

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2026**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Jezierny

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Trustees	Eugene Brutto Annette Brzezniak-Volpe Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Mark Heinle

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Damian, Harwood Social 6764 Forest Preserve Dr.: Tom Damien the owner of the Harwood Social Restaurant on Forest Preserve Dr. presented a three page proposal to the board on regulations to establish an extended liquor license pilot program allowing establishments to remain open on Friday and Saturday until 4:00am.

Mayor Jezierny: Thank Tom for the detailed pilot program regulations and said the board will review his request at our September Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

A Tax Appeal Seminar will be here on August 19th at Ridgewood High School from 5:30pm – 7:30 pm. Bring a copy of your last year's tax bill or have your PIN number available. Information is posted on our website, Facebook and Village Lobby.

The Norwood Park Fire District is having a ceremony for the 25th year of 911. Everyone is invited to attend. Program begins at 9:00 am.

Bingo begins again at Ridgewood High School beginning Sept 12th – thru May 8th. It is held on the second Saturday of each month. October 17th is a Super Bingo night with double the payouts. See our website, Facebook and Lobby information.

The 8th Annual Harwood Heights Car Show is Sunday, September 27th in Steinhafel's parking lot. Registration for show cars is from 8:30 am.

The Harwood Heights 250 Fest will be combined with the Village of Norridge in celebration of our 250 America Celebration – August 20th-23rd including a parade & fireworks on Saturday. The location is Montrose and Ozanam. Bus service for Harwood Heights residents will be available with certain pickup times and specific departure times from the Fest. The schedule will be posted in our Lobby, on our website and Facebook.

Panda Express will soon begin construction. They are awaiting one signature from Chicago to proceed. We look forward to welcoming them to Harwood Heights.

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Montrose from Sayre to Forest Preserve Drive will be paved. Work began this week with sewer adjustments, etc. Residents will be notified as project continues.

Leland (7200 and 7300) blocks will be paved with new curbs and sidewalks where needed; with this job is also 5 alleys. All residents will be notified as work proceeds.

Tomorrow morning the Village Board will be attending the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Awards Breakfast where letters of recognition are given to our Officer Patrick Gajewniak and Sgt Nick Ramirez for their outstanding performances during the Traffic Safety Challenge. I am proud of our entire Police Department for partaking in this program providing the utmost in safety for our residents and community. I am proud of you and Sgt Ramirez for providing this Board an overview and full report of the program.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

The MAPS Civilian Bargaining unit approved their union contract and it will be on the next agenda for board approval. Also, the Insurance Committee is continuing to meet, we are making good progress. We have a number of things in the hopper so to speak. There are some things we're still waiting on. Our next meeting is August 26, 2026 and the Chief and Deputy Chief will have some additional information to share.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

There has been a lot of local and national news about Flock Cameras; it's been all over the news lately. I just want the board to know that the Harwood Heights Police Department has a policy, so no individual Police Officers are running their friends or girlfriend's plates as some of the other Police Departments have been caught doing. There is a policy in place and the officers are following it, so that there is nothing to worry about. We love our Flock Cameras, and we want to continue having them and using them.

Also, on September 17th, "Operation Safe Return" will be held at Giles, it's going to be including Harwood Heights, Norridge, Schiller Park and the Norwood Park Fire Department as well as all the local public schools. They are going to have an active event with all the Police Departments as if something were to happen in our area or one of the areas; so they can walk through and go through all the steps and be prepared in the event, God forbid, that we do have some kind of active shooter. So that's on September 17th and there will be a live audience viewing place if we wanted to go watch what's happening as the drill goes on.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

As the Mayor already mentioned on the Panda Express update, thank you for that, there's been a lot of rumors going around, so it's good to see them getting closer and should be breaking ground soon.

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Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

On the agenda tonight, item I 4, to approve the expenditure of \$7,500.00 for the planting of 10 trees by Robert Hendricksen Tree Care.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Mark Heinle

The Planning/Zoning Commission will be holding a Zoning Hearing on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 to consider a previously granted, some years back, a variance to allow a 3-flat to be constructed at 6420 W. Gunnison, this is a vacant and unimproved grassy lot across from the car wash. The current owner got the approval about 5-years to do this, for what ever reason that permit expired, he was looking to sell it, and the would-be buyer wants to get the same approval. I only mention this because it will probably be before you for your consideration at the first meeting in September. I only bring it to your attention because the first time around it did draw some neighborhood interest resultingly approved despite opposition from some neighbors, but I'm not sure it will happen again but something to keep an eye on.

Mayor Jezierny: From what I understand the square footage of the building will be a little less that the original permit request which will allow for more parking.

Chief John DeVries

I remember sitting in that meeting Mark regarding 6420 W. Gunnison, that property is much smaller than the other properties on that block. The owner was trying to sell it, they were trying to make the building larger on a smaller lot.

We had a call at Norridge Park the other day that was kind of alarming where a woman called in that she was approached by some juveniles and one of the juveniles implied that he had a weapon in his waistband of his pants. She got startled and the park staff got startled, I'm not quite sure because I wasn't involved in it at that point, I got involved in it today. The next day I got called at the park because they found 18 rounds of ammunition in the basketball courts, we think it's connected to the day before since then and as of tonight Sam and I heard the call-in that they were chasing a male black guy at the mall who implied he had a gun and the security guys caught him and he did have a gun on him, a toy gun. A toy gun in all of our eyes is just as real as a real gun especially if we can't tell the difference. So, I know the Detectives are involved, they've got him written up on it. The problem is our victim, she was overwhelmingly scared, she does not want to pursue this incident now that we caught him, so, we're going to trespass it from the park and make our other shifts aware of what's going on. So the Detectives are doing a good job on that right now, following through on it.

Looking forward to the event in Tinley Park tomorrow morning. All our officers have done a great job on the Traffic Grant going above and beyond the grant requirements. I will be happy to represent my officers tomorrow morning.

Commented on the Insurance Committee findings and some of the solutions to be implemented to help our employees if we retain the services of Steve Curry. We are still looking at other insurance sources for additional options.

Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo:

The event that Trustee Volpe spoke about in her report "Operation Safe Return" will be live-streamed at Ridgewood High School. All of the communities in this area plus schools will be involved.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

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G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Next meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo: Next meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: Next meeting is September 15, 2026. from 11:15am to 1:30pm lunch at Las Palmas.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: Next meeting September 22, 2026.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–16:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 23, 2026.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$45.00**, payable to Municipal Clerks Association – North & Northwest Suburbs for Annual Membership Dues for 2026/2027 for the Village Clerk expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,442.87**, payable to David Torres Trucking Company for bedding stone and dirt out for a water break on 7/24/26 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund..
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$7,500.00**, payable to R. W. Hendricksen Tree Care for the planting of 10 Autumn Blaze Red Maple trees throughout the village expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-14-8711.00 – General.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,850.00**, payable to Gasvoda and Associates for repairs on the street sweeper expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,186.94**, payable to Johnson Controls for battery replacement and power cycling the fire panel expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-14-7051.02 – Building/Site Maintenance.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,176.18**, payable to Johnson Controls for final payment on 3 year contract ending May 31, 2027 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-14-7051.02 – Building/Site Maintenance.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,412.72**, payable to Eurofins Environmental Testing North Central, LLC for water testing at the addresses listed on invoice expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7024.01 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,593.00**, payable to Meade to replace failed conflict monitor at Oak Park & Montrose expensed to FY 26/27 line item 44-00-9557.00 – MFT Fund.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,281.05**, payable to Inter-Pacific, Inc. for installation and programming of Camera and 360 Multi-Directional Panoramic Camera at Harlem and Gunnison expensed to FY 26/27 line item 12-00-8536.00 – Capital Projects Fund.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$32,000.00**, payable to eccezion for progress bill for the April 30, 2026 audit expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-03-9602.00 - \$25,600.00 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 - \$6,400.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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12. To approve a Single Family Flood Grant FY 26/27 for 4739 N. Nagle in the amount of \$1,500.00 pending all licenses, inspections and approval from the plumbing inspector to be expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7075 – Water & Sewer Fund.
13. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign # 24-21** at the address commonly known as **4633 N. Sayre Ave.** and to direct Public Works to **install** the signs in a timely manner.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$262,418.66** as they appear on the August 13, 2026 check register **#77452** thru **#77521**.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$180,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (August 14, 2026).
16. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of **\$17,052.85** for July 2026 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 16 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

K. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

L. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

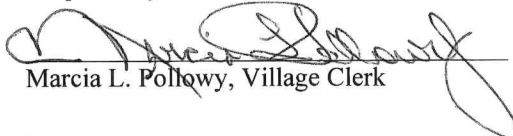
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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:

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto 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 Jezierny, on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk