

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2011**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER** at 7:03pm
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia Pollowy
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Mark Heinle

D. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anita Groll, 4707 N. Oketo: Felt that the residents on the 4700 block of Oketo had no communications regarding the proposed Mariano's grocery store. Concerned about the increase in traffic that will be generated if the store comes in and the safety of the children going to the library and school along Oketo. Also indicated that the store would bring crime to the area.

Mayor Jezierny: Indicated that all the meetings pertaining to the Mariano's development were posted on our village website and in the Village Hall and that all residents on Oketo received a letter pertaining to the Plan Commission hearing on December 12th encouraging them to attend.

Billy Pappademetriou, 4709 N. Odell: Had a number of issues regarding Mariano's coming to the Lawrence/Oketo intersection; also commented on the amount of traffic the store would generate and safety of the children. Does not believe Mariano's will bring in substantial revenue for the village because the state only gets 2-1/2% in sales tax on grocery stores; thinks it's a bad investment and does not feel the village should give the developer \$4,000,000.

Richard Fladtan, 4723 N. Oketo: Has a number of issues with the village. Not happy with the prospect of a Mariano's being built across the street from where he lives. The traffic on Oketo is already heavy and more traffic will be detrimental. When the Tornado building was being demolished stated his whole house was shaking causing damage to his building. Indicated that traffic coming out of the library doesn't stop when coming out of the parking lot; a stop sign should be installed. Also get rid of the street parking in front of the library.

Mayor Jezierny: Stated that a lot of the traffic on Oketo and the other streets off of Harlem is due to the new "No Turn on Red" sign at Lawrence and Harlem that was put up by IDOT; a lot of cars are avoiding the signs and cutting down the side streets. New signs have been posted indicating "No Thru Traffic", "Local Traffic Only" to try to reduce people from taking a shortcut to Harlem. The subject of a stop sign coming out of the libraries parking lot was discussed a number of months ago and the board didn't see the urgency to have the library put up a stop sign; will bring this subject back to the board for further discussion.

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Attended the Committee of the Whole meeting last night where one of the items for discussion was the bond issue and the hiring of a Financial Consultant. The village should send out letters to the residents when the village is considering a major project like this one.

Anita Groll: Indicated that she did not receive a letter regarding the financing of this project.

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Mayor Jezierny: Indicated that there was no letter sent out to the residents regarding financing for this project.

Trustee Mougolias: Asked the attorney to state how much the proposed amount of money that the village will be financing that was discussed in open session on December 6th at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Jezierny: There were a number of closed executive sessions for the board members regarding financing options during the past few months. It seems that some of the information discussed in closed session has been revealed to residents and the information has been highly exaggerated and has led the information to be very misleading and overblown.

Attorney Mark Heinle: Indicated that he believes the amount discussed was \$3,700,000. The current sale agreement for the Tanzer property is \$3,800,000 and that number is still being negotiated.

Trustee Mougolias: The sale price of \$3,800,000 or \$4,000,000 plus interest over a 10 or 15 year period will be substantially higher more in the \$5 to \$6 million range. I don't want to give the developer \$4,000,000, but the majority of the board is willing to give the developer the \$4,000,000 which in the long run may cost the village \$10,000,000.

Mayor Jezierny: Did Trustee Mougolias tell you, the residents, how this money would be repaid? The money is not coming out of our General Fund nor is it coming from the residents taxes; no! The money borrowed will be repaid from the sales taxes generated from Mariano's and also it will provide 400 to 450 jobs. The estimated sales tax revenue is well over \$500,000 a year that Mariano's will bring into this village. Of the \$500,000, 50% would be used to pay off the loan if the board approves it; the balance, of \$250,000 or more, will be new revenue for the village. If the project does not pass they indicated that they wanted to be in the area and could go down the street, which is Norridge, and you'll still have the anticipated additional traffic on Oketo but with sales tax revenue to benefit our village.

Wieslaw Skowyra, 7355 W. Leland: Wanted to know who makes the final decision if Mariano's comes into the village? Also hear that if this project goes through Leland will be made a two-way street.

Mayor Jezierny: The Village Board makes the final decision. Leland is not going to be made a two-way street; this is another rumor that has been floating around.

E. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on E 1.

1. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Amy Harding to replace Becky O'Connor on the Special Events Committee for the period December 29, 2011 to April 30, 2013.

A roll call vote on E 1 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on E 2.

2. To concur with the Mayor's appointment of Becky Garcia to replace Joanne Varela on the Special Events Committee for the period December 29, 2011 to April 30, 2013.

A roll call vote on E 2 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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F. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor withdrew motion F 24.

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items F 1 – 23 & I 25-26 as amended.

Trustee Dobrzycki pulled Consent Agenda item F 10 for a separate vote.

Trustee Szlendak pulled Consent Agenda item F 8 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Trustee Gadzinski on Consent Agenda items F 1–7, I 9, I 11 – 23 & I 25- 26 as amended.

1. To approve the Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held December 8, 2011.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$101,722.96, payable to Arrow Road Construction on pay request # 2 for the 2011 CDBG/MFT Resurfacing Project on Ainslie and Argyle expensed to FY 11/12 line item 13-02-00-7130 – CDBG Grant.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,641.88, payable to Current Technologies for additional upgrades for the village security system expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-13-00-7999 – Contingency.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,365.00, payable to Robert W. Hendricksen Co for removal of additional damaged trees expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-13-00-7999 – Contingency.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,050.00, payable to HD Waterworks for repair sleeves for water main repairs expensed to FY 11/12 line item 22-00-00-6014 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve change order #1 for the 2011 MFT Sidewalk Program in the amount of \$4,713.27 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the change order.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$12,400.50, payable to the West Suburban Special Recreation Association for the 1st Quarter 2012 Share Payment & Inclusion Payment expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-08-00-7037 – Special Recreation.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$6,500.00, payable to Miller Copper & Co., Ltd. for auditing services rendered for the April 30, 2011 Financial Audit through November 30, 2011 expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-03-00-7034 – Auditing.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,864.50, payable to Marie L. Rogers for court report services for the new comprehensive zoning code and map hearings on October 26th and the Bradford Equities and 4701 N. Ronald hearings on December 12th expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-02-00-7059 – Legal.
12. To approve an expenditure not to exceed the amount of \$40.00, payable to World's Oldest Sports for the purchase of basketballs for the HHYC Basketball program. Expensed to FY 2011/12, line item 11-08-00-7031-Recreation.
13. To approve an expenditure not to exceed the amount of \$240.00, payable to World's Oldest Sports for the purchase of pinnies/jerseys for the basketball program. Expensed to FY 2011/12, line item 11-08-00-7031-Recreation.
14. To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$10.00 payable to Kevin Hilton for refereeing basketball. Expensed to FY 2011/12, line item 11-08-00-7031-Recreation.
15. To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$10.00 payable to Rich Varella for refereeing basketball. Expensed to FY 2011/12, line item 11-08-00-7031-Recreation.
16. To approve Trustee Gadzinski as the Regular WSSRA Representative, and Trustee Dobrzycki as the Alternate WSSRA Representative.

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17. Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Benefits Age and Humana for the implementation of the Health Insurance 100/70 IL Humana Choice POS 08 coins Reference #43 effective January 1, 2012 with a monthly cost not to exceed \$328.68 for single employees, \$723.09 for employee with spouse, \$624.49 for employee with children, and \$1018.90 for Family coverage.
18. Motion to approve the 2012 Health Insurance deductible reimbursement plan for eligible employees enrolled in the Humana selected PPO plan. For a single employee, the Village will reimburse the first \$500 and reimburse an additional \$500 after the employee has paid the \$2,000 portion of their deductible of \$3,000. For those with one or more dependents, the Village will reimburse the first \$1,000 and reimburse an additional \$3,000 after the employee has paid the \$2,000 portion of their deductible of \$6,000.
19. Motion to authorize the Mayor to continue an Agreement with a third party administrator, Employee Benefit Corporation in an amount not to exceed **\$3,500.00** to handle the health reimbursement plan (HRA) effective January 1, 2012.
20. Motion to approve Dental Insurance with Guardian Life Insurance Company for the PPO Guardian Choice Value Plan NAP J1 and Prepaid HMO plan U40 with an initial binder cost of **\$3,800.00** not to exceed the existing 2011 monthly premium from Humana without any reduction in employee benefits expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-03-00-7015 – Finance.
21. Motion to approve Life Insurance with Standard Insurance Company with an initial binder cost of **\$325.00** not to exceed the existing 2011 monthly premium from Humana without any reduction in Life Insurance benefits expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-03-00-7015 - Finance.
22. Motion to approve the VSP Vision Plan as an Option for employees to utilize at their own cost provided there is participation of at least 10 employees.
23. To correct the account number on motion I 8 on the December 8, 2011 board agenda for the 2011 MFT Sidewalk Program to **44-00-00-8042** – MFT Fund.
25. To approve the 911 expenditures totaling **\$8,732.18** for December 2011 as they appear on the 911 check register.
26. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$429,933.38** as they appear on check register **#51466** thru **#51552**.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item F 1-7, I 9, I 11-23 & I 25-26 as amended resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

ITEM WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

24. Motion to authorize Dan Denys to become the Financial Consultant for the financing of the Village's portion for Bradford as per letter of authorization.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda Items F 8.

8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,018.75**, payable to Kane, McKenna and Associates for 1st billing on the Phase II TIF Study expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-13-00-7999 – Contingency.

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A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item F 8 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: Trustee Dobrzycki, Mougolias, Szlendak

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki on Consent Agenda Items F 10.

10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$21,072.45, payable to Ancel Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer for billing through November 30, 2011; expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-02-00-7051 – Legal.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 10 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

PRESENT: Trustee Dobrzycki

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Dobrzycki to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor, the motion carried and the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk