

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 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 Annette Brzezniak-Volpe (7:05pm) Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo

Also present: Chief John DeVries
Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo
Finance Director Mary Ventrella

D. AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on March 5, 2026

Motion by Trustee Brutto, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on March 5, 2026 COW minutes:

- Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on March 5, 2026.

On a voice vote, all in favor (Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – Absent), the motion carried and the minutes of the March 5, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.

Presentation by Tony Evans – Horton Group

- Mr. Tony Evans stated that the renewal insurance for property, equipment, general/law enforcement/public official/auto liability and worker’s compensation will now be covered through Marsh McLennan.
- Mr. Evans reviewed in detail that the renewal premium coverage for our property and casualty insurance which includes workman’s compensation and general liability coverage in a number of areas will now be with Obsidian which offered a better rate than National Union. The premium of our renewal coverage is a savings of about \$30,000.00.
- Mr. Evans also stated that there is an option to include the replacement cost on vehicles over \$50,000 and 10 years or less. The additional premium would be about \$7,500. After a short discussion the consensus of the board was to take the additional coverage. Tony will send Mary a revised insurance policy.
- Mr. Evans and his associate Debbie Szyzka answered any additional questions directed to them by the board of trustees for further clarification on items in the coverage.
- The motion to approve the renewal insurance package for the village will be on the April 9, 2026 Consent Agenda for board approval.

Biagio’s

- Mayor Jezierny stated that Biagio’s is considering selling to someone who wants to build a car wash. She also received a letter regarding a car wash but doesn’t know if they are the same ones considering buying Biagio’s.
- It was suggested that they make a presentation to the board. The Planning/Zoning Committee would also have to have a hearing on their proposal.

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Mariano's

- Mariano's is requesting to add a Gas Station unto their property. They are also requesting a video game license. We currently have no video gaming licenses available and the board does not want to expand the number of licenses.

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 Zerillo, seconded by Trustee Brutto to adjourn. On a voice vote, all present being in favor, 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 Monday, April 6, 2026 at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pallowy, Village Clerk