. I believe this will provide our residents with the opportunity to not only get checked out, but also to ask questions and learn about the many services that Resurrection has to offer to our community. Also present will be Dr. Mark A. Szymanski who is a local Chiropractor and will provide a wide variety of information as well.

Resurrection will provide the following services the day of the Health Fair at no charge to our residents.

- Stroke Assessments and education
- Blood pressure screening
- Cardiovascular risk assessments
- Cholesterol and glucose screening (fingersticks)
- Body fat analysis

I will make sure that all of the information pertaining to the health fair will be available on our website as well as information distributed throughout our community. I am hoping for a great turnout and most importantly providing services to our residents on the spot in the comfort of their own community.

Public Works
Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner

Public Works is done hot patching and is now doing cold patching to prepare for winter. Hendrickson is finishing tree trimming in the area. We have 9 loads of salt available for the winter. Public Works is making sure our plows are in order. They are working on the fire hydrants making sure they are functional. Street Sweeping will continue through the end of November to get the leaves cleaned up (weather permitting). Our new truck is scheduled to be delivered in mid November.

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Public Health & Safety/Building

Trustee Mougolias

There are confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus in schools in our area. The Cook County health department has issued a bulletin regarding the H1N1 virus. Please visit the CCDPH website at cookcountypublichealth.org to obtain the most recent information on this virus. To help cut back on this virus it is best to keep washing your hands and spray your home with Lysol. Vaccines will be available shortly. You can also call the Cook County Department of Public Health H1N1 hotline at 708-492-2828

Camille Paul spoke from audience: Was at doctor and the doctor gave out a sheet saying that you should rinse your mouth out with salt water twice a day and also use a cotton swab of salt water in your nostrils twice a day to help prevent getting the H1N1 virus.

Ordinance/License

Trustee Schuepfer

Asked for the Boards approval of agenda items I 11 & I 12. Updated information from the Committee of the Whole held on October 14th regarding Video Gaming, Complimented Pioneer Press on an article written regarding the discussion the Board held at the meeting.

Finance

Information & Technology

Trustee Szlendak

It is time to begin work on the Tax Levy. It will be discussed at our next Finance meeting that will be held on November 4th at 6:30pm. He is going to recommend that we do not raise our taxes. Everything else that generates additional revenue will be looked at. We will have to figure out a way to help our businesses so they can make more money and we can generate more revenue. A much lengthier report will be given at the next Board meeting.

Clerk's Report

Received a letter from the Salvation Army and we will have a box in the lobby for a food donation for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are hoping to give them the much needed food that they need.

Attorney's Report

Rob Bush sends his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. Rob is attending the International Municipal Lawyers Association Conference in Miami and said it is very productive.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Gadzinski

Senior Assistance Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. Rain Barrels are still available for purchase. The information is on our Village website.

Trustee Mougolias

We need to try and support our local businesses. Our local businesses are suffering during this bad economy. Due to this we see less in tax revenue for our Village. On Tuesday, November 10th, the next meeting of the Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce will be meeting at the Central Baptist Village. He will be asking the Chamber, as well as the Village to support the 350 Project; the 3 stands for what 3 independently owned businesses would you miss if they disappeared? The 50 means if half of the employed population spent \$50.00 each month in a locally owned business each month, it would generate 42.6 billion in revenue. For every \$100.00 spent in local stores \$68.00 goes back to the local community through taxes, payroll and expenditures. If you spend it in a national chain, \$43.00 comes back to us, and if you spend it online, nothing comes back to us. There is a website you can go to for further information, 350project.net. If we support our local businesses we can help our town grow as we will have more revenue. I ask our residents to support our stores and support the 350 project.

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G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Agenda item H. Appointments/Reappointments.

1. To concur with the Mayor's Reappointment of Village Officials – Term 11/01/09 thru 4/30/11*. (List Attached)

A roll call vote on Appointments/Reappointments resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Szlendak seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda Items I 1 – I 17.

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held October 8, 2009.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,000.00, payable to Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) for 2009 Annual dues expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-7036 – Police.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,490.50, payable to Trans-O-Matic for transmission repair on squad # 492 expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-7044 – Police.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,461.03, payable to Chief Mario Ricchio for reimbursement of complete travel expenses, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-7025 – Police.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,095.78, payable to Marcia L. Pollowy for reimbursement of travel expenses, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-01-00-7025 – General Administration.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,493.75, payable to Harry I. Sakai, CPA for professional accounting services rendered for September 2009 expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7034 – Finance.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,250.00, payable to RGP Diversified Services, Inc. for accounting services for billing period of September 28, 2009 through October 9, 2009 as specified in the service agreement approved by the board at the September 24, 2009 Board meeting, expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-03-00-7034 – Finance.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$415.00, payable to the Illinois Fire & Police Association for the attendance of Nuccio D'Argento to the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Associations Fall Seminar for November 6, 7 & 8, 2009 expensed to FY 09/10 line item 11-05-00-7036 – Police.
9. Motion for the Board to approve a Health Fair to be conducted on November 19, 2009, from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Village of Harwood Heights Community Center.
10. To approve the "102nd Annual Tag Days" on Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th 2010 for the Children's Benefit League of Chicago and Suburbs.

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11. To Adopt **Ordinance 09-27**, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the Contribution Agreement.
12. To Adopt **Ordinance 09-28**, An Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances to Provide Specific Penalties for Operating Second Division Vehicles Beyond Maximum Registered Gross Weight of Vehicle and Load.
13. To Adopt **Resolution 09-13**, A Resolution To Include Compensation Paid Under An Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$1,630.00** for manual check **#47095**.
15. Motion to approve reissued checks **#47096** thru **#47103** for replacement of outstanding stale dated checks.
16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$219,518.26** as they appear on check register **#47104** thru **#47171**.
17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$125,255.31** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – I 17 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Chief Ricchio

A press release was reported by Pioneer Press regarding a program called Code Red. Code Red is a communication system that had been purchased by the previous Police Chief but was never implemented. It is a computerized message system that is now in place. This system will allow the police department to issue messages to local businesses and residents as needs arise. It could be something regarding an emergency or as simple as notification of upcoming events. The effectiveness of this system depends upon how much information we have in our database. He urges everyone who is not registered with the police department to register for this program by either going to the Village website and following the link to Code Red or by calling the HHPD at 708-867-4353 ext 450. This system will allow us to put out information on a much wider span. Your personal number will NOT be given out to anyone.

Trustee Szlendak asked Chief Ricchio if we could use this system to notify residents after a snowfall that they cannot park on a certain side of the street. Chief responded by saying we could as long as we have their numbers registered. Chief Ricchio asked the Police Department to submit their cell phone numbers to the Code Red system which allows the Village to cancel the pagers officers were using. This will save the Village \$2000.00 per year.

Trustee Mougolias stated that at the last 911 meeting we asked if someone from Code Red could come in and speak to the Board; asked if we were any closer to having that person meet with the Board. Chief Ricchio responded that Lt. Marviglia is attempting to have the meeting. One of the drawbacks is that this is not an Illinois based system. We are looking into having it changed next October when our contract is up to a company that is Illinois based.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

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L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dobrzycki

Remembered that our former Clerk Dianne Larson's birthday and the 1 year anniversary of her passing is next week. He stated that he felt she was a very good person and she held her Clerks position with pride and did a very good job, reminding everyone of her contribution to the village and board and of her passing.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into Execution Session by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak

A roll call vote to enter into Executive session at 8:16pm resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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. (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 reconvene the regular meeting at 9:18pm resulted as follows:

Motion by TrusteeSchuepfer, seconded by Trustee Steiner.

Clerk Pollowy called the role and all present.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski 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, October 22, 2009 at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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