

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

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

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| Mayor    | Arlene C. Jezierny                                                                                                                   |
| Clerk    | Marcia L. Pollowy                                                                                                                    |
| Trustees | Eugene Brutto<br>Annette Brzezniak-Volpe<br>Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki<br>Zbigniew Lewandowski<br>Lawrence Steiner<br>Giuseppe Zerillo |
| Attorney | Mark Heinle                                                                                                                          |

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY**

**Mayor's Report**

Our agenda includes a motion to approve the lowest bidder for the 7400 & 7500 blocks of Ainslie & the Oketo Street between Lawrence & Ainslie. Residents will be notified once the construction meeting is done.

Other motions pertain to the expenses by the Public Works Department.

Panda Express will be presenting their plans to the Planning & Zoning Board this month.

Also, the Eisenhower Library is hosting a "Wellness Fair" on March 10th between 10am and 2pm.

I was just told today that there's an "I Stop Gaming – Take action today." There's a house bill 3080, I had some businesses concerned because if they can't have the gaming it might affect them financially. This I Gaming has gaming over the phone as opposed to playing on the video gaming machines in business establishments. We will look further into that house bill.

I will be attending a legislative meeting with West Central in the middle of the month regarding house bills; I will keep you all informed with any additional information.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

The January financials were distributed to the board today and the February financials are in process. Also, the staff is continuing to work on the fiscal year 25/26 budget. I will keep you updated on the progress.

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**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

We have 2 ordinances on tonight's agenda; one is to reinstate the 1% grocery sales tax and the second one is to add 2 more gaming/liquor licenses and adding a \$25 replacement fee on video gaming terminal tags.

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

Next Monday, Director Ron Gross of the 911 Dispatch Unit will be doing a presentation at 2:00pm regarding the "Total Response System" which prompts the dispatchers on asking questions for specific types of calls; whether they be ambulance calls or a domestic disturbance call, it will prompt them and automatically puts that information into the CAