

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 pm by Mayor Arlene Jezierny

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Arlene Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy
Trustees	Eugene Brutto Annette Brzezniak-Volpe Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo

Also Present: Accountant Mary Ventrella
Public Works Superintendent Ron Maslo

Mayor Jezierny stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear any comments for plans for a Foster Avenue Water Main and a Forest Preserve Drive Water Main.

D. Update by Jonathan Flowers from Robinson Engineering, Ltd. on the Foster Ave./Forest Preserve Dr. Water Main Project

Jonathan Flowers from Robinson Engineering updated the board for the last step in the approval for project planning which is the first step to getting money from the IEPA for a loan. The loan is to pay for two water mains, the loan would be for approximately \$4,000,000 which includes engineering for the two water mains. The Foster Ave. & Forest Preserve Drive project lengths are both a half of a mile long and both have had a large number of water breaks; the pipes are old and not in good shape, the plan is to replace both of them, and we would like to replace them with one bucket of funding through this new application.

This hearing is a formality to take comments from the village; I'm here to answer any questions you have, or you can submit them to the IEPA. We will also be hosting the Project Plan and the Preliminary Environmental Impact Determination form with the Clerk; the report will be hosted at the Village Hall for 10-days after the hearing. All the comments or if there are no comments, everything will be reported to the IEPA and then we need to get that done before March 31, 2025.; then we will issue a formal approval. Right now we have a preliminary approval and after this Public Hearing a formal approval and then we'll go on a list, and if we score well, we will be awarded the funding, if we don't, we'll have to wait until next year.

There are also some mandatory things that we need to talk about. 1) There are no expected environmental issues with this work. 2) Loan Terms; if we do get the loan, it would be for 30-years at 1.87%. The village does have some potential to get some principal forgiveness based on demographic criteria; determination will come from the IEPA in June. The funding list will then be published in June with all the terms.

Jonathan answered a number of questions from the Village Board members regarding the site of both water main projects and what blocks would be affected by the construction for both water main replacements. How long the project would take once we're approved for funding. If we don't qualify this year, can we reapply next year? If a house has lead pipes will they be replaced? Houses on Foster Avenue that are connected to Chicago – will they be switched over to the villages system?

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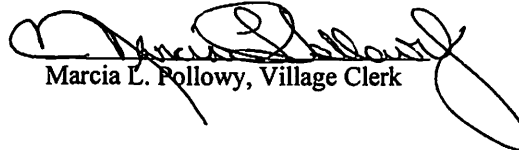
E. PUBLIC COMMENT -Upon recognition to speak by the village president or acting chairperson, the person shall rise and state his or her name and address. An individual may speak for himself or herself or as a representative of a community group. No person shall speak longer than three minutes unless specifically authorized to do so by a majority vote of the board of trustees. The three minute time limit will be measured by a person selected by the village board. Thirty (30) minutes of meeting time will be the maximum time allowed for public comment. This according to Village Code, Section 2.12.090, Section D.

No Questions from the Public.

F. 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 Public Hearing Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights was adjourned by Mayor Arlene Jezierny on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk