

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

A. **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 (Arrived 6:51pm)
Attorney	Margaret Kostopoulos

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

D. **AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discussion – Employee Health Insurance**

- Steve Curry from NFP provided the board with health insurance rates from a number of companies: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, United Healthcare, Cigna, Allstate and Gravia, Dental rates from Sun Life, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and United Healthcare, Vision rates from VSP and Basic Life & AD&D from The Standard.
- Steve stated that we have a number of options from the various carriers and reviewed in detail each of the possible rates and deductibles compared to our current Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage and its renewal options.
- After a lengthy discussion the board consensus was to continue with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield 7.11% renewal plan, the current Sun Life Dental plan, the VPS Dental plan and The Standard Basic Life & AD&D plan.
- The motion to approve the health, dental, vision and Basic Life & AD&D insurance coverages will be placed on the December 12, 2024 Consent Agenda for board final approval.

**Lateral Ordinance**

- Deputy Chief Palazzo said he reviewed the proposed revision of the lateral ordinance and it's good to go. An ad will be sent and posted on the Blue Line and a copy of the ad will be placed on the village website.
- A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes and starting salaries for new lateral hires. Also there will be a \$500 bonus for any referral if a lateral police officer is hired.
- The motion will be on the November 14, 2024 Consent Agenda to approve the revised lateral ordinance.

**Police Cars – Used & New**

- Chief DeVries stated that he is down two (2) squad cars right now and is asking to purchase 4 used or new cars.
- Currently the purchase of new cars would take about a minimum of 4-6 months due to the volume of requests.
- On the website Market Place available in Melrose Park a dealership by the name of Asian Motors has a large number of used squad cars from 2012 to 2023. I would like to get 3 used vehicles and 2 brand new backup squads. I would inspect the newer vehicles available cars to make sure that they are in great working condition.

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- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the purchase of used cars/purchase of new cars, the possible transferable equipment from our cars and consensus from the board for the Chief to go and inspect the current fleet of available cars.
- The Chief will update the board at Thursday's November 14, 2024 Board meeting his findings and approximate cost out lay for the used/new vehicles.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

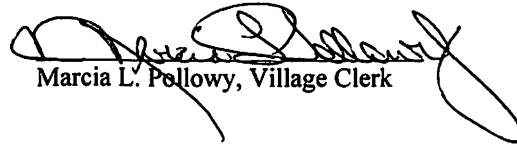
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 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 Jezierny on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk