

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

**A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:00pm by Mayor Arlene 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	Rob Bush

Also present: Chief John DeVries  
Sergeant Sam Palazzo  
Accountant Mary Ventrella

**D. AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes for August 4, 2022**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on August 4, 2022 COW minutes:**

- Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on August 4, 2022.

**On a voice vote, all in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent), the motion carried and the minutes of the August 4, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.**

**Steinhafels Agreement**

- Mayor Jezierny stated that the copy of the Steinhafels agreement that was in your packet was reviewed by our Village Attorney. If you have any questions, please contact either me or Attorney Heinle.
- A motion will be placed on the September 8, 2022 Consent Agenda for board approval.

**Current Technologies – Windows Server**

- Mayor Jezierny stated that our IT Rep. Larry LaPorta is asking for approval for a server upgrade to a newer version of our Windows Server for email syncing with our domain; the current server will not run on our current server software.
- A motion will be placed on the September 8, 2022 Consent Agenda for board approval.

**Ridgewood Hall of Fame**

- Reminder that the 17th Annual Ridgewood Hall of Fame Brunch is on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 11:00am.
- A motion to reserve a table will be on the September 8, 2022 Consent Agenda.

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**Italian American Police Association**

- The Italian American Police Association is holding their 57th Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 5:50pm at the Aston Place in Willowbrook.
- After a brief discussion it was decided that the board would not be attending this event, but would place an AD in the IAPA's Souvenir Program Book for \$100.00. A motion will be placed on the September 8, 2022 Consent Agenda for board approval for the cost of the AD.

**75th Anniversary Fest Recap**

- A discussion ensued among the board members on the pros and cons regarding this year's 75th Anniversary Fest/Carnival. One suggestion was to serve wine in addition to beer and hard ale. The Chief and many board members stated that they had very positive feedback from many, many residents; the residents liked that it was secluded from the front carnival setup. Chief DeVries said it was easier to manage the crowds and to see what was going on throughout the fest area. A lot of non-residents didn't know about the fest in the back of the church/school and only went to the carnival. Need for more volunteers. Need to continue to talk about what we want to do in the future; takes 6 to 7 months to plan ahead such large scale events.

**Round Table Discussion** – Asked the board if they had anything to bring up at this time to better the community; if not, we will put off discussion until a later date.

**Trees** – We met today with the Morton Arboretum; we have 60 requests however we are only getting 50 trees to plant on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 from 1pm – 4pm. We are seeking volunteers for that afternoon. We are checking with Ridgewood High School and Giles/Lee School to recruit any students to help with the planting. The trees are arriving on Thursday, September 15th, the mulch is arriving on Monday, September 19th and the planting on Tuesday, September 20th. Discussion ensued regarding what areas of planting would be handled by whom; Public Works will basically be doing the whole east side. Our engineers Christopher B. Burke in working with the Morton Arboretum will provide a tree to the village that will be planted on October 13, 2022 at 5:00/5:30pm on village property in front of the Village Hall.

**Eisenhower Library** – Mayor Jezierny stated they had our leader's conference yesterday and the Eisenhower Library is going to start collecting stories from 1990 regarding the "Island in the City" to create a sequel; they will be contacting the 2 villages for time tables regarding board representation and some of the key issues that have taken place. Asked the board if they had any stories to share with the library when they meet with us.

**Mail Box Issues** – Mayor stated that there are currently 60 victims between the 2 villages regarding theft/fraud. The Mayor will include info in her next "Mayor's Message" regarding safe guard and using uni-ball 207 gel pens to prevent criminals from whitewashing checks and changing payee/amounts. Warning posters will also be posted by each mailbox regarding potential mail theft.

**WCMC Annual Dinner** – Friday, September 23, 2022 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. The village will submit an AD for the program booklet and purchase a table for board participation. A motion will be placed on the August 11th Board Agenda for board approval.

**Ridgewood High School – Flag Ceremony**

There will be a "Flag Ceremony" at Ridgewood High School on Monday morning, September 12th at 8:00am with the raising of a "Ground Zero Flag" to commemorate 9/11.

All schools are back except Pennoyer; they are going back on 9-6-22. They are also having a "Back to Scholl" bash on September 9th. This November is a referendum for their school for \$7.9million.

Mayor Jezierny stated that many of the new students to the high school and all of the grammar schools are from Ukraine. Thanked Trustee Lewandowski for his communications with one of his neighbors who belongs to the Ukraine Church on Cumberland for picking up and shipping all of the items we collected that will be sent to Ukraine.

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We are working on an MWRD IGA Agreement for \$416,000 towards expanding the detention on Oriole. The motion will be on the next board agenda for approval.

In addition to the MWRD Agreement, I got word today the approval of a FEMA Grant in the amount of \$1.5 million also towards the expansion of the detention on Oriole. In addition to that we do have \$3 million for the detentions on both Oriole and Leland. If there is any money left after the detention expansions we will hopefully get approval and use it for road repairs.

We have ARPA money for the realignment of the "O" streets. And we have DECA money to apply to the Village Hall building, driveway, police area, front entrance, tuckpointing, painting and windows. All of this will be for next Spring; we will be going out to bid in December of this year. All the engineering is being worked on right now.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Bill Heinzinger:** Commented on how great and well organized the 75th Anniversary Fest and Carnival was.

**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 Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto to adjourn. On a voice vote, all present being in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – 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 Jeziorny on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk