

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 11, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 8:10 pm by Mayor 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 Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Margaret Kostopulos

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

Happy New Year Everyone!

There were a number of recent projects in works on Oriole, Strong, and Oketo.

The Oketo project is a ComEd project installing cables. This work is continuing; part of it should be finished this weekend or into Spring.

The Oriole project will convene in the Spring of this year providing additional storage for flooding.

The Strong project included both the Village storm water project as well as Nicor. The street will be paved in Spring

We are preparing the documents for funding and for bidding for a project to begin in the Spring which includes the street paving projects of Odell, Octavia, Oconto from Ainslie to Foster.

A survey is being mailed to all properties to determine who has underground sprinkler systems and to be sure they comply with IEPA regulations.

The Village 2024 Calendars have been mailed to homes and drop-offs at condos and to businesses. There are calendars in our lobby for those who would like copies.

The agenda focuses on the cost of doing business such as a Gas Meter for PW, Generator maintenance, licenses and costs for battery back-up, manuals, renewals, etc.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

Both of the bargaining units have ratified their collective bargaining contracts and the agreements will be on the January 25, 2024 agenda for the board's approval.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

For Public Safety I received a weather alert from Cook County of a storm warning for January 11th through January 13th with heavy snow and strong westerly winds and dangerous travel conditions are expected. Total snow accumulation in excess of 6" and wind gusts in excess of 45 miles per hour. So stay in if you can and if you have to go out make sure that you have blankets and food with you and a full tank of gas.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Public Works will be on call this weekend for salting and snow blowing. We appreciate all their help and service.

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Our sub-committee met again on December 28th regarding building permits, myself, Trustee Brutto, Trustee Volpe and our Building Commissioner JoAnn Krupa. We have an outline ready to go for our next meeting at the end of January; I'll get back to the committee members with a date. We have a good outline and progress so far, so once we meet again we'll be able to put together a little bit more to present to the full board.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

I have a meeting with the representative from Morton Arboretum on January 19th to work on securing possible grants for planting trees next year and I will be communicating with the board as soon as I have more information.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Margaret Kostopulos

No Report

Chief John DeVries

We are trying to hire a lateral police officers so we have the application out right now for 30-days which will go to February 8th. We also put it on the Blue Line and our village website and so far we have (1) one applicant.

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F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: 911 is going to be applying for a grant at the end of January for upgrading our 911 equipment. As I mentioned earlier they are implementing a technology called “Prepared Live” that will enable callers to allow dispatch to receive pictures, video, and two-way texting to any mobile device, and language auto-translation. It’s integrated through a web-portal with the RapidSOS that people will sign up for and its part of the latest technology out there. Director Ron Gross and a few of the 911 employees are continuing education with the “Smart 911.” Staffing is 14 fully trained, 2 in training and 2 part-time tele communicators, currently they still have one opening.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: We had a meeting this past Tuesday where we finalized things on the new budget, working with Forest Park for the new location and still looking for hires for the Summer Camp. WSSRA Director Maryanne Birko was here tonight to give us a recap for 2022/2023 at our earlier this evening January Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber meeting was this past Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Café Di Maggio for breakfast; I did not attend but I heard it was very well attended. I was at a meeting at the Salvation Army and they are looking for volunteers for their food pantry.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: There has been no meeting since my last report. Next Committee meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024.

Mayor Jezierny – Stated that we will have registration for Youth Programs going on this Saturday from 9:00am until noon. I will be in contact with the Youth Commission Chair Mary Pelarenos to determine if we need to cancel the registration due to the extreme cold predicted for this weekend.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, 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 2024.

A roll call vote on Appointment/Reappointments/Hires item H 1 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–21:

Trustee Brutto pulled Consent Agenda item I 2 for a separate vote.

Mayor Jezierny pulled Consent Agenda item I 16 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1, I 3–15 & I 17 - 21:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held December 14, 2023.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,558.33, payable to Nicor Gas for replacement of the 1000 amp meter at the Public Works facility expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-8600.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,066.48, payable to Cummins Sales and Service for annual maintenance of the generator at the Public Works facility expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-9555.01 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$100.00, payable to Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network for Annual Membership Dues (01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024) expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-06-7025.00 – Public Works.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$37,601.76, payable to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency semiannual principle & interest on the IEPA Loan (L17-2823) for the Drinking Water Project expensed to FY 23/24 line items 22-25-2008.00-2201 - \$29,833.30 & 22-00-8815-00 - \$7,768.46 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5.00 per address, payable to BSI Online for the mailing of a survey to all Harwood Heights properties to comply with IEPA regulations expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-9560.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,197.67, payable to SEPS, Inc. for renewal of One Year On-site Service for the Water Tower Backup Battery 12-28-23 – 12-27-24 expensed to FY 23/23 line item 22-00-7038.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,860.00, payable to Metropolitan Industries Inc. for repair to the Oriole/Strong pump station expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$9,594.72, payable to LEXIPOL for Annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual & Daily Training Bulletins 2-1-2024 to 1-31-2025 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-9512.00 – Police.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,199.69, payable to Johnson Controls for battery replacement and signal testing on alarms expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7038.00 – Police.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,720.77, payable to A-1 Professional Automotive for repairs on squad # 496 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.
13. To approve quote, not to exceed \$3,251.40, payable to Current Technologies for the renewal of the Milestone XProtect Expert Care Plus license for camera support expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-9511.00 – Police.
14. To approve quote, not to exceed \$7,668.00, payable to Current Technologies for the 1-year renewal for the Microsoft 365 Business Standard and the Microsoft Exchange Online Plan expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-14-9508.00 – Village Properties.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,500.00, payable to Anthony Lay c/o Anthony Lay Communication Design for the Artwork & Production for the Harwood Heights 2024 Calendar expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7022.00 – Administration.
17. To Adopt **Ordinance 24-02**, An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Harwood Heights (2014 Ford Explorer – (“VIN”) IFM5K8AR0EGB27305).
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$203,101.74 as they will appear on the January 11, 2024 check register #73663 thru #73753.
19. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$190,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (January 12, 2024).
20. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$21,782.65 for December 2023 IMRF Pension Fund.

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21. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$156,495.23 as they appear on the EFT Register thru January 9, 2024.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1, I 3 - 15 & I 17 - 21 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Steiner on Consent Agenda item I 2:

2. To approve the minutes of the Special Board of Trustees meeting held December 19, 2023.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 2 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Brutto

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda item I 16:

16. To Adopt Ordinance 24-01, An Ordinance Adopting Regulations for Scheduled Transportation Services.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 16 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: 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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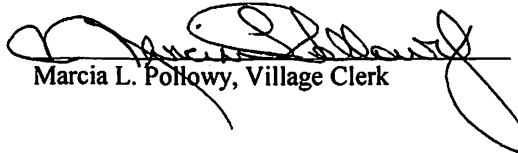
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor, 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 Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia L. Polnowy, Village Clerk