

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2025**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:30 pm by Mayor Jezierny. Mayor Jezierny asked for a moment of silence for the passing of two longtime residents: Teresa Parisi and Rosa Volpe, mother-in-law of Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe and the Fire Fighters and victims on the West Coast.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Trustees	Eugene Brutto Annette Brzezniak-Volpe (Absent) Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Margaret Kostopoulos

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY**

**Mayor's Report**

Happy New Year to all!

We begin the New Year with a commitment to support the residents and businesses within our Village. That is our pledge to you.

Tonight's agenda includes expenses for the maintenance and operations of Villages services.

In the months ahead, we will also be reporting on projects as they are approved for infrastructure and day to day operations.

Next month, we will be attending the Legislative breakfast through the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC) to keep advised of legislative actions through Springfield.

On Friday, I will be attending the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission for information on Airport Noise levels and reports from the FAA.

Next week I will attending the Executive Meeting from the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC) as we begin the New Year and discuss some legislative issues. There is a WCMC Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, February 8, 2025; please let the clerk know if you will be attending.

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

Tax season is upon us and the staff is working on preparing the 2024 W-2's which will be sent out before the end of the month. The November & December Financials are also in process and will be distributed for the boards review in the next couple of weeks.

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**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

Stated that Public Works has had a rough week so far and hopes things will settle down and they can get some rest.

I heard some warnings about scam calls and I got one the other day; you hear some static and the guy says "can you hear me" and they want you to say "yes" because they can record you as saying "yes" to proceed with the scam. So please be cautious when you answer the phone.

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

**No Report - Absent**

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

Public Works is out there working hard and we have some line items on the agenda that I hope the board will approve. Advised everyone to stay healthy and safe.

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

Just a quick reminder that Spring is around the corner and if you're planning to sell your home, please give the village a call prior to the sale to schedule an inspection sooner rather than later if any violations are found.

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

Wished everyone a "Happy New Year" and I want to express my condolences to Trustee Volpe's family on the passing of her Mother-in-Law.

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

**Attorney Margaret Kostopoulos**

First of all "Happy New Year" to everyone. Stated that new laws are being implemented as of January 1, 2025 and she will be working with the Mayor and Accountant to implement any of the new employment laws; and there are many. Our firm will be sending out a memo on all the new laws and the municipalities responsibility and posting requirements.

**Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo**

Stated that our lateral application deadline is coming up on January 21, 2025; so we have been doing some work on that internally. My goal is to get a list of applicants for the Commission to move forward on that by the end of the month, they are meeting on January 27, 2025. So just as a reminder, if you know of anybody, family, friends that are looking to lateral, we are still open. After the 21st, we will keep the port open, it just won't be advertised on the Blueline, it will just be word of mouth and on our village website. We're coming to an end with the application period and looking to the next steps that need to be taken.

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**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki:** Sad to hear about the passing of Teresa Parisi. She was a very sweet lady.

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** No Report - Absent.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** Next meeting is next Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Café Dimaggio for breakfast.

**Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee:** Next meeting is January 21, 2025.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

**Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Brutto on APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES item H 1:**

- 1.) Approval to Ratify Mayor’s Appointment of Trustee Anna Wegrecki as WSSRA (West Suburban Special Recreation Association) Delegate and Trustee “Joe” Zerillo as Alternate Delegate for 2025.

**A roll call vote on APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT/HIRES item H 1 resulted as follows:**

**A YES:** Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

**Motion Carried**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–17**

1. To approve the minutes of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held December 18, 2024.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network for Annual Membership Dues (01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025) expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-06-7025.00 – Public Works.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,222.52**, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water break on 12/5/2024 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,688.92**, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water break on 12/13/24 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,419.43**, payable to Damiano Diesel Service for repairs on the old street sweeper expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-06-7038.00 – Public Works.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,432.00**, payable to Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc. for 2 – 8X36 Ford SS Repair Sleeves expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$16,215.00**, payable to Robert W. Hendricksen Co. for 5-year pruning program Oct. 3, 2024 – Dec. 18, 2024 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-04-7053.01 – Forestry.

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8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,291.16, payable to Harwood Heights Auto Body, Inc. for repairs on the 2016 Ford Super Duty F250 Public Works Pickup Truck expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-06-7044.00 – Public Works.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,454.00, payable to FCL Graphics for the printing of the 2025 Village Calendars expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7022.00 – Administration.
10. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” event to be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025 in the Village Recreation Center from 11:30am to 3:30pm.
11. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Birthday Party” event to be held on Sunday, March 2, 2025 in the Village Recreation Center from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.
12. To Adopt Resolution 25-01, A Resolution for Construction on State Highways Within Said Municipality – The Village of Harwood Heights.
13. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$187,437.81 as they appear on the December 26, 2024 check register #75144 thru #75194.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$155,338.56 as they appear on the January 8, 2025 check register #75195 thru #75237.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$205,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (January 10, 2025).
16. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$21,659.07 for December 2024 IMRF Pension Fund.
17. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$231,299.62 as they appear on the EFT Register thru January 2, 2025.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 17 resulted as follows:**

**A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

**Motion Carried**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

**K. OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

**None**

**M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**None**

**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**None**

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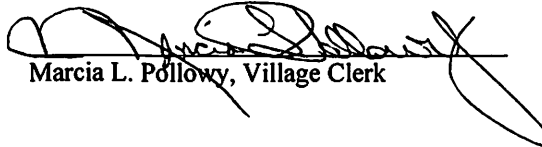
**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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:

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor (Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – Absent), the motion carried and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene Jezierny, on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk