

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 28, 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
Trustees	Mark Dobrzycki (Absent) Michael Gadzinski Demetrios Mougolias Therese Schuepfer Lawrence Steiner Lester Szlendak
Attorney	Mark Heinle

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

MaryJo Baldassone, 4615 N. Sayre: Asked the Board to reconsider motion I 10 regarding handicapped parking at 4615 N Sayre. She lives in this apartment building and feels that the tenant has a parking spot for one car in the driveway and that putting a handicapped sign in front of this apartment would make the street parking more congested than it already is.

Slawomir Noga, 4929 N Oriole: Wanted to know why the Village of Harwood Heights does not take any action against the City of Chicago due to flooding within the Village especially on the 4900-5000 block of Oriole. He feels that the City of Chicago closes the sewer system and that causes Oriole Avenue from Winnemac to Ainslie to flood.

Attorney Mark Heinle : Stated that the City of Chicago would be immune from a monetary lawsuit. If the Village was able to determine that the City of Chicago was doing something that was leading to the flooding problems, talks could be had about trying to seek a resolution or injunction relief against the city; also stated that he didn't know enough about the situation to make any other statements at this time. Possibly the problem is just the extensive amount of rain we received, almost 7 inches, in a short period of time.

Mayor Jezierny: Stated that the City of Chicago has restrictors in some of their sewers. Oriole, Argyle and Strong are in a low area. A few years back a detention was put in on Oriole that you can drive 2 cars through; it holds 300,000 gallons of water. Our water tower holds 150,000 gallons of water so this detention holds a lot of water. That detention is working but due to the excessive amount of rain, it filled up. We had flooding throughout the Village not only on Oriole and Argyle. Many other communities including Chicago had flooding. Trustee Schuepfer, Chief Ricchio and myself were out checking all the streets. All our barricades were put out and that is the first time that has happened. Trying to get FEMA disaster help.

Danuta Kirkuewska, 5009 N Oriole: Received 40 inches of water in her basement during the last storm. Called the Village and did not receive any help. Thinks the Village should have pumps and generators available for the residents.

Mayor Jezierny: Offered to have Public Works meet with her to give her suggestions on what she can do to prevent future flooding. She also stated that she drove through the Village and saw how many people lost valuables. She felt very sad about this. Was not sure if the Village could have generators available for the residents as they could be dangerous, but said she would check into this.

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Christina Trakos, 5003 N Oriole: Has been getting water in her basement since the detention has been put in on Oriole; stated that she never had water previously. Her crawl space has mold and her son is sick. Wanted to get an explanation of how long it takes before the detention gets full and then where does the water go when it is full. Her car was also full of water.

Mayor Jezierny: Explained that it is a 300,000 gallon tank that is underground. When it gets full, the water is pumped down Oriole to Lawrence Avenue. From Lawrence Avenue it goes to the Water Reclamation. However, when the Lawrence Avenue pipes are full that tank cannot empty out until the rain slows down.

Joe Sorce, 5025 N Oriole: Has been living in the Village since 1960. Had 4 feet of water in his basement and feels there should be a study as to what we can do to correct this flooding problem in his area. He said he called the Village and was told we don't have any emergency services in the Village. Feels we need to have something to help the residents when these types of disasters happen.

Mayor Jezierny stated that we received a grant for a detention on the east side of the Village.

Rita Rogers, 7515 W Winnemac: The sewer behind her parking space has been torn up since spring; would like Public Works to look at it. Flooded for the 5th time and has had to replace 2 boilers at \$5,000.00 each. Put in a \$7,500.00 pump to try to control the water. Her car is also damaged. Wondered how some homes did not flood.

Mayor Jezierny stated that Public Works maintains the detention pumps on a regular basis.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report
Mayor Jezierny

Saturday Storm

Once again, I am reporting on the storms that hit our community.

Like many of the surrounding suburbs, Harwood Heights' residents have also been affected by the historic heavy rainstorms early Saturday morning as well as power outages. This storm was severe in that the O'Hare area recorded almost 7" of rain in only 2-1/2 hours. This storm created much damage in the area. Our residents lost much due to basement flooding. A roof collapsed at one of our vacant businesses and trees and power lines were down. Many of our residents were without power for several hours.

I have been in constant contact with ComEd to restore the power and a meeting is set up next week to see if they can determine why some of the same homes lose power for every storm we have had thus far.

In taking an assessment of some of the damages, my heart goes out to the many residents who lost personal belongings from carpeting, furniture, mattresses, etc.

I am currently working with Cook County's Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to determine whether the County and Harwood Heights are eligible for any potential Federal Disaster reimbursement.

A Robo call was sent out today to obtain the initial information for the County. This is the initial step that needs to be completed to first determine if the County, State and Federal Government will declare our Village and the surrounding communities as a disaster area. This process may take some time and I will announce and post any results on our website as soon as we hear anything.

Infrastructure Grant

I am very pleased to announce that we have been awarded \$807,300 for a grant that the engineer and I have been working on for several months. This grant is awarded from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the Illinois 'IKE' Disaster Recovery Public Infrastructure Program. This grant will be used for a water storage project providing some flood relief in the area of Leland and Oak Park which has been a long time coming.

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Agenda Item #11 is to adopt Ordinance 11-26. This is one of the steps we need to take to complete the process for the funding.

Flood Grant

The Village continues to budget \$1,500 each year as a grant to offset the cost to residents who plan to put in a flood control system on their property. Plans need to be submitted to the Village to be sure it qualifies for the grant program. This grant is offered on a first come, first serve basis.

Appointees

I will be making a number of appointments to the Events Committee. These residents have volunteered to put together events for the balance of our current year and plans for the following year. I will meet with them initially and give them some ideas that residents would like to do. We look forward to some fun times which we all need.

Sidewalk Program

On the agenda tonight is a motion to approve an MFT Resolution so we can begin to replace the hazardous sidewalks throughout the Village. We are also awaiting a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to supplement MFT.

Zoning Code Workshop

Last night we had a public meeting that included members from our Village Board, Zoning Board, Plan Commission, and Building department to take part in discussions that would update our current Zoning Codes. John Houseal from Houseal-Lavigne presented the revised codes. It will now be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals at a Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, September 12.

Comprehensive Plan

A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3 where our Planning Consultant, John Houseal will reveal the new Comprehensive Plan. We welcome all to attend.

Film Crew

We are pleased that one of our streets in Harwood Heights was selected by a Location Scout for a British McDonald's commercial.

The commercial originally shot in Britain takes the audience back in time to America in the 1950's (in Harwood Heights) then to the McDonald museum in Des Plaines where the first McDonald franchise began.

The film crew was out yesterday on the 4700 block of Newland with cars and a bus from the 1950's. Mail boxes and street signage lined the streets and included a phone booth and a paper boy among some of the props.

Residents on the block and in the area were delighted to actually see a commercial in progress and get a chance to witness the back stage preparations.

The Location Scout and the Film Crew wanted me to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and help from the residents and our police force for traffic controls (who have been compensated by the Film company). Our Deputy Clerk was on-site and took a number of photographs. So, please take a look at what she put together so everyone has a chance to see what took place. We will also include on our website and I am working to obtain a final commercial for all to see.

Our McDonald's on Harlem and Narragansett have completed their remodeling and they are having a Grand Opening of their new facility on Harlem on Friday, August 5th at 10:00 am

Forestry & Green Initiatives

Trustee Dobrzycki

No Report - Absent

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Recreation

Trustee Gadzinski

The NHHLL 12 year old girls took 2nd place in the Illinois State Championship Williamsport Tournament losing to Sterling in the final game of play. Congratulations to the players and coaches on a fabulous job! Sterling Illinois has just won today the Regional title in Indianapolis and they are on their way to the Little League World Series in Oregon. Good Luck to Sterling Illinois!

The NHHLL 11 year old girls will be playing for Illinois State Championship in the Williamsport Tournament beginning this Saturday versus LaGrange and Beardstown Illinois. This tournament will be hosted by NHHLL at Norridge Park. Times will be posted on the NHHLL Facebook Page. Come to Norridge Park and enjoy the festivities and cheer on our girls in their quest to be state champions!! Good Luck to the players and coaches Troy Susmarski, Jeff Crivlare, and Jeannette Mescall!

NHHLL All star teams will be also be playing this weekend in the Niles Park District and Park Ridge Park District tournaments. We wish them and their coaches' lots of luck!

NHHLL will be hosting its annual baseball banquet on August 12th. The players will receive their trophies as well as special recognitions to managers, coaches and volunteers.

It has been a very successful and fun season for NHHLL. Congratulations to all who have helped to make this season a huge success!

Public Works

Water & Sewer

Trustee Steiner

Stated that he also had 20" of water in his basement. 85-90 new water meters have been installed since July 5th. Public Works goal is to have 600 done by December; to date we have about 970 installed. The Village water gets tested every 3 years for lead and copper and once again we passed. Thanked Public Works for trimming bushes on foreclosed homes. They will begin hot patching soon. Encouraged residents to please participate in the flood survey to help us get FEMA assistance.

Public Health & Safety/Building

Trustee Mougolias

Asked for Boards Approval on agenda item I 7. He feels our Lieutenants are two of the hardest working men in the Police Department and have been without a raise for many years now. He feels they deserve this stipend.

Ordinance/License

Trustee Schuepfer

Asked for Boards approval on agenda item I 11; this affirms the requirements that we need to be able to access some federal grant funds. Also asked for approval on item I 12 which is the expansion of membership of the Special Events Committee; this is important because when we don't have a lot of money and it takes a lot of creative people to come together to come up with things for our residents.

Finance

Information & Technology

Trustee Szlendak

No Report

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Clerk's Report

Reminded residents that August 12th, at 6:30pm will be the opening ceremonies for the Norridge Harwood Heights Relay for Life at Norridge Park. There will also be a survivor registration at 5:30. Asked residents to please come and sponsor this event.

Attorney's Report

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Schuepfer

Collated the results of the Airport Noise Survey. More than 600 residents participated in the survey and the results of this information are on the Village website. Thinks it is very important to get as much information to FEMA as soon as possible and encouraged people to call the Village with their flood information.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Jezierny requested a postponement on the vote for the Appointment of the Special Events Committee members until after the approval of the Consent Agenda items.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda Items I 1-19.

Trustee Szlendak pulled agenda item I 10 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski seconded by Trustee Szlendak on Consent Agenda Items I 1-9 & I 11-19.

1. To approve the regular minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held July 14, 2011.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,000.00, payable to Major Case Assistance Team for the 2011-12 MCAT-Annual dues expensed to FY& 11/12 line item 11-05-00-7060 – Police.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$301.42, payable to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for the 2010-2011 dues at \$0.035 per capita expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-01-00-7025 – General Administration.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,109.22, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc for spraying on July 6, 2011 expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-09-00-7061 – Health.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$13,840.00, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. for the final billing for the April 30, 2011 Audit expensed to FY 11/12 line item 11-03-00-7034 – Finance.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$12,875.00, payable to Houseal Lavigne Associates for Professional Services on July 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).
7. A motion to approve the addition of a lieutenant's stipend of \$7,138.75 to the annual adjusted base salaries of Lieutenants Biagi and Maraviglia effective as of May 1, 2011.

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8. Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution to Expend Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the Amount of \$225,000 for the Sidewalk Replacement Program which includes Engineering costs.
9. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement for the Design & Construction Engineering for the Sidewalk Replacement Program.
11. To Adopt **Ordinance 11-26**, An Ordinance Amending the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances to Codify Standards, Procedures and Regulations Governing Procurement Procedures Involving Federal Funds, Equal Employment Opportunities, Fair Housing, The Prohibition of Excessive Force, and Officials' Interest in Contracts in Order to Protect and Preserve the Village's Eligibility to Receive Federal CDBG Funds Through the Illinois Disaster Recovery "IKE" Public Infrastructure Program.
12. To Adopt **Ordinance 11-27**, An Ordinance Amending the Structure and Membership of the Special Events Committee.
13. To Approve **Resolution 11-15**, A Resolution for an FAA Grant Payment Request # 8.
14. To Approve **Resolution 11-16**, A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into a Red Light Photo Enforcement Program Agreement with SafeSpeed, LLC to Provide for an Expansion of the Automated Traffic Enforcement System in the Village and Finding that Such Work and Services are Exempt from Competitive Bidding Requirements by Virtue of the High Degree of Specific Professional Skill Involved.
15. To Approve **Resolution 11-17**, A Resolution Agreement to Indemnify the State of Illinois for Photo Enforcement Equipment Attached to Illinois Department of Transportation Facilities.
16. To approve the 911 expenditures totaling **\$3,233.39** for July 2011 as they appear on the 911 check register.
17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$259,319.91** as they appear on check register **#50803** thru **#50878**.
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$137,110.82** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account.
19. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$12,528.33** for June 2011 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-9 & I 11-19 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki

Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Szlendak, seconded by Schuepfer on Consent Agenda item I 10.

Motion by Trustee Schuepfer, seconded by Trustee Mougolias to Table Consent Agenda item I 10:

10. To approve Handicap Parking sign at the address commonly known as **4615 N. Sayre Avenue** and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Dobrzycki

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Pollowy read a letter from the 4400 block of New England thanking Public Works for their assistance before and after their annual block party.

M. TRUSTEE COMMENT

None

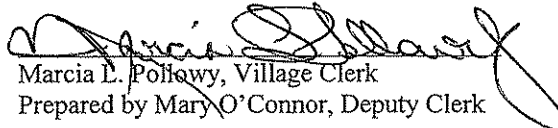
N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Gadzinski, 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. Jeziorny, on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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