

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 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

Many items on the agenda pertain to the Village upkeep from the Public Works Department. This includes street repair together with Norridge on the half streets, also includes parts and values for the Montrose watermain, dirt & stone for water repairs, permits for mandated Chicago meters. Some resident's wests of Harlem Avenue were given notice as Chicagoland Trenchless will be performing a smoke test of our sanitary sewers to detect any breaks or defects from 2/26 – 3/5.

The agenda also covers the event cost for kid programs from Arts & Crafts to Chess and Hockey and plans for Easter.

Celebrating 250 years of America

As a reminder, the Village of Harwood Heights together with Norridge will join together to provide a celebration for our residents for 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.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

We had our initial union negotiation meeting with the bargaining unit last week and we have a follow-up meeting scheduled for March 23rd. This will give some time for staff to evaluate and incorporate new tax on next year's fiscal budget. The staff has started working on the fiscal year 2026/2027 budget and also the staff is in the process of working on the villages May 1, 2026 insurance renewal, liability and workmen's comp. We are looking to schedule the union negotiations with Public Works tentatively on March 16, 2026.

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**Ordinance & License
Trustee Steiner**

No Report

**Police/Public Safety
Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

No Report – Thanked the Offices that came to join us at tonight’s meeting.

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

No Report

**Building
Trustee Zerillo**

I want to remind our residents, with the weather getting warmer, please be vigilant with contractors pulling up to your home saying they can do work and that you don’t need any permits. Our Police Department runs into these guys a lot and a majority of the time they’re scams; always contact the Village Hall first.

**Forestry & Green Initiative
Trustee Lewandowski**

Our promotional Tree Planting Program for the Spring planting ends on February 28, 2026. So far we have about 11 residents interested. I will be working with the Morton Arboretum to see what kind of trees will be available. Hopefully, the planting will be sometime in April or May.

Clerk’s Report

You all received a revised agenda with a correction for Consent Agenda item I 29; the address for the handicap parking sign is New England, not Newland.

Attorney

No Report

Chief John DeVries

A couple of things. First, we had an insurance meeting the other day and we went over our policies regarding car chases and accident scenes. Two things came out of that meeting, one, they said we’re doing a really good job as a Police Department and that our accidents are way down compared to other towns that they insure. I’m old school and it’s hard for me to tell these guys to not do something that I have done for many years. Over the last year and a half or so, we’ve all learned that it’s a liability to our village and they’re all doing a great job. So thank you guys, especially those on the midnight shift regarding car chases. Second of all, one of our business owners yesterday became a victim of a theft, a \$10,000 chain was taken from his neck during this theft. Between our midnight shift, our Detectives and our Flock cameras, that I thank you guys all the time for, because we can’t beat these, this car was located last night just shy of 10:00pm at a Best Western Hotel in Schaumburg and it was sitting in that parking lot. And there was a reason why it was there because Best Western does not ask for the make/model/license plate number/color of the guest’s car. So, the midnight shift went out there and did surveillance all night thinking that maybe these travelling citizens would take this car before 7:00 in the morning and then they were relieved by the Detectives who sat out there until 3 subjects got in the car fitting the description of the 3 subjects that were offenders. They took everybody into custody and had the car towed back to the police station and long story

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short, about an hour ago the chain was found inside the car, after we got a search warrant to get in the car, because the victim could not identify the offenders. So, kudos to my officers who did a great job. They also found several other items in the car that belong to other people jewelry wise. Within 24 hours the case was resolved and hopefully the Detectives will keep on going with charges.

Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

NONE

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Our next meeting is March 10, 2026.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Our next meeting is March 10, 2026.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: 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 5:30 – 7:00pm.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: Our next meeting is March 24, 2026

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

NONE

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 12, 2026.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,800.00**, payable to SmartSights for 36 month XL Reporter Pro Subscription License for the Scada System expensed to FY25/26 line item 22-00-6013.00 – Water & Sewer.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,084.00**, payable to Stitchworks by Kathleen, LLC for shirts/sweatshirts/vests for Public Works employees expensed to FY 25/26 line items 11-06-5716.00 - \$2,542.00 – Public Works & 22-00-5716.00 - \$2,542.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,964.89**, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for bedding stone and dirt out for a water break on 2/3/26 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Dumping Fees.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,709.30**, payable to Meade, Inc replace damaged traffic signal due to an accident at Lawrence Ave. & Oketo expensed to FY 25/26 line item 44-00-9557.00 – MFT Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,605.32**, payable to Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc. valve parts for the Montrose watermain expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$9,875.00**, payable to Rango Sewer and Water Inc. to replace water valve at the water mains at W. Montrose Ave. & N. Newcastle & W. Montrose Ave. & N. Newland Ave. expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,184.00**, payable to Builders Asphalt for cold patch for street patching expensed to FY 25/26 line item 44-00-7032.00 – MFT Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,650.00**, payable to Chicago Department of Buildings for 5 permits for meter testing and calibration on the new water meters replacing the 3 Chicago water meters expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6010.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,299.00**, payable to ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) for the ArcGIS Online Creator/Viewer Annual Subscription 5-24-26 to 5-23-27 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7076.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,375.55**, payable to High Star Traffic for various traffic signs as indicated on the order form for Public Works expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-06-6003.00 – Public Works.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$157.50**, payable to Ekaterina Politsopoulos for assisting with the Arts & Crafts Program 1/22 - 3/12, expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 - Recreation. Check to be cut after 3/12/2026.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$80.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's, for the Arts & Crafts pizza party on March 12th, expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 - Recreation.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50.00**, payable to Christine Napolitano for plates napkins, and juice, for the Arts & Crafts pizza party on March 12th, expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 - Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00**, payable to Cody Ladegaard, for the 2nd half of the Chess Program 2/11 – 3/4 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 - Recreation. Check to be cut after 3/4/2026.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's pizzas from for the Chess pizza party, which will be held on March 4th for the pizza party on March 12th, expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 - Recreation.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for plates napkins, and juice, for the Chess pizza party, which will be held on March 4th, expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 - Recreation.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$125.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizza for the Floor Hockey awards party to be held on March 3rd expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7035.02 - Recreation.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$125.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for the pizza party to be held March 23rd expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.03 -Recreation.
20. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50.00**, payable to Tom Kuczak for plates napkins, and juice, for the awards party, to be held March 23rd expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.03 - Recreation.
21. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for goodie bags for the Easter Party on Saturday, March 28, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
22. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for easter eggs for the Easter Party on Saturday, March 28, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
23. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$250.00**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for arts & crafts for the Easter Party on Saturday, March 28, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
24. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$120.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for prizes for the Easter Party on Saturday, March 28, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
25. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$125.00**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for plates, cookies, juice and water for the Easter Party on Saturday, March 28, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.

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26. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$350.00**, payable to Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA Queen for a Gold Page AD in the program book for the Parade Queen Election Gala on Saturday, March 14, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-7040.00 – Administration.
27. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,612.22**, payable to RYDIN for design/printing of 2026/2027 Vehicle License Decals & Motorcycle/Dog/Cat Tags expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-7022.00 – General Administration.
28. To approve a **Block Party** to be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026 for the **4500 block of Newcastle** with permission to block from 10am until 10pm and to direct Public Works to also provide barricades as well as orange cones for use that day.
29. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign #22-16** at the address commonly known as **4517 N. New England** and to direct Public Works to **install** the sign in a timely manner.
30. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Birthday Party” to be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2026** in the Village Recreation Center from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.
31. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Graduation Party” to be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2026** in the Village Recreation Center from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.
32. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” to be held on **Saturday, June 27, 2026** in the Village Recreation Center from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.
33. To Adopt **Resolution 26-02**, A Resolution for the 2026 CDBG Capital Improvement/Demolition and Economic Development Project Application – Municipality. (2027 CDBG Water Main Improvements – Amount \$500,000.00)
34. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$123,163.96** as they appear on the February 26, 2026 check register **#76847** thru **#76904**.
35. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$200,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (February 27, 2026).
36. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$213,986.31** as they appear on the EFT Register thru February 24, 2026.

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

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M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brutto: One of the Managers at Rocco Vino's passed away last week, she was 34 years old. I just wanted to pass on our condolences to Nuch and Rocco on behalf of the board.

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, 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 26, 2026 at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk