

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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 Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Margaret Kostopoulos

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Celebrating 250 years of America

The Village of Harwood Heights together with Norridge will join together to provide a celebration for our residents of this remarkable event of America. The celebration dates are August 20-23, 2026 and the location will be at Ozanam and Montrose.

A carnival, food, bingo live music and fireworks will provide the entertainment at this four day event. So mark your calendars and join us. More details will be forthcoming.

At the last Committee of the Whole, discussions were held to review our sewer charges which do not provide enough funds to cover the costs to Chicago. In addition, the City of Chicago is mandating that we replace the 3 meters that provide water to our community. We also discussed future water mains that eventually will need replacing. These costs will be analyzed through a water rate study to help determine that the Village continues to maintain its proper fiscal responsibility.

Discussions also took place regarding the 10 year old water meters and the process to them being replaced to accurately project the correct water billings. An Ordinance is on tonight's agenda that will require the seller of a property to replace the meter if over 10 years old at point of sale and also any substantial building construction would need to do the same.

Public Works is also analyzing meters that are not functioning properly and notifying those owners where a replacement is necessary based on our prior Ordinance.

Finance
Trustee Brutto

No Report

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Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

Stated that the Mayor just covered the ordinance on tonight's agenda I 33 regarding water meters and adjustments to sewer charges.

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

No Report

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Asked for the board's support on the Public Works motions on tonight's agenda.

Building

Trustee Zerillo

The Mayor already covered the update to the ordinance on tonight's agenda regarding property sales tax on water meters.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

We are promoting the Spring Tree planting program with the Morton Arboretum; the promotion will end at the end of this month. We don't know what kind of trees will be available and how many people, so far we have about 10 people that have signed up.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney

No Report

Chief John DeVries

No Report

Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo

Tomorrow is the 2026 Special Olympics kickoff event down in Bloomington, IL, we have a few Officers going down there; again this year, we will be participating in the Special Olympics. We will also be sponsoring "A Cop on the Rooftop" and participating in a new one this year a "Tip a Cop" event which will be combined with the Village of Norridge, that's tomorrow.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

NONE

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G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Our next meeting is March 11, 2026.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Our next meeting is in March.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: We had our meeting this past Tuesday at the Eisenhower Library. Our next meeting on April 14, 2026 will be at the Nest on Irving Park in Norridge, it's an after-hours event starting at 5:30pm.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: We met last week and were updated on noise monitors in the area and we received the Annual Airport Operations Reports and the Airfield Utilization Reports. Keep in mind that our area has been less bombarded the last couple of years because of all the construction on the south of the airfield which will continue through this summer, so a lot of that is being pushed to the north runways.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

NONE

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–36:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 22, 2026.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,488.22 payable to Morton Salt for Bulk Safe-T-Salt for Public Works ordered 2/9/26 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 44-00-6006-00 – MFT Fund.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$6,000.00, payable to SIGNCO for design, fabrication & installation of double faced aluminum sign 75'H X 59.5"W to replace damaged village welcome sign on the corner of Narraganset/Montrose by McDonalds expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-14-7051.02 – Village Properties. (To be reimbursed – insurance claim).
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed 4,620.00, payable to Core&Main for water meter for Union Ridge School expensed to FY25/26 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund. (Union Ridge reimbursed the village on 1-20-26).
5. To approve the bid proposal, not to exceed \$6,200.00, payable to Core&Main for the purchase of water meters for residential replacement expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund. (Village to be reimbursed respectively when meters are installed).
6. To approve the proposal, not to exceed \$22,000.00, payable to Badger Meter for the purchase of three (3) eight inch (8") water meters and strainers to replace the existing Chicago water meters expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve the quote, not to exceed \$8,610.00, payable to Gasvoda Group for the purchase of three (3) check valves for the replaced Chicago water meters expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,282.50, payable to Gasvoda & Associates to modify the SCADA computer and modified the PLC programming to manage the security system and elevated tank security expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,080.00, payable to Gasvoda & Associates to familiarize and modified the SCADA screens expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,308.81**, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of February 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
11. To waive competitive bidding in light of competitive solicitation method and approve the proposals received from Dahme Mechanical Industries, dated January 23, 2026, to provide labor and materials associated with the installation of the three (3) new Chicago meters and appurtenances for a total, including a contingency, not to exceed **\$40,000.00** to be expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$17,926.80**, payable to Axon Enterprise Inc. for the purchase of taser supplies expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-8600.00 – Police.
(Expensed to be reimbursed by the ILEAS Grant).
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$220.00**, payable to American Custom Silk Screening for 11 T-shirts for the Arts & Crafts Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 - Recreation.
14. Motion to approve Cody Ladegaard to assist with Chess Program, at \$15 per hour.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$37.76**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for chess key chains expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.01 - Recreation.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to American Custom Silk Screening for 10 T-shirts for the Chess Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.01 - Recreation.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00**, payable to Cody Ladegaard for assisting the Chess Program Jan 14th thru Feb 4th expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.01 - Recreation.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$175.00**, payable to American Custom Silk Screening for 14 tee shirts for the Floor Hockey Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7035.02 - Recreation.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$75.00**, payable to Waynes Trophies for medals for the Floor Hockey Awards Party expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7035.02 - Recreation.
20. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$250.00**, payable to American Custom Silk Screening for tee shirts expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.03 – Recreation.
21. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$55.24**, payable to Tom Kuczak for a portable compressor to fill up basketballs expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.03 – Recreation.
22. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$325.00**, payable to American Custom Silk Screening for tee shirts for the Soccer Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7036.04 - Recreation.
23. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00**, payable to Waynes Trophies for medals for the Soccer Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7036.04 - Recreation.
24. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizzas for the Soccer Program Awards Party in the Village Rec Center on Saturday, February 14, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7036.04 - Recreation.
25. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for water/juice for the Soccer Program Awards Party in the Village Rec Center on Saturday, February 14, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7036.04 - Recreation.
26. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$270.00**, payable to Stephanie Ramirez for coaching the Soccer Program Jan. 10th thru Feb. 14th expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7036.04 - Recreation. CHECK NOT TO BE CUT TILL AFTER 2/14

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27. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,559.11, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through January 31, 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
28. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,500.00, payable to eccezion for the required testing & issuance of In-Relation-To Opinion for NTD/PACE Reporting expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-9007.01 – Recreation.
29. To approve **Temporary Handicap Parking Sign #22-15** at the address commonly known as 4425 N. Nagle Ave. and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner. (Handicap parking placard expires May 31, 2026).
30. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 in the Village Recreation Center from 2:00pm to 7:00pm.
31. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Graduation” to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026 in the Village Recreation Center from 4:00pm to 9:00pm.
32. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Wedding Renewal Vows” to be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026 in the Village Recreation Center from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.
33. To Adopt **Ordinance 26-01**, An Ordinance Amending Title 13 of the Village of Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances to Mandate Installation of New Water Meters Upon the Sale of Property or Significant Interior Remodeling, Aligning Minimum Monthly Sewer Usage Measurements for Single-Family Homes and Non-Profits With Other Properties Within the Village, and Removing the Cap on Sewer Charges.
34. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$169,473.84 as they appear on the February 12, 2026 check register #76777 thru #76846.
35. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$250,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (February 14, 2026).
36. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$19,557.73 for January 2026 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 36 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

Trustee Brutto: I just wanted to mention that one of our longtime residents Bob Mischke who lived down the street from Trustee Lewandowski passed away this week and I attended his wake and service. My condolences to his family.

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Trustee Zerillo: Mayor you and I spoke about this a couple of weeks ago about the village cable channel. I would like to discuss this a little more in depth at a future Committee of the Whole meeting and how we are going to move forward with that. The company is telling me one of the our partners is not paying and the channel is not being updated.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

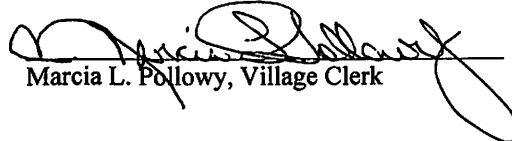
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Brutto 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, February 12, 2026 at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk