

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER at 6:30pm by Mayor Arlene C. Jezierny

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL –

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Trustees	Eugene Brutto (Absent) Annette Brzezniak-Volpe Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki (Arrived at 7:05pm) Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski to allow Trustee Zerillo to attend the meeting by Electronic Attendance, on a voice vote, all in favor (Trustees Brutto & Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent).

Giuseppe Zerillo

Attorney	Mark Heinle
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Also present: Chief John DeVries
Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo
Finance Director Mary Ventrella
PW Superintendent Ron Maslo
PW Water Operator Orlando Velasquez

D. AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on December 10, 2025

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on December 10, 2025 COW minutes:

- Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on December 10, 2025.

On a voice vote, all in favor (Trustees Brutto & Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent), the motion carried and the minutes of the December 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.

Review of Ordinance regarding Water & Sewer

- Public Works Water Operator Orlando Velasquez provided the board members with a number of exhibits relating to the Water & Sewer Fund and a list of anticipated Capital Improvement Programs and the cost associated with the improvements.
- Anticipated Capital Improvement Projects: Please see the attached list of Street and Utility projects, their location, the water main cost, the road/sidewalk restoration cost and the total project cost for each of the projects. Also included in that list are non-street Utility and Systems Improvements with anticipated costs.
- Orlando also reviewed for the board data showing what additional sewer charge revenue we would receive if the residential sewer service fee is decreased from 2000cf to 1000cf. He also proposed removing the cap on sewer charges.
- Orlando explained that we are also losing revenue on our current residential/commercial water meters because they are over 10 years old and are starting to give false readings undervaluing the true amount of water being used. He also presented a copy of a proposed ordinance from a neighboring community regarding the installation of new water meters and is recommending that we adopt this ordinance on the sale of a home or business and if a permit is issued for any interior remodeling project over \$10,000 or more a new water meter must be installed.

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- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding these recommendations, with the board members being unanimously agreed to these recommendations.
- Attorney Heinle will prepare a draft ordinance, for Orlando and Ron to review, on the recommended changes. The ordinance will be on the February 12, 2026 Consent Agenda for board approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe to adjourn. On a voice vote, all present being in favor (Trustee Brutto – Absent), the motion carried and the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene Jezierny on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Draft Cost Summary

Village of Harwood Heights

Water Main, Roadway, and Utility Improvements

Street & Utility Projects

Project	Location / Limits	Water Main Cost	Road / Sidewalk / Restoration Cost	Total Project Cost
Ronald Street	Gunnison Ave – Wilson Ave	\$622,450	\$823,235	\$2,038,435
Narragansett Ave	Nagle Ave – Gunnison Ave	\$1,299,750	\$446,680	\$2,462,480
New England Ave	4500–4700 Blocks	\$1,282,850	\$501,605	\$2,516,105
Newcastle Ave	4400–4500 Blocks	\$901,025	\$344,505	\$1,756,210
Newland Ave	4500–4700 Blocks	\$1,269,000	\$500,505	\$2,495,025
Montrose Ave	6534–6700 Blocks	\$741,600	\$260,550	\$1,443,100
Harlem Ave	4600–4700 Blocks	\$410,450	\$178,600	\$848,240
Forest Preserve Dr	6400 Block	\$323,950	\$129,525	\$639,415

Utility & System Improvements (Non-Street)

Project	Estimated Cost
Water Tower Piping Replacement	\$290,000
Chicago Water Meter Replacement	\$80,000
Lead Service Line Replacement Program	\$3,000,000
AMI water reading system	\$110,000

Grand Total – Construction Costs Only

Street & Utility Projects Subtotal

\$14,199,000

System Improvements Subtotal

\$3,480,000

Grand Total (All Projects)

\$17,679,000

Important CIP Notes (Include This for Finance / Board)

- **The total project costs listed above do include:**
 - Design Engineering
 - Construction Engineering
 - Surveying
 - Permitting
 - A standard 20% contingency
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- **These figures represent construction-level planning estimates appropriate for CIP budgeting and grant planning.**