MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 (Arrived 7:03pm) Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Mark Heinle

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 July 9, 2026

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on July 9, 2026 COW minutes:

- Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for the meeting held on July 9, 2026.

On a voice vote, all in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent), the motion carried and the minutes of the July 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.

Rich's Finer Foods – Walmart Proposed Development

- Mayor Jezierny stated that the Walmart presenters called to cancel their presentation at tonight's meeting. She does not know if they will be attending a future COW.
- Attorney Mark Heinle stated that Walmart wants to talk to him tomorrow, so he will get back to the Mayor regarding the Walmart discussion.

Discussion – Harwood Social – Proposal to Establish an Extended Liquor License Pilot Program

- Mayor Jezierny stated that Tom Damian called asking if the Village Board had made a decision regarding establishing an extended Liquor License Pilot Program for extended hours of operations.
- A short discussion ensued with the consensus of the board not in favor of extending liquor license hours.
- Harwood Social will be notified of the board's decision.

Other Items

- Ridgewood Foundation Hall of Fame – Table of 8.
- 9/11 Ceremony – 9:00am at the Norwood Park Fire House.
- Senior Club Luncheon – Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at Elmcrest Banquet at 11:30am; make sure you reply.
- First Responders BBQ – Norridge Gardens, Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

- Village experiencing a Water Loose – Next agenda M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. $11,750.00 Comprehensive Water Distribution System Leak Survey.
- Village Hall/Police Department Fire Alarm System – Proposal on next weeks agenda for Shamrock Fire Protection, LLC to provide fire sprinkler repairs and testing - $1,795.00. Replaces Johnson Controls.
- Check Valve Check on Oriole storage tank $12,400.00.
- Rate Study on Water Usage – Waiting for proposal.
- New System for Reading all water meter usage throughout the village – New system on water tower $100,000 first year, $28,000 second year. Waiting for detailed proposal.
- Fire Lines – Proposal for company to bill back-flow connections of fire lines. Should bring in about $12,000+
- We are looking for STP funding for future projects.
- Save-the-Date – "Aging Care Connections Sports Ball," Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at the Elmcrest Banquet Hall.
- Annual "Craft Show" – Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th.
- Annual "Car Show" – Sunday, September 27th from 8:00am to 2:00pm in the Steinhafel's Parking lot.
- Annual "Shredding & Recycling" Event on Saturday, September 26th from 9:00am to noon.

Discussion – Social Worker

- Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo stated that Norridge since April of this year has a contract with a Social Worker providing the board with a referral sheet of the services that she provides. The contract is for $40,000.00 a yr.
- Deputy Chief Sam stated that the Chief of Police for Norridge contacted him and Chief DeVries of possibly using her services for the Village of Harwood Heights. The cost would also be about $40,000.00 a yr for her services.
- Her schedule with Norridge is 2 days one week and 2 days the following week. Her schedule of events/training/meetings was provided covering April thru August along with a report on walk in personnel sessions, home visits, and a summary sheet of the total number of referrals received during those months broken down by incidents.
- A lengthy discussion ensued on how her services would benefit the Village of Harwood Heights; Sam provided a few examples of what our police officers currently do in critical situations. After the discussion a recommendation from the board was that the Chief and Deputy Chief meet with her first and then have her attend our next COW for an interview so the board can get a better understanding of what she would do to benefit the village.

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 Brutto, seconded by Trustee Zerillo 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 Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk