MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS HELD ON THURSDAY AUGUST 27, 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

Michelle Jarosz, 4246 N. Ozark, Norridge: Could not thank the Harwood Heights Village Board, the Harwood Heights Police Department and Public Works Department enough for helping to sponsor and participate in the "250 America Celebration" along with the Village of Norridge's Village Board, Norridge Police Department and Public Works Department at the old Divine Savior property last weekend; it was a great celebration and everybody went out of their way to make sure everyone had a great time and everyone was kept safe. Also thanked all the volunteers who helped out to make the weekend a great success. The food was great, the bands were great and the 2 for $1.00 bingo cards.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

The 4700 block of Newcastle and the 4600 and 4700 blocks of New England will soon be paved. Bids were obtained and on the current agenda.

The Montrose project from Sayre to Forest Preserve Drive began with sewer adjustments.

The Leland project along with 5 alleys has a tentative start date of Sept 8th.

I just want to take this time to say thank you to all those who helped make our 250 Celebration a success. Thanks to our Public Works for all the set up and maintenance throughout the Fest and of course all the clean-up. Also for Parade assistance along with the Police Department.

Thanks to the Police Department for attending the "National Nite Out" and providing police protection throughout the Fest keeping us safe.

We welcome you all next year for our Village's 80th Celebration at St. Rosalies.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

The Insurance Committee met again this week. We received quotes from the IPPC and we are working with Steve Curry, our current broker, who is in the process of providing quotes within the next week or two, so hopefully, we're getting a little bit closer.

Ordinance & License
Trustee Steiner
I do want to say what a great job both Police Departments and both Public Works Departments did on the extremely long 4 days; everything was great! And I heard on more than one occasion the police helping seniors who didn't remember where they parked their cars. It was a community event that was something to be proud of.

Police/Public Safety
Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe
I want to ditto what Trustee Steiner said and want to thank the Police Department for a successful "National Nite Out," it was attended very well and the kids were all happy running around and in the bounce houses. It was a great event for everybody, as well as the 250 Celebration. Both Police Departments and Public Works Departments deserve a big round of applause.

Public Works/Public Health
Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki
I am also thankful for the beautiful weather we had all weekend; it make the fest more enjoyable and both Public Works Departments did a great job in keeping everything clean and safe. It was a great event. Looking forward to our village's 80th event next year.

Building
Trustee Zerillo
As everyone stated, to see our Police, Public Works and the two villages work together to get that fest done was a complete success. Thanked the Police Chief, Deputy Chief and all the officers attending tonight's meeting.

On the Building Department side, I want to remind our residents that solicitors need a solicitor's license from the village, so if you don't see a tag please call our Police Department and they will verify if they are a true solicitor or not. There are a lot of scams going on so residents should be careful with that.

Forestry & Green Initiative
Trustee Lewandowski
Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make the 250 America fest a success.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Mark Heinle
I was out here last night for a zoning hearing that was supposed to go forth for 6620 W. Gunnison where the owners were seeking to reauthorize for approval to construct a 3-flat but they were no shows. I advised the PZC if they didn't have any questions they could move forward with it but in the end they did have a few questions and in the absence of the applicant they reset the matter to September 16, 2026. However it's recommended, favorably or unfavorably, it should come on the board agenda for the second meeting in September. No public notice is required since we announced the new hearing date at last night's meeting.

Chief John DeVries
I did the same thing that Michelle did here at the Norridge board meeting. I tried writing an email to both Police Department's because I got to be honest. First I want to say this, we had an attempted bank robbery yesterday at the Bank of America branch at Harlem & Cullom. Two male blacks in a Nissan Rouge, plates were stolen out of Aurora on a Toyota, they had masks on and hoodies and if it wasn't for a witness who actually saw them in the parking lot, they probably would have robbed the bank. It was a car chase that went through our town, went east, so if people see something happen, please tell us about it, like this witness did, otherwise we wouldn't of been able to prevent it.

Norridge had a chase, it came through our Forest Preserve Drive and they lost them in the 6400 block. So it's going on here daily; I just wanted to bring that up.

I wanted to talk about the fest for a minute. Of all the years I have been here we have never done anything like this and I walked that fest for 4 days and watched every single thing that went on there. I saw my officers with crossing guards, I saw them with the people in the Bingo tent, I saw them with the EMT's, I saw Public Works with officers, I saw officers dumping garbage, I saw trustees comingling with trustees, and everybody really working well together. I can't even tell you how overwhelmed I am to what I saw. I'm very proud of all my officers because of the compliments from people who came up to me at that fest were just unbelievable. And you're right Michelle, I can't tell you how many times I saw officers picking up elderly people and escorting them over the curb, driving them front down the street because they couldn't walk that far. My hats to all of us, everybody in this room and I don't want to leave anybody out, I mean Building Departments, Public Works both crews were just unbelievable, and I was glad to be part of it. Thank you, thank you everybody. This was a very successful event, we had no problems like we did at the "Island in the City" fest. The "Island in the City" fest was so tense that we couldn't even leave our posts because we were worried about what was going to come through the opening once we left it. This fest was enjoyable, I mean very enjoyable. I tried writing my thanks in an email and I know I screwed it all up but I hope I got the word out there. The parade went over overwhelmingly well and I saw Deputy Chief Palazzo and Commander Biagi working there to make sure that all went in order.

Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo:
It was a great event, the support from the trustees from both sides, it was great; I enjoyed being part of it.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Lewandowski: Today Governor Pritzker signed into law new rules for E-Bikes and E-Scooters effective January I, 2027; hopefully it will help our community.

Trustee Steiner: I was going to take credit for the weather last weekend.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Next meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Text to 911 is up and running. In an emergency if you cannot talk, talking is preferable, but if you can't you can always text.

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 11:30am to 1:30pm lunch at Las Palmas.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: Next meeting September 22, 2026. We have the 30th Anniversary event on September 3, 2026.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–18:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 13, 2026.

2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$1,753.80**, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of August 2026 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.

3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$7,200.00**, payable to Mark Malkmus Garage Doors to replace 3 commercial openers hit by lightning expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-06-8600.00 – Public Works.

4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$3,165.00**, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Mgmt. for the spraying on 8-19-26 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.

5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$6,371.00**, payable to Core & Main for 8 meters & supplies expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$1,557.74**, payable to HBK Water Meter Service, Inc. for water meter at Fullers Car Wash expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund. (Expense to be reimbursed by Fullers Car Wash)

7. To concur with Christopher B. Burke Engineering's recommendation to award the 2026 CDBG Street Program Project (4700 Block of Newcastle & the 4600 & 4700 Blocks of New England) to the lowest bidder Builder's Asphalt, LLC in the amount of $308,808.00.

8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$65,231.07**, payable to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency semiannual principle & interest on the IEPA Loan (L17-5374) for the Drinking Water Project expensed to FY 26/27 line items 22-25-2008.00-2201 - $53,211.87 & 22-00-8815.00 - $12,019.20 – Water & Sewer Fund.

9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$1,112.00**, payable to Service Sanitation for port-a-potties for the Harwood Heights Carnival July 31st – August 2nd at St. Rosalie's expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-08-7052.02 – Recreation.

10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$140,085.00**, payable to Piemonte National Fleet for the purchase of 3 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (K8A) AWD vehicles for the Police Department expensed to FY 26/27 line item 12-00-8660.01 – Capital Project Funds.

11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$6,198.75**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through July 31, 2026 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.

12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$13,822.72**, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Association for the 2nd Quarter 2026 Share Payment and Inclusion Payment expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7037.01 – Recreation.

13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$13,647.90**, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Association for the 3rd Quarter 2026 Share Payment and Inclusion Payment expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-08-7037.01 – Recreation.

14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$2,000.00**, payable to Associated Trust Company for annual fees for the Village of Harwood Heights Revenue Notes DTD 7-2-12 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-12-7010.00 – Debt Service.

15. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a "Ridgewood High School Class of '76 Reunion" on **Saturday, September 12, 2026** in the Village Recreation Center from 6:00pm to 10:30pm.

16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **$127,168.43** as they appear on the August 25, 2026 check register **#77522** thru **#77573.**

17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **$200,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (August 28, 2026).

18. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **$229,515.83** as they appear on the EFT Register thru August 25, 2026.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 18 resulted as follows:
A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jezierny: Just a reminder that the Norwood Park Fire District is having a 9/11 Ceremony, so please come.

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 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 Jezierny, on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk