

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki (Absent) Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Mark Heinle

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

**D. AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on April 6, 2026**

**Motion by Trustee Brezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on April 6, 2026 COW minutes:**

- Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on April 6, 2026.

**On a voice vote, all in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent), the motion carried and the minutes of the April 6, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.**

**Review/Discussion – 2026-2027 Appropriation Ordinance**

- Accountant Rob Romo reviewed in great detail the proposed 2026/2027 Appropriation Budget. He first reviewed all the anticipated revenue streams which includes sales tax revenue/real estate revenue/local gas tax revenue/cannabis use tax/video gaming tax revenue and all other sources generating tax revenue for the village. He then reviewed in depth all of the operating funds starting with the General Fund through the DUI Fund. As he reviewed each operating fund account, he referenced any extraordinary notes noted on those accounts, for additional funds for the purchase of Public Works equipment/dump truck/water supplies/squad cars/vest/tasers and any anticipated capital improvement projects.
- The 2026/2027 Appropriation Budget Ordinance is on tonight’s Consent Agenda for board approval.

**Other Items for Notification/Discussion**

- Mayor Jezierny stated that there is a mandate being considered by the State of Illinois regarding housing building codes/parking; she called our State Rep. and told him we are not in favor of this mandate.
- We have a Resolution on tonight’s agenda to approve the municipal housing authority regarding building codes and not the proposed state’s version. When we go into the boardroom for our board meeting after this meeting we will be seeing a short video from Mayor Sherwin from Northlake why we are against this proposed state bill.

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- Mayor Jezierny stated that Mariano's had requested video gaming a few weeks ago; she has not heard from them since their original request. Mayor Jezierny stated that there are no video gaming licenses available.
- Asked Attorney Heinle to sign off on the paperwork to get rid of the old village bus. Attorney Heinle stated that he heard back for the IDOT contact person and the procedure that needs to be followed.
- We are invited on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 for the soft opening of the HH Social Kitchen & Draft after 4:00pm; it's the old Skores Restaurant & Bar.
- There's a National Nite Out meeting coming up on April 28, 2026, the Chief will be attending, so we'll get some more information with date and time as it becomes available.
- Don't forget on Sunday we have the Harwood Heights/Norridge Little League Baseball Parade. We will meet at the Village Hall at 9:30am.
- Mayor Jezierny stated that we are still waiting for proposed plans for Rich's Deli in the Holiday Plaza.
- Panda Express – there is still an issue between Panda and IDOT & MWRD.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

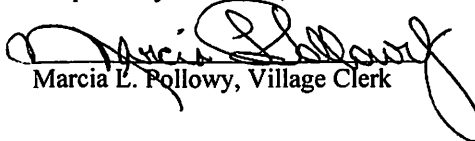
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent), the motion carried and the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene Jezierny on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Followy, Village Clerk