

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 23, 2025**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:30 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 (Absent) Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Margaret Kostopoulos

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

**Mayor's Report**

Tonight's agenda includes expenses for the maintenance and operations of the Village through Public Works services.

The Village Board will be attending the Legislative Breakfast through WCMC (West Central Municipal Conference) on February 8th to keep advised of legislative actions through Springfield. Everybody was notified that the time of the event has been bumped up.

Our Public Work department has been extremely busy especially during the cold temperatures with salting and attending to water breaks. There were a number of breaks over the weekend and holiday that kept the crew out all day and into the morning hours. Please extend a thank you when you see them for keeping up with Village maintenance.

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

The 2024 W-2's were distributed today to the all employees and appointees.

**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

**No Report**

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

Thanked the Police Department and Public Works for doing their work in this weather because it's terrible out there.

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**Public Works/Public Health  
Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

**No Report - Absent**

**Building  
Trustee Zerillo**

**No Report**

**Forestry & Green Initiative  
Trustee Lewandowski**

I have reached out to Morton Arboretum regarding the possibility for planting trees in the Spring. And I am awaiting their response; I will update the board once I receive further details and we will see if there's interest from the residents.

**Clerk's Report**

Since the check registers and payroll amounts were not available on Tuesday when I prepared the agenda, I will be amending Consent Agenda items I 17, 18 & 19.

**Attorney Margaret Kostopoulos**

I do want to talk briefly about the ever-changing immigration enforcement procedures. I'm sure that you're aware that President Trump has issued a series of orders, Executive Orders, to better enforce our immigration laws. In his suspended or actually he repealed some federal laws which provided protection. The issue here in Illinois is that there is the Illinois Trust Act which prevents law enforcement from participating in executing civil warrants, which are ones that ICE might issue, and in sharing information with ICE about individuals in custody and their criminal background and ID. So, be mindful of that, and we are spending a great deal of time looking at this and analyzing it and giving guidance. Now of course, any court order or order signed by a judge or a warrant, naturally, you have to all abide by it and provide that information or access to individuals. Our problem here in Illinois is that gray area where ICE might have an administrative order or a warrant which especially law enforcement officials should be very wary about assisting with it. Now, any other information with ICE such as FOIA or an Audit or I-9 information you should and must share with ICE officials. We are going to issue a memo with more particular details on Monday and offer step-by-step guidance. But, in the meantime, which is highly unlikely here, if ICE were knocking on your door, what you should do is ask "Ok, why are you here, who are you," get their name, their credentials and see their authorizing documents. So naturally again, any warrant issued by a court or a court order, or a subpoena, you must immediately compile with. Anything else, our advice to you is call us and we will walk you through it because you do not want to put yourself at risk of violating state law while complying with federal law.

**Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo**

The lateral application deadline ended on January 21, 2025; it will just be word of mouth and be continued on our village website.

We recently had an incident in Culver's parking lot; it's just a reminder to lock your doors. Someone at Culver's a week or two ago they ran inside and left the car running, the car was stolen, the car was found on the southside of the city about two days later. We towed it back here and put it in the garage and called the State Police to process it. Please lock your cars and take the keys if you're going to leave it outside.

This city has experienced some recent smash-and-grabs along Milwaukee Avenue and also the Edison Park area. Our officers are aware of that, we do get the bulletins from the 16th District and 25th District so we get their intel, we are aware of it, and our crews at night will be monitoring our businesses.

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**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** We had our 911 meeting last week and the 911 Center was awarded over a \$210,000 grant to cover a new logging reporter which records the voice and data. They purchased something called “Total Response” which is an application that transcribes 911 calls, as well as summaries them for the unit. So, it will actually write down live as you go and then at the end of the call it summarizes the whole call. So they will have the ability to cut and paste into reports or into their CAD system. With that said, it won’t be starting until February; sometime in February. There are only three (3) people that are using it, that are trained to do it, so they will be bringing it on board in the next month. Text to 911 for our 911 Center will begin in February. Text to 911 will actually be able to transcribe, if I text in Polish, it will transcribe Polish to English so I can understand it and I’ll send back my English response, and the English response will go back in Polish to the person texting. So that capability is through that “Total Response” as well. Speaking will be the same way; so, they can speak to somebody on the phone in English and it will automatically translate it into the language that they need. They are also getting a new Dell Server for the CAD System and this new BOT translator.

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2025.

