

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 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 Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Mark Heinle

D. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roy Schmidt, 4336 N. Rutherford: Congratulated the Trustees who won the election last week. Wondered if anyone is looking into who is stealing and vandalizing election signs. Wanted an explanation for agenda item I 6?

Mark Heinle stated that agenda item I 6 was regarding litigation with the former chief that is pending relating to a dispute with TNK9 canine unit.

Mayor Jezierny stated that this was discussed in executive session and the settlement option is the maximum that the board would allow to be offered.

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

First, I would like to congratulate the Trustees on their victory; Trustee Gadzinski, Trustee Dobrzycki and Trustee Schuepfer. Now that the election is over, it's back to work because we have a lot to accomplish for Harwood Heights. A swearing in ceremony is scheduled for the first Board meeting in May which is Thursday, May 12th.

PW Superintendent, Tom Wolfe and I attended the Cook County Department of Homeland Security pertaining to the FEMA Disaster Assistance Program in Maine Township where FEMA representatives reviewed the paperwork we submitted for reimbursement for costs incurred from the 2011 Snow Blizzard. It appears that we qualify for 75% reimbursement or approximately \$25,000. We should expect reimbursement in about 1 – 2 months.

I would like to thank the residents of the Noise Committee for your work and taking the first step in what appears to be a long battle to convince the powers that be and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission that noise is a problem in Harwood Heights and we need to be included in the contour map. Once on the map, then it becomes a fight for noise reduction funding strategies. I am, however, concerned that recent conversations at doorsteps have given many residents false hope that sound proofing is within our grasp. That is far from accurate...and it was disconcerting to receive calls and be asked when and how residents can apply for sound proofing or reimbursement for windows they installed in the past year. We need to be upfront with our residents and keep them advised of the latest results from the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission comprised of Mayors from various communities surrounding O'Hare. Also included in this Commission is the Federal Aviation Administration, City of Chicago and Chicago Department of Aviation.

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This is an uphill battle. According to the FAA Contour Mapping, we are not even included in the map for any sound-proofing. Our first goal is to get us included on the map, but the FAA does not plan to reevaluate the mapping until the complete build-out of the O'Hare Modernization Program is complete. And, the awkward response is that no one knows when that final build-out date will be. It takes a Village to be heard above the roar of planes but the voices must be coordinated and loud. To that end, I along with other interested Trustees and resident volunteers will work over the summer to develop a coordinated strategy to get Harwood Heights on the map and in line for the consideration of sound reducing measures. Part of the plan must include a realistic time line that follows the O'Hare Expansion. We will work with the O'Hare Commission. We will spread our wings to the other people of the surrounding towns who also are not on the map. We will also work with Jan Schakowsky who has been giving us her ear and is also working on our behalf to get another testing done of the contour map. The contour map indicates that they are an environmental/noise contour map. What does that mean to us? Is that noise or is it environmental. What is the noise portion of the contour map and do we fall within it?

Committee Appointees are being evaluated this month for ALL Committees and appointees for the next year will be made at our first Board meeting in May. There are a number of residents who wish to serve on the Noise Committee and each will be considered.

All paperwork has been submitted to Cook County for the funding to resurface Argyle and Ainslie from Oketo to Harlem. These funds are restricted and can be used in only certain areas or "tracts" within the Village. We await the County's "Notice to Proceed"

Tonight's agenda presents an MFT Resolution to cover the design and construction engineering for a number of street resurfacing projects that would be funded by the State's Emergency Repair Program. We were awarded \$645,000 of which Sayre was completed from Montrose to Wilson as a shared project between Harwood Heights and Norridge since this street is shared. It is essential that we obtain engineering on other streets that have been evaluated by Public Works so we can go out to bid and resurface as many streets that are in need of repair as we can under this grant.

We are nearing our Audit for fiscal year 2010. The new GASB-45 is one of the last items and is in process of completion. Our accountant has been working diligently with our Auditors with a primary focus on completing this audit. Our next primary goal is the Appropriation Budget for 2011/2012. This too, is very close to completion and this will be discussed at our next Committee of the Whole meeting which will be scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm.

An outstanding settlement was resolved from the TNK9 lawsuit and that is reflected on tonight's agenda.

April 1st began our street sweeping. Please adhere to the no parking signs for your block. This is not a new Ordinance and we continue to remind our residents each year to avoid ticketing.

Vehicle Stickers are on sale now. The deadline for posting your sticker in the lower right front windshield is April 30th. The cost is \$20.00.

Our Village Clerk Marcia Pollowy has coordinated the efforts of the 7th and 8th Grade Art Class at Union Ridge to submit their vehicle sticker design with the theme recognizing the Harwood Heights Public Works and the Police Departments. We received a number of entries. The judging was done by the Village Office Staff. So at this time we would like to present a Certificate of Recognition along with a \$50 Gift Card to the winner Kasia Kwiatkowski. Kasia is a resident of Harwood Heights and has 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Kasia, please join Clerk Pollowy and I as we present you with your award certificate.

I would like to review some upcoming dates:

This Sunday, April 17 is the opening parade for the Harwood Heights/Norridge Youth Baseball. The parade will depart at 9:30 am sharp from Oketo behind the Theatre and make its way through the towns of HH and Norridge ending at Norridge Park at 10:30 am. Trustees who are interested in participating in the parade are to meet behind the Theatre at 9:00 am

I would like to recognize the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

Each year one of our business owners Nuccio Dargento and his partner Rocco from Vince's Restaurant raise donations for a new Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research. Their event this year takes place on **Tuesday, April 26**.

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Tickets are \$125 and includes an evening of dining and entertainment – all for a great cause. You can contact Vince’s Restaurant directly for tickets and I have some information here at the desk if you need immediate information.

On **Friday, April 29th**, Ridgewood Parents Club raise funds for Ridgewood HS through its “Lucky Losers” event. If you are interested in this fun event, please contact Jackie Gregorio, Trustee of Norridge. Tickets are \$135 per couple.

Saturday, May 7th is the Constitution Day Parade.

A reception and brunch takes place before the parade at 8:35 am for Trustees. The cost is \$40

Also on Saturday, May 7th is the WSSRA Derby Gala held at Hawthorn Race Course from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. This event marks their 10th year of the Derby event and benefits the Special Needs Recreation program of our surrounding communities.

Friday, May 20th is the West Central Municipal Conference Annual Dinner Meeting.

Please advise our Village Clerk Marcia Pollowy if Trustees will participate in any of these events.

Forestry & Green Initiatives

Trustee Dobrzycki

Yard waste pick up began on April 1st. Please use proper containers that are clearly labeled yard waste; stickers are available at the Village Hall.

Recreation

Trustee Gadzinski

No Report

Public Works

Water & Sewer

Trustee Steiner

Street cleaning began on April 1st. Please observe the parking regulations. Public Works has finally received their new truck and we now have a full fleet.

Public Health & Safety/Building

Trustee Mougolias

Received a call from Public Works Superintendent Tom Wolfe stating that they had a huge pile of debris from the sweeper at the Public Works yard. He called ARC disposal to pick up the garbage. ARC picked up the first load at no charge and he had to approve a one time charge of \$400.00 to have them remove the second load.

Ordinance/License

Trustee Schuepfer

No Report

Finance

Information & Technology

Trustee Szlendak

We are working on the Appropriation for the upcoming year. We got slightly delayed because of the extra work our accountant had to do for the audit. We are in the final stretch to get the true account balance in the general fund. Hoping the accountant will have all the numbers together for the next meeting in May.

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Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Dobrzycki: Thanked Harwood Heights Police Officers Lamella and Miller for responding to his call that he smelled natural gas. There was a natural gas leak on the 4600 block of Oak Park.

Mayor Jezierny stated that she also feels it's important to report any concerns a resident may have regarding the community.

Trustee Szlendak: Hoping that our residents will report to the police if they see any election signs being removed or destroyed.

Trustee Gadzinski: Reminded everyone that it is time to check your sump pump as storm season is right around the corner. Contacted the Water Reclamation District regarding rain barrels that have been available in the past; they are going to continue the program this year. Information will be on our website and at the Village Hall.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Szlendak

Ines Canepa read a letter from the O'Hare Noise Committee indicating the resignation of all the O'Hare Noise Committee members.

Trustee Szlendak stated that our noise levels are consistently above 65 decibels. The projection is that after the airport project is completed the noise level will be at 67.9. Once the project is completed we are going to have 3 runways over our heads. In 2012 one of the runways over Montrose will be completed. By 2016, the runway over Irving Park will be completed. Is sorry that the Harwood Heights Noise Commission is resigning but understands why. Something needs to be done. The elected Officials have to start doing something to get soundproofing to our homes.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda Items I 1-27.

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held March 24, 2011.
2. To approve the renewal extended maintenance support agreement from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012 with Forward Communication for the annual fee of \$3,718.00, payable to Forward Telecommunication Services for the Village Hall, the Harwood Heights Police Department and Public Works expensed to FY 10/11 line item 11-14-00-9503 – Village Properties and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,800.00, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. for auditing services rendered through March 15, 2011 for the April 30, 2010 audit expensed to FY 10/11 line item 11-03-00-7034 – Finance.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,500.00, payable to Timothy W. Sharpe for completion of the GASB 45 actuarial valuations and disclosures for the 2010 audit expensed to FY 10/11 line item 11-03-00-7032 – Finance.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,234.23, payable to Third Millennium for the programming, system set-up, printing and mailing of the Harwood Heights 2011/2012 Vehicle sticker applications expensed to FY 10/11 line item 11-03-00-9540 – Finance.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$15,000.00, payable to Martin Podosek for settlement of counterclaim regarding the TNK9 lawsuit expensed to line item 11-13-00-7999 - Contingency.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$11,021.13, payable to Ancel Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer for billing through February 28, 2011; expensed to FY 10/11 line item 11-02-00-7051- Legal.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,888.75, payable to Houseal Lavigne Associates for Professional Services on April 1, 2011 invoice relating to the FAA Grant for the Land Use Compatibility Plan expensed to FY 10/11 line item 13-15-00-7130 – FAA Grant Expenditures. (80% to be reimbursed back to the village).
9. Motion to approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$600.00, payable to the West Suburban Special Recreation Association for their Derby Gala ad and event due April 20, 2011 expensed to FY 10/11 line item 11-01-00-7040 – General Administration.
10. Motion for the Board to approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$70.34 for the purchase of a combination of snacks and beverages for the gymnastics awards ceremony. **Appropriated to FY 2010/2011, line item 11-08-00-7033 - Recreation.**
11. Motion for the Board to approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$960.00, payable to Carol McNamera for her services rendered as gymnastics coach the second half of the program. **Appropriated to FY 2010/2011, line item 11-08-00-7033 -Recreation.**
12. Motion for the Board to approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$200.00, payable to Vince's Italian Restaurant for the purchase of a pizza for the gymnastics awards ceremony. **Appropriated to FY 2010/2011, line item 11-08-00-7033 -Recreation.**
13. Motion for the Board to approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$300.00, payable to Crown Trophy for the purchase of awards for the volleyball awards ceremony to be held on Tuesday May 3rd, 2011. **Appropriated to FY 2010/2011, line item 11-08-00-7034 - Recreation.**
14. Motion for the Board to approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$200.00, payable to Domino's Pizza for the purchase of a pizza for the gymnastics awards ceremony. **Appropriated to FY 2010/2011, line item 11-08-00-7034 - Recreation.**
15. Motion for the Board to approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$190.00, payable to Scott Rein for his services rendered as volleyball coach. (\$10.00 per session X total of 19 sessions). **Appropriated to FY 2010/2011, line item 11-08-00-7034 -Recreation.**
16. Motion for the Board to approve expenditure, not to exceed the amount of \$190.00, payable to Carolina Woloszyn for her services rendered as volleyball coach. (\$10.00 per session X total of 20 sessions). **Appropriated to FY 2010/2011, line item 11-08-00-7034 - Recreation.**
17. To approve Handicap Parking sign at the address commonly known as 7529 W. Foster and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner.

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18. To approve the United Parcel Service Drop Box Agreement for the UPS box in front of the Village Hall and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
19. To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Among the Village of Norridge, Cook County, Illinois and Ridgewood Community High School District 234 and the Village of Harwood Heights, Illinois and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
20. To approve the Salvation Army's "Donut Day" on Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and June 4th, 2011, pursuant to complying with all village ordinances.
21. To approve the Salvation Army's "Red Kettle Campaign" for Friday, November 18th, 2011 through Saturday, December 24th, 2011, pursuant to complying with all village ordinances.
22. Motion to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation and adopting Ordinance 11-12, An Ordinance Making Certain Findings Under Section 17.52.010 of the Zoning Ordinance and Granting Certain Conditional Variances Allowing the Installation of Size-Complaint LED Signs to Replace Existing Sign in Front of Mitty's Bar & Grill.
23. To Adopt Resolution 11-05, A Resolution to Appropriate \$75,000 to the Design & Construction Engineering for the ERP Resurfacing Project.
24. To approve the Engineering Agreement for the ERP Resurfacing projects and to authorize the Mayor & Clerk to sign the agreement.
25. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$117,879.11 as they appear on check register #50393 thru #50462.
26. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$130,847.25 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
27. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$12,687.13 for March 2011 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-27 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

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M. TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Mougolias

Attended the presentation of the HHYC Gymnastics and congratulated all the participants. The volunteers of the Youth Commission had asked the WSSRA to send someone to help a child with special needs and they did not send anyone. Feels that we should look into this as we are paying them \$50,000.00 per year.

Trustee Dobrzycki

Feels sad that the Noise Committee has resigned and will do his best to help the residents with soundproofing or with anything else he can for the O'Hare situation. Feels other members of the board will help also.

Mayor Jezierny

As the Mayor I belong to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. I am on this Commission with Mayors of other communities that surround the airport. Trustee Szlendak is on the technical committee of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. Thinks that they keep the Board informed as to what is happening with the committee. Also thinks that it's the intention of the entire board to look after the residents of our town. Not to give them false hopes but to let them know that we are working on their behalf. Representative Jan Schakowsky has lent us her ear. Has talked with her several time. Appreciates everyone involvement. There are a number of people who have requested to be on the committee. We will look into that. There is a lot of work to be done.

Also wants to encourage our residents of Harwood Heights to write to our State Representatives and Senators to make sure that the State of Illinois does not take away our local share of funding. If you want to write a letter, we can provide you with the addresses. We do not want them to take away our local distribution of our funds to balance their budget. We depend on the funding from the state and we hope to keep it. We need your help to write letters to keep our funding.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, seconded by Trustee Szlendak at 8:10pm; on a roll call vote, all in favor.

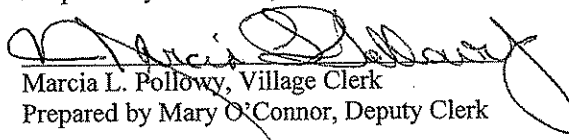
Motion to enter into Executive Session: pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings © Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Reconvene Open Session: Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Steiner at 8:38pm; roll call, all present.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Dobrzycki, seconded by Trustee Steiner 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, April 14, 2011 at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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