MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Arlene Jezierny

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Angelo Ladas, 7501 W. Ainslie: Is concerned about the widening of Ainslie Street. Does not want all the trees cut down. Feels we need the trees in the neighborhood to help with pollution etc. Would like to see the street become a one way street towards Harlem Avenue. Feels the Village has lost too many trees already. Feels we have a speeding problem and by widening the street it would make it even worse. Wants to know why we don't have a tree program.

Amy Zavaleta, 7501 W. Ainslie: Feels that trees get cut down and don't get replaced. It is up to the owner to pay for the tree to be replaced. Started a Facebook group as she is passionate about the environment. Thinks there are so many programs that are focusing on more trees, cleaner air, etc. and feels we are living in one of the only communities that doesn't put priorities on these issues. Is hoping that she can bring attention to this matter of no trees by starting this Facebook group.

Mayor Jezierny You will be happy to know that we do have a program. We work with Cook County and they provided 80 trees to us but they were like twigs. It would take years upon years for these little trees to grow up. We do have a program that is costly but an Arborist will come in, they will plant the tree, they will take care of it, it's guaranteed for a year. If anything happens to the tree the tree is replaced. They are more of a meaty tree. We have been working with a number of different communities and associations and we have a meeting coming up soon. We are working on getting additional trees. Some people actually want their trees cut down. We don’t cut them down. We will not cut down a live healthy tree. The only time we will cut a tree down is if it is diseased. Every tree we cut down we replaced. When we did a project on Olcott to widen that we replaced and added new trees. When Mariano’s was being built had to take down 3 or 4 trees and we made sure they replaced them with about 60 trees. We want to build our community with trees. I think it’s important. We are going to continue to look at avenues where we can and hopefully people will be accepting to having a tree on their parkways. They can also have a tree on their own property. We also have the program besides the 50/50 program that you can buy your own tree. You just have to make sure it’s appropriate for the parkway.
E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor’s Report
Mayor Jezierski
Tonight we will honor some of our police officers for their outstanding performance. It’s important to recognize outstanding service as well as the day to day performance of each of our first responders. So on behalf of the Village Board, I would like to say thank you for your service to our community and for the safety of others. Thank you, well deserved.

Tomorrow, February 14th is another O’Hare Noise Compatible Commission which begins at 8:00 am at Café la Cave. The public is always invited to attend. Information on the latest of the O’Hare Noise events can be found on their website: www.flychicago.com

The Village has applied for another Green Alley project which is slated for the alley between the 4700 block of New England and Newcastle. As we receive funding, we evaluate each alley for flooding issues. The green alley will help reduce storm water getting into our storm system.

A Valentine’s Party took place this past Saturday, on February 8th for Pre-K to 5th Graders along with their families. It was a good time with fun things to do, family photos, dance, and food. We hope everyone enjoyed their time. We also want to thank Mike Grono, our Recreation Coordinator for putting the dance together and Pulse entertainment who provided the music and fun things to do to get all involved. Happy Valentine’s to all our families.

Another watercolor class for Ages 8-16 is scheduled for February 18th from 6:45pm – 7:45pm. Call the Recreation Desk to reserve your spot.

Ordinance/License
Trustee Schuepfer
Asked for the Boards approval on item I 45. This is a motion to conduct a 6 month study about some of the issues we have with parking congestion on the 7200 to 7300 block of Ainslie. For a 6 month period we are going to designate that area as resident only and restrict all parking to the South side of the street. Along with that motion I would like to suggest that since we have an ongoing 6 month study that we approved in September about the congestion on Oconto, that we actually look at extending that study so both of these can co-occur so we can look at the effect of those particular actions we have taken to ascertain whether or not we want to maintain this or try another model to relieve some of that problem. Happy Valentine’s Day!

Public Works/Water & Sewer
Trustee Steiner
Thanked Public Works for cleaning up the streets plowing and salting. A little disturbed that I am hearing that cars are driving 60 or 70 miles per hour down our streets. I am sure our Police Department will keep a close eye on that.

Police & Safety
Trustee Brzozniak-Welpe
Congratulations to the Harwood Heights Police Department on the awards they will be getting tonight. The 911 Board met on Tuesday and we will be finalizing our budget for the following year and as soon as it is ready I will present it to the Board. Happy Valentine’s Day!

Recreation & Activities
Trustee Brzozowski-Wegreek
Some of our Harwood Heights Youth Commission activities are wrapping up soon. Two new sports that will be starting in March; they are Variety Sports and Volleyball. Registration will be at the Harwood Heights Village Hall.
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Information & Technology
Trustee Zerillo
Congratulations to our Police Officers getting awards tonight. I have a list of 15 APPS that parents should know about on their children’s phones. Some of them show their locations while they are streaming their videos.

Forestry & Green Initiatives
Public Health
Trustee Lewandowski

No Report

Clerk’s Report
The Census is starting to send out notices. We also have all the census information on the Village Website. We hope everybody participates as it will help us know how much funds we can get from the state and government in doing our various projects. It is important that everyone in the household is identified on the questionnaire. We also are going to have a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, The Library, Village of Norridge, the Superintendents from both schools and Ridgewood High School, Bethany Baptist Church and St. Rosalies. We can all promote the census and make our residents aware of the importance of the Census.

Attorney Rob Bush

No Report

Chief DeVries
When I was in the investigation unit we had a few calls where Public Works asked us to investigate a tree that was asked to be taken down by the resident. When we went there to investigate it we found drill marks ½ inch in diameter 14” deep going around the whole tree. It was a gorgeous tree but half of it was dead. Public Works refused to take it down because they were hoping to keep the tree alive because half of it was still good. What we learned was that the roots of the tree expanded so wide and broke up the sidewalk. They said it caused a drainage problem in their sewer. The Mayor and I were in a meeting and we learned that trees don’t cause sewer problems. The sewer was already broke and it’s the waste that’s coming out of the sewer that attracts the branch of the tree to grow through that. We were very alarmed by that. We don’t cut down trees. We threatened to arrest the homeowner if this continues. We have had a couple of other cases like this. When we are going to widen the street we are going to talk to all the homeowners on the street and explain to them what’s going to be done. I guarantee you that some of them are going to tell us to remove the tree. They don’t really care about them. They want the street wider because of the safety of their cars not getting their mirrors clipped.

I grew up in this Village all my life. We are heavy ticket writers. If a car is doing 70mph down the street they got lucky they got away with it. We will put an officer out there and we will deter it. Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Every time we call Public Works into our Department to help us they are right there for us. We put a 55” screen on the wall so the HHPD can put videos on it. Public Works saved us about $400.00 as they installed this screen on our wall in a few hours. I want to praise Public Works for what they do.

We are having a lot of Catalytic Converters stolen in our town. It happens on the midnight shift. We have videos on it. If you go out in the morning and your car is loud it is probably because yours was cut off. I would advise you not to go to your dealers because they are going to charge you about 5 times more money than a muffler shop. Our detectives are working on this right now. Please call us if you see something!

We had a funeral detail today for a retired Norridge Police Officer that I knew for years. When we do these details for a funeral that comes through our town, as a courtesy, our officers always set up and block the streets and get out of their cars and show respect to the families. Thank you for representing Harwood Heights.

Recognition of Officers Marc Felsenthal, Michael Latino, John Feld, Piotr Przesmycki and Sergeant Nick Ramirez for going beyond the call of duty. We are extremely proud of them and thank them for their service to Harwood Heights.

Happy Valentine’s Day!
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F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: I have a ring camera and every once in a while I go through the videos. I frequently see officers going up and down the side streets. I want to thank you for that.

Trustee Lewandowski: Wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday!

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki on Appointment/Reappointment agenda item H 1.

1. To concur with the Mayor’s Reappointment of individuals on the attached Appointee List for a term 2-13-20 thru 4-30-21 except where stated otherwise.

A roll call vote on Appointment/Reappointment items H 1 resulted as follows:
A YES: Trustee Schuepfer, 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 – 51.

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held January 23, 2020.

2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $1,142.43, payable to Core & Main for the purchase of six (6) SENSUS Water Meters expensed to FY 19/20 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $1,192.06, payable to Core & Main for the purchase of 1 (one) 1-1/2 Meter and 1 (one) 1-1/2 Cast Iron Flange Kit expensed to FY 19/20 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $1,208.00, payable to Associated Technical Services LTD. for the purchase of a receiver Li-ION rechargeable battery pack and a transmitter Li-ION rechargeable battery pack for Public Works Water Department expensed to FY 19/20 line item 22-00-7038.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $4,120.60, payable to Cargill Salt Road Safety for 105,860lb of deicer salt expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-6006.00 – MFT Funds.

6. To approve expenditure, not exceed $17,908.65, payable to Clark Dietz Engineering for professional services June 29, 2019 to July 26, 2019 for the Cullom Avenue and Alley Construction Engineering Services expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Funds.

7. To approve expenditure, not exceed $3,511.50, payable to Clark Dietz Engineering for professional services August 31, 2019 to September 27, 2019 for the Cullom Avenue and Alley Construction Engineering Services expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Funds.
8. To approve expenditure, not exceed $1,053.45, payable to Clark Dietz Engineering for professional services September 28, 2019 to October 25, 2019 for the Cullom Avenue and Alley Construction Engineering Services expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Funds.

9. To approve expenditure, not exceed $27,606.00, payable to Clark Dietz Engineering for professional services June 1, 2019 to June 28, 2019 for the Ainslie & Argyle Widening/Resurfacing expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Funds.

10. To approve expenditure, not exceed $4,601.00, payable to Clark Dietz Engineering for professional services June 29, 2019 to July 26, 2019 for the Ainslie & Argyle Widening/Resurfacing expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Funds.

11. To approve expenditure, not exceed $1,667.00, payable to Clark Dietz Engineering for professional services September 28, 2019 to October 25, 2019 for the Ainslie & Argyle Widening/Resurfacing expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Funds.

12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $292.00, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for professional services October 27, 2019 to November 30, 2019 for the NPDES MS4 Compliance Activities expensed to FY 19/20 line item 22-00-9610.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $146.00, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for professional services December 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 for the NPDES MS4 Compliance Activities expensed to FY 19/20 line item 22-00-9610.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $5,392.50, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for professional services October 27, 2019 to November 30, 2019 for the Green Alley Reconstruction Project - Design expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Fund.

15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $5,914.00, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for professional services September 29, 2019 to October 26, 2019 for the Police Department – Design Engineering Services expensed to FY 19/20 line item 12-25-8530.00 – Capital Project Fund.

16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $8,012.50, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for professional services October 27, 2019 to November 30, 2019 for the Police Department – Design Engineering Services expensed to FY 19/20 line item 12-25-8530.00 – Capital Project Fund.

17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $65,231.07, payable to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency semiannual principle & interest on the IEPA Loan (L17-5374) for the Drinking Water Project expensed to FY 19/20 line items 22-25-2008.00-2001 - $47,178.59 & 22-00-8815-00 - $18,052.48 – Water & Sewer Fund.

18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $1,002.09, payable to State Treasurer for maintenance of IDOT Traffic Signal at IL43/Harlem Avenue & Wilson Avenue and at Forest Preserve Drive & Montrose expensed to FY 19/20 line item 44-00-9558.00 – MFT.

19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $1,777.65, payable to Harwood Heights Auto Body, Inc. for repairs on the 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility Police vehicle (AWD) #496 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.

20. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $60.00, payable to Ashley Moisant for coaching floor hockey 1/14/20 - 2/4/20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.

21. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $80.00, payable to World’s Oldest Sport for T-Shirts for the floor hockey program expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.

22. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $50.00, payable to World’s Oldest Sport for small medals for the floor hockey program expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.
23. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$45.00**, payable to Rocco Vino’s for pizzas for the floor hockey pizza party expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.

24. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$50.00**, payable to Sam’s Club for juice, water & cookies for the floor hockey pizza party expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.

25. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$60.00**, payable to Ashley Moisant for coaching floor hockey 2/11/20 - 3/3/20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.

26. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$560.00**, payable to Carol McNamara for coaching first half of the Gymnastic Program 1-9-20 thru 1-23-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

27. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$75.00**, payable to Cecelia Yanora as assistant coach first half of the Gymnastic Program 1-9-20 thru 1-23-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

28. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$50.00**, payable to Lilliana Solis as assistant coach for the first half of the Gymnastic Program 1-19-20 thru 1-23-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

29. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$50.00**, payable to Kasia Jackowski as assistant coach for the first half of the Gymnastic Program 1-16-20 thru 1-23-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

30. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$300.00**, payable to World’s Oldest Sports for medals and shirts for the Gymnastic Program Awards Party on 2-21-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

31. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$100.00**, payable to Rocco Vino’s for pizzas for the Gymnastic Program Awards Party on 2-21-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

32. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$560.00**, payable to Carol McNamara for coaching the second half of the Gymnastic Program 2-6-20 thru 2-21-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

33. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$100.00**, payable to Cecelia Yanora as assistant coach for the second half of the Gymnastic Program 2-6-20 thru 2-21-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

34. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$75.00**, payable to Lilliana Solis as assistant coach for the first half of the Gymnastic Program 2-13-20 thru 2-21-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

35. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$75.00**, payable to Kasia Jackowski as assistant coach for the second half of the Gymnastic Program 2-13-20 thru 2-21-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7033.05 – Recreation.

36. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$110.00**, payable to Stephanie Ramirez for coaching the first half of Soccer Program 1-4-20 to 1-25-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.

37. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$280.00**, payable to World’s Oldest Sports for shirts and medals for the Soccer Program and Awards Party on 2-22-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.

38. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$75.00**, payable to Rocco Vino’s for pizzas for the Soccer Awards Party in the Village Rec Center on 2-22-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.

39. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$40.00**, payable to Sam’s Club for juice and cookies for the Soccer Awards Party in the Village Rec Center on 2-22-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.

40. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$110.00**, payable to Stephanie Ramirez for coaching the second half of Soccer Program 2-1-20 to 2-22-20 expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.

41. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$2,374.13**, payable to RYDIN Decal for the design and printing of the 2020/2021 Village Vehicle Stickers and Tags expensed to FY 19/20 line item 11-01-7022.00 – General Administration.
42. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $1,756.25, payable to MuniCap, Inc. to prepare and review special tax reports for the Lawrence Avenue Special Service Area expensed to FY 19/20 line item 57-00-9550.02 – Debt Service.

43. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $10,000.00, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. for professional services progress billing rendered for the April 30, 2019 Annual Audit and Village’s financial statements expensed to FY 19/20 line items 11-03-9602.00 – Finance.

44. To approve expenditure, not to exceed $10,550.00, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. for final professional services progress billing rendered for the April 30, 2019 Annual Audit and Village’s financial statements expensed to FY 19/20 line items 11-03-9602.00 – $8,340.00 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 - $2,210.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

45. Motion to approve a six-month parking study for the 7200 - 7300 blocks of Ainslie Street between Oconto Avenue (Beginning of Art Van Building) and Odell Court (End of Portillo’s Property). The parking on these blocks is designated as resident-only and is restricted to the south side of Ainslie Street. Parking is no longer allowed on the north side of Ainslie Street on these blocks with purchasing appropriate signage.

46. To approve a Single Family Grant FY 19-20 for 5141 N. Odell Avenue in the amount of $1,500.00, pending all licenses, inspections and approval from the plumbing inspector to be expensed to FY 19/20 line item 22-00-7075 – Water & Sewer Fund.

47. To approve two (2) Temporary Banners announcing Burlington’s “Just Remodeled” Store at 4701 N. Harlem Avenue for a 90-day period effective 2-14-20 thru 5-15-20.

48. To Adopt Ordinance 20-05, An Ordinance Approving Bulk and Setback Variances for the Construction of a Multi-Family Residence at 6420 W. Gunnison.

49. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of $305,376.20 as they appear on February 13, 2020 check register #67838 thru #67922.

50. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of $188,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (February 13, 2020).

51. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the estimated amount of $18,876.87 for January 2020 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 51 resulted as follows:
A YES: Trustee Schuepfer, Steiner, Brzegniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS
None

K. OLD BUSINESS
None

L. CORRESPONDENCE
None
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M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE/MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Jezierny: There was a tree cut down on Ainslie. Some of the older trees per our Arborist are hollow in the center and that is dangerous. One of those trees was half torn down from a storm that we had so it had to be taken down.

Trustee Zerillo: Since I have been on the board at least 3 residents have come to us asking us to have the trees cut down in front of their homes. We investigated them and there was nothing wrong with the trees. We did not cut them down.

O. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into Executive Session: pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings C Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (11)

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Zerillo 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 13, 2020 at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Fohowy, Village Clerk
Prepared by Mary O’Connor, Deputy Clerk