

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27, 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 Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Absent

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

The bid opening for 7400 & 7500 blocks of Ainslie & the Oketo Street between Lawrence & Ainslie will occur on March 5th at 11:00am.

A letter was sent to our State Reps and Senator to request funding for capital improvements for our Village. We await their response.

Tonight's agenda includes expenses for youth commission sport activities and events. It also includes the Joint Purchase Agreement for 2025-2026 for rock salt. There is also the annual renewal for ID Networks for 5 licenses and 3 mobile CAD software.

Upon tonight's approval, the board will authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to hire 2 officers with an effective date of May 1st.

There is a ground breaking ceremony for Union Ridge on March 6th at 2:30 pm for the addition of their new school.

The March Newsletter will be mailed this week.

I was asked to be on the Strategic Plan sessions for Pennoyer. Our first meeting took place on February 18th, the next one will be in March, the one after that in April.

Kindness Day is April 26th and we, along with surrounding municipalities are making plans. Trustees Lewandowski and Brutto have led this effort.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

We are in the process of working with the Horton Group on the annual insurance renewal for the upcoming fiscal year 2025/2026. We anticipate having quotes back by early April to review with the board and budget accordingly. Also, the budget process has been started, the staff is meeting with the Department Heads to file prospective budgetary requests. If any of the Trustees have budget items that you would like to discuss and budgeted for, please let the Mayor or Mary know.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

I just want to draw the boards attend to item I 6, the motion to authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to fill the vacancies with the hiring of two (2) officers effective May 1st; I would like your support for that. Now that the weather has seemed to broken a little bit, I hope all the drivers keep an eye out for bicyclists and people walking because they're starting to get out in the mild weather.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Encouraged everyone to stay healthy, the flu season is still active.

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Just a reminder that with Spring and Summer coming I'm sure a lot of our residents will start projects on their homes, just keep in mind, our ordinance was updated a few months ago and give our Building Commissioner or the office a call to see if permits are required.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

I have reached out to Morton Arboretum regarding the possibility for planting trees in the Spring. There seems to be interest from some of our residents, so we are planning on getting some trees. I have committed to 10 trees and as the interest grows, hopefully we can plant up to 25 trees. So, I will be keeping you posted. We are promoting this thru the Mayor's Message and on the village website and also word of mouth from the trustees. We have planted so far from 2020 205 trees at no cost to the residents.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney

No Report - Absent

Chief John DeVries

Stated that there are still burglaries over here with cars that are unlocked. When we speak to these resident's they still don't want to sign a complaint. So I'm asking all residents to please lock their doors on their vehicles and at their homes.

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Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo

At the last board meeting I told you about the car that was stolen; again, the door was left unlocked and the motor running. That happened on February 12th, six days later our Detectives did a great job by using the Flock camera system and local law enforcement contacts and were able to locate the car on the 7100 block of Waveland. When they pulled up on the car, someone was inside, and they took that person into custody for questioning. In the end, the victim got their car back. I will be bringing those officers for recognition to the board in a couple of weeks.

Once again, thank you for the support on tonight's agenda for the two hires.

Chief John DeVries: Thank you all for agreeing on the Flock cameras because the Detectives were able to recover that car. I also want to thank my officer shifts for always going out there and doing the best that they can.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Our next meeting will be March 11, 2025.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2025.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: There will be no meeting in March. I am working with the Chamber officers to send out some Chamber brochures to our licensed businesses to increase our Chamber membership. The Salvation Army will be having the "Fill the Playpen Campaign" to collect baby products April 1, 2025 thru April 26, 2025; a playpen will be set-up in the lobby for donations.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: Mayor we have not met since my last report. I forwarded to you and the Clerk the report for the noise monitor that was on the Village Hall roof; the Clerk in turn forwarded it to all the board members; if the trustees have any questions, please reach out to me before our next meeting scheduled for March 18th.

I came across something on Social Media regarding the Noise Commission. A contractor was posting that if you live near O'Hare Airport (and he listed all of the towns that are part of the ONCC) to contact him because the ONCC Program will be ending shortly and he wants people to contact him regarding window installation. When you reach out to him, he states that he's working with State Representative Mike Quigley's and Raja Krishnamoorthi' office. I did reach out to Quigley's office and they have no idea who he is and what he's talking about.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held February 13, 2025.

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2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$87.00**, payable to American Water Works Association for membership renewal 3-1-25 to 2-28-26 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7025.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. 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 5-24-25 to 5-23-26 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7076.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. Motion to Authorize Public Works Superintendent or Mayor Arlene Jezierny to enter into contracts, to include joint participation agreements, on behalf of the Village of Harwood Heights for the State of IL CY2025 – CY2026 Joint Purchase Master Contract(s) for the purchase of Rock Salt and authorize the Village Clerk to sign the Certificate of Authority by Vote, the Certificate of Authority by Bylaws and the Certificate of Authority.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,208.00**, payable to ID Networks for Annual Service Maintenance Fee for 5 licenses and 3 mobile CAD software for period of coverage 3-1-25 through 2-28-26 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-05-9522.00 – Police.
6. Motion to Authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to fill vacancies for the hiring of two (2) police officers beginning with the new fiscal year starting May 1, 2025.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$160.00**, payable to World's Oldest Sport for shirts and medals for the Hockey Program expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$75.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizza for the Hockey Program expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$360.00**, payable to Stephanie Ramirez 3 hours worked on 1/11 thru 3/9 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$250.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizza for the Soccer Program expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50.00**, payable to Nia Giolas plates, napkins, juice & water for both the Arts & Crafts and Soccer end of class party expensed to FY 24/25 line items 11-08-7039.04 & 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$180.00**, payable to Ekaterina Politsopoulos for hours worked on 1/23 thru 3/13 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$75.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizza for the Arts & Craft Program expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$350.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for Easter eggs and goodie bags for the Easter Egg Hunt Party expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for Easter prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt Party expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for Arts & Craft supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt Party expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
17. Motion to rehire Taylor McFall as an assistant for the Volleyball Program at \$15.00 an hour.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,055.50**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through January 31, 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.

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19. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$157,661.41 as they appear on the February 27, 2025 check register #75373 thru #75426.
20. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$200,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (February 28, 2025).
21. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$212,535.04 as they appear on the EFT Register thru February 25, 2025.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 21 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 Brzozowski-Wegrecki: I received an email/text saying I owed money to the Illinois Toll Road for unpaid fines.

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: March 6th is National “Slam the Scam Day” by Social Security and I forwarded it to the Chief and Deputy Chief.

Trustee Steiner: Stated about people who don’t lock their car doors say there’s nothing in the car to steal and they want them to bust the windows. I don’t agree with that but that’s what’s happening.

Deputy Chief Palazzo: I don’t know when the last time I’ve seen a force motor vehicle burglary; glass breakage or a door being pried open. When I first got on the force you would see this often, I haven’t seen it currently, all their doing is testing the doors to see if they are unlocked.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

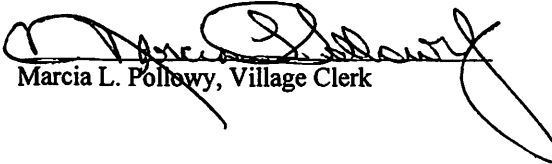
Motion to enter into Executive Session: pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings © Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects:

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P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki 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 27, 2025 at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk