

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011**

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 (Absent)
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki (Late 7:36pm) Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias (Late 7:34pm) Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak (Late 7:35pm)
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: After reading the article in the Pioneer Press regarding the plans for the TIF study, thanked Mayor Jezierny for contacting the other taxing bodies regarding the study. Commented that the attorney stated in a newspaper article that he was going to pay for half the cost of the TIF study and questioned if it was a conflict of interest since he looks at all Village contracts?

Attorney Rob Bush: Stated that his firm would pay for half of the study only if the study found that the area being considered was "not eligible" as a TIF District.

Mayor Jezierny presented an award to Officer Ed Smith. **Chief Ricchio** read the award stating that Officer Smith caught 2 subjects attempting to break into a home on Montrose.

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

Mayor's Report
Mayor Jezierny

Tuesday Storm

Clerk Pollowy, Trustee Schuepfer and I rode down each block of Harwood Heights taking an assessment of any damages immediately following the storm.

Every block had debris, either uprooted trees, broken tree limbs, or branches. A couple of streets were completely blocked by fallen trees and I notified the Police to block the streets that were impassable. Public Works were called in Tuesday night to remove trees and debris from streets that were completely blocked to allow clearance for any emergency vehicles to pass through.

There were a few cars that were damaged by fallen trees and one damaged by a power line. Nagle Avenue was closed from Gunnison to Sunnyside due to a fallen tree over power lines along the golf course.

About 1/3 of the Village lost power due to fallen wires, etc and ComEd was called immediately. Most of the power came on by midnight, but others were still waiting the following day. ComEd had approximately 400,000 homes without power and had their crews working on restoring power and power lines as soon as possible.

Public Works Superintendent Tom Wolfe coordinated the efforts of his crew on the removal of debris from streets and sewers which will continue for a couple of days. However, I must say that Public Works did an excellent job and had 90%

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of our streets were cleared by the end of the day on Wednesday. They also checked pump house signals, water levels, generators, etc. to make sure everything is operating as it should.

Oh, and by the way Trustee Schuepfer now categorizes us as the “storm chasers”. But I thank them for their concern and the hours they spent to accompany me in assessing our Village. I also want to thank Trustee Gadzinski who was on street detail.

MFT Funds

A press conference was held this morning, where the Governor announced the release of \$100 million in additional Motor Fuel Tax monies for municipalities statewide. The source is the Illinois Jobs Now program. This means that Harwood Heights will receive \$36,031 of funds for 5 annual installments. Today marks the second release of the five installments. These funds are distributed based on the same formula as the MFT and will equate to a 17% increase over what we usually receive from the State.

ComEd

While the press conference was taking place pertaining to the release of MFT funds, I was on a 2-hour conference call with ComEd this morning along with many Mayors and Municipalities. As Mayor of Harwood Heights, I shared our concern for our residents and businesses without power and was also concerned about the power to our Water Tower which regulates the pumps for the reservoir at our pump house. Another conference call was scheduled again at 4:00 pm and by this time power was restored to our Water Tower. Almost all of our Village now has power with the exception of just a few. ComEd is in the process of attending to those. They have already restored 90% of the more than 440,000 without power. I was surprised by the vast area this storm covered: Bloomingdale, Westchester, Riverside, Glencoe, Glenview, Northbrook, Northlake, Wilmette, Des Plaines, Niles, Hinsdale, Lake Forest, Mt Prospect, Brannockburn, Skokie just to name a few.

I have also inquired as to any personal damage in the way of groceries or property damage. Unfortunately, the storm is an act of god and not any fault of ComEd. Any damages would need to be reported to the homeowner's or businesses personal insurance.

Island in the City Festival

The Island in the City Festival is taking place from July 7 – 10 at the Norridge Park. Once again Harwood Heights' Day is Sunday, July 10th from 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Please stop by our booth and say hello. We look forward to seeing you. I have also invited our Congressman and State Senator and Representative to join us.

Local Mayors Meeting

This week I attended a quarterly meeting with the local Mayors that also included our new representatives as a result of the new mapping. However, this mapping still needs to be signed by the Governor. I look forward to working closely with our Congressman and State Legislators.

Community Leaders Workshop on TIF

The Community Leaders Workshop, met last week and I discussed our Board's decision to conduct a TIF Study. For those that could not be in attendance, I have reached out and made individual calls to keep all schools apprised of our intentions. Of course, I was limited as to what information could be revealed until after the study, but I did copy and distributed information on TIFs and also provided the current taxes paid from some of the vacant properties along Lawrence Avenue. We had great discussions and everyone is supportive to see development and growth in our area that would benefit everyone.

The consensus of the taxing bodies is to move forward with the study and provide additional feedback. Therefore, on tonight's agenda are the motions and Resolutions pertaining to the TIF Study.

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will take place on August 12 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Norridge Park. Forms for luminaries are available. Anyone wishing to participate, please contact Theresa Raimondi at 847-312-8383.

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Paper Shredding

Paper shredding will take place at the Plaza Bank on July 30 from 9:00 am – 10:30 am
You can bring your box of paper to shred and watch them be shredded.

Forestry & Green Initiatives

Trustee Dobrzycki

Commented on the storm damage within the Village and felt that we were much luckier than other Villages in the area. Commented that Public Works did a wonderful job on cleaning up the Village. Asked the residents to call the Village Hall with tree damage.

Recreation

Trustee Gadzinski

The Secretary of State will be at the Village Hall on July 13th from 9:30 -11:00 for the Rules of the Road class, as well as the mobile driver's facility from 10:00 – 2:00. Residents will be able to renew their driver's licenses, state ID's and also obtain a license plate renewal sticker for your car. Senior Citizens 65 and older will get drivers licenses or state ID's free of charge if they do not need to get a road test. The rules of the road class will provide information and sample tests that you will need to know in order to pass the written test; also passed along this information to Ridgewood High School to help students who will be taking the test. Thanked Public Works for the good job they did on clean up after the storm.

Public Works

Water & Sewer

Trustee Steiner

No Report

Public Health & Safety/Building

Trustee Mougolias

Thanked the Emergency Management TEAM as they were ready to help the Village with any clean up after the storm. Asked for the board's approval on the motion to test for new officers due to our current list expiring. He is recommending that we hire 3 new officers. Thinks we can hire these officers without spending any additional funds.

Ordinance/License

Trustee Schuepfer

Asked for Board's approval on agenda item I 10, which is an Ordinance regarding the use of outdoor fireplaces in residential districts. Had discussions with Chief Ricchio and the Norwood Park Fire Department to modify this ordinance that would address this issue properly. Proud to be in a Village where everyone cares about each other as they were all helping each other during the recent storm.

Finance

Information & Technology

Trustee Szlendak

We are waiting for the final draft of the audit to be approved. On July 11, the auditors are coming in to start last years' audit. We do not expect to run into any obstacles. Our accountant will furnish us with the financial results for the end of last year by June 30th. Was amazed that a half hour after the storm our Public Works Department was on the corner of Sunnyside and Oak Park taking care of a tree that came down. He commented that by 10:00am the next day all our roads were passable and in Chicago there were many streets that were not passable. Thanked our Public Works Department for a fantastic job. Thanked Trustee Schuepfer for her quick actions on getting the changes for outdoor fireplaces Ordinance in place.

Clerk's Report

No Report

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Attorney's Report

No Report

Chief Ricchio: Happy to report that we have been awarded a \$20,000.00 grant to purchase a new squad. It is from the Illinois Department of Justice. Will be getting rid of two older squads to help pay for the upkeep of the new squad and will not be seeking any additional funds for the purchase of the squad.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Mougolias: This weekend is the annual village wide garage sale. Next week is big garbage pick-up.

Trustee Dobrzycki: Commended the entire board as at the last meeting everyone showed the residents in attendance their commitment to help them. Everyone worked together.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda Items I 1-16 as amended. Trustee Dobrzycki pulled agenda items I 11, I 12 & I 13 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda Items I 1-10 & I 14-16 as amended.

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held June 9, 2011.
2. To approve the minutes of the Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing held June 9, 2011.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$7,250.00**, payable to Colosimos Construction for new curbs at all sewer catch basin repair locations plus a 20' x 20' section of the Public Works driveway expensed to FY 11/12 line item 22-00-00-7070 – Water & Sewer.
4. To concur with Superintendent Tom Wolfe's recommendation to hire Robert Marsh and John-Paul Canepa as part-time seasonal employees for the Public Works Department at an hourly rate of \$15.00.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$13,924.85**, payable to Houseal Lavigne Associates for Professional Services on June 1, 2011 invoice relating to the FAA Grant for the Land Use Compatibility Plan expensed to FY 11/12 line item 13-15-00-7130 – FAA Grant Expenditures. (80% to be reimbursed back to the village).
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,500.00**, payable to Norridge Park District for Harwood Heights' participation in the 2011 "Island in the City" Festival scheduled for July 7th thru July 10th, expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-01-00-7040 – General Administration.
7. Motion to authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to begin procedures for testing for new candidates for the Police Officers Eligibility List which will be expiring on September 9, 2011.

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8. Motion to approve a Pan American Bank Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Mutual Public Moneys for a Business Money Market Account and to authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer to sign the agreement.
9. To approve a 10-year Intergovernmental Agreement, effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2021 between the Village of Harwood Heights and the Illinois Department of Transportation for a mutual interest in and the maintenance and apportionment of energy costs for traffic control devices located on State highways within the Governmental Body and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
10. To Adopt Ordinance 11-19, An Ordinance Amending Title 15.24.100 of the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances Concerning the Use of Outdoor Fireplaces in Residential Districts.
14. To approve the 911 expenditures totaling \$23,730.35 for June 2011 as they appear on the 911 check register.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$241,414.94 as they appear on check register #50687 thru #50743.
16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$133,758.70 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-10 & I 14-16 as amended 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 Dobrzycki, seconded by Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 11.

11. To Adopt Resolution 11-13, A Resolution Providing for a Feasibility Study on the Designation of a Portion of the Village of Harwood Heights (Lawrence Avenue Development Corridor) as a Redevelopment Project Area and to Induce Development Interest Within Such Area.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 11 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Schuepfer, Steiner, Mayor Jezierny

NAYS: Trustee Dobrzycki, Mougolias, Szlendak

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 12.

12. To Adopt Resolution 11-14, A Resolution Providing for the Establishment of a Tax Increment Financing "Interested Parties" Registry and Adopting Registration Rules for Said Registry.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 12 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Steiner, Schuepfer, Mayor Jezierny

NAYS: Trustee Dobrzycki, Mougolias, Szlendak

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

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Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda item I 13.

13. To approve a Phase I - TIF feasibility study agreement between the Village of Harwood Heights and Kane McKenna & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,500 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 13 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Gadzinski, Steiner, Schuepfer, Mayor Jezierny

NAYS: Trustee Dobrzycki, Mougolias, Szlendak

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Pollowy: Read a letter from the Village of Schiller Park Police Department to Chief Ricchio thanking the Harwood Heights Police Department for the assistance provided to them on June 7, 2011 regarding a large amount of drugs and the suspect's car that was seized in the arrest.

M. TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Szlendak: Stated that TIF is a financial incentive to the buyer and/or the seller of the property and feels that the problem is that if the area is designated as a TIF area the owners will raise the cost of the property. The time to look at the TIF is when the owner of the property comes to the board with a development idea and why they need a TIF to make that happen. Feels the vote of the board now is premature.

Trustee Schuepfer: Stated that while she does understand Trustee Szlendak's comments they are not actually to the point of what was voted on this evening. What was voted on was to do a feasibility study to see whether or not any of the properties listed met the criteria to be identified as a TIF. Doesn't think it is appropriate for the residents to think the board voted on a TIF. They voted on a feasibility study. Nobody voted for a TIF, just a study. If in the future it is designated as TIF eligible, the board would have to vote as to whether or not to approve a TIF district.

Trustee Mougolias: Stated that the board members are all fairly sure from their comments that this area is TIF eligible. Our attorneys and development consultants have all expressed to the board that this area is TIF eligible. Doesn't see the point in spending \$10,000.00 right now when we need that money for other things and feels that when we know we are going to use a TIF that is when we should spend the money. On the other hand, nobody is 100% positive that we are TIF eligible. Questions, what if we do the study and find out we are not TIF eligible? Then we lost our ace in the hole. Feels it may be to our benefit for the builders/buyers to make their deal first and then look into the TIF.

Trustee Dobrzycki: Believes that all the residents understood that we are not creating a TIF but are working through the process to see if the properties are eligible and feels that the residents have faith in the board and their opinions.

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Mayor Jezierny: Stated that there are a lot of different uses for TIF. It is not just to help the buyer or the seller. It is to help our community grow. It is a tool used for economic development and that's what we are going to take a look at. The feasibility of utilizing a TIF is to see if it's possible, and if it would benefit our community and our surrounding communities as well. Right now you do not see properties growing. They are just sitting there. Would like to see them progress and would like to see someone develop some of these empty properties to bring us revenue. We have to start somewhere and think that the study is a good place to start.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Steiner at 8:24pm; on a roll call vote, all in favor.

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.

Reconvene Open Session: Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Szlendak at 9:03pm; roll call, all present.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Schuepfer 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 23, 2011 at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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