**Mayor Jeziorny:** I just want to add unto that there’s a meeting taking place tomorrow with some of the Mayor’s and maybe some Police Chiefs, to see if there’s any interest to adding on to our MCD; so keep your fingers crossed.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** The WSSRA is hosting a “Bocce Ball Tournament” on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at the Elmwood Park Community Center. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2025. They are also currently selling one of their minivans, they have opened it up to the partner cities; it’s a 2013 Grand Caravan and they sent out a bid sheet to everyone last week if anyone’s interested in purchasing it.

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 8:30am to 10:30am at the Eisenhower Library.

**Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee:** We met Tuesday and reviewed updated noise monitor data, airport operations and airfield reports. As you remember there was construction on the south airfield last summer, so for me the data is a little off, because a lot of it was pushed more to the north airfield, so we brought up the issue of why that can’t be done more often, it was pushed back to us that it’s an FAA issue. Luckily there was an FAA Representative in the room, she was new to the position, she decided to come to our meeting, so she got bombarded with a lot of questions that she will have to answers for us at our next meeting. I did receive the noise monitor that we had on the village roof, I received that report and will report on it at our next board meeting after I finish going through it. The only thing that I noticed on the report so far is we are directly inline with the flight plan, the charts show red lines for each plane that comes in and it’s pretty much a solid red line, it doesn’t deviate from us at all. It’s a solid red line pretty much coming in from the lake going into the airport. So, I will report on the numbers at our next meeting.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

None

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**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–19:  
Clerk Pollowy provided the board with the totals for the check & EFT registers and payroll.**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–19 as amended:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held January 8, 2025.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,275.00, payable to Rango Sewer and Water Inc. for an emergency water main repair at 4865 N. Oriole Avenue expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,593.00, payable to Stitchworks Apparel for Polo Shirts/t-Shirts/Sweatshirts/Safety Vests/Cargo Pants/waterproof Jacket/waterproof Rain Bib and knit hats for Public Works employees expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-5716.00 – \$279.99 - Water & Sewer & 11-06-5716.00 - \$5,313.01 – Public Works.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,088.72, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of January 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,200.00, payable to Osceola Fence and Security Corporation to replace Kiddie Park Fencing due to accident expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-14-8530.00-2201 – Village Properties. (Insurance Pending).
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,984.15, payable to Julie, Inc. for annual Print/Email Transmissions & Voice Transmissions expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-06-6008.00 – Public Works.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$10,631.80, payable to Morton Salt for Bulk Safe-T-Salt for Public Works expensed to FY 24/25 line item 44-00-6006.00 – MFT Fund.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$9,303.22, payable to EJ USA, Inc. for two fire hydrants and supplies expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-6015.00 – Public Works.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$27,800.00, payable to Energenecs for SCADA Workstation installation and accessories expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
10. To approve expenditure not to exceed \$112,236.25, payable to Municipal Consolidated Dispatch for installment payment #4 of #4 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-05-9527.01 – Police.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$200.00, payable to Christine Napolitano for supplies for the Arts & Craft Program expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$600.00, payable to West Central Municipal Conference for the board’s attendance to the 2025 Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at the Elmcrest Banquet Hall expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7025.0 – General Administration.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,965.37, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through December 31, 2024 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
14. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Birthday Party” event to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 in the Village Recreation Center from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.
15. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Kids Birthday Party” event to be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025 in the Village Recreation Center from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.

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16. To Adopt Resolution 25-02, Resolution of the Village of Harwood Heights, IL Board of Trustees Hereby Authorizes the Addition of the NPPFA Deferred Compensation Plan as an Employee Benefit.
17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$297,309.92 as they appear on the January 23, 2025 check register #75238 thru #75304.
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$180,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (January 24, 2025).
19. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$212,836.32 as they appear on the EFT Register thru January 23, 2025.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 19 as amended resulted as follows:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

**Motion Carried**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**K. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Zerillo: I got to witness our Youth Commission in action over the last couple of weeks and they do a tremendous job; so I just wanted to give them so kudos.

**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

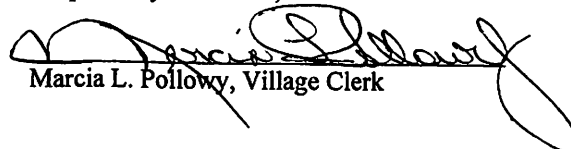
**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Steiner to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – 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 Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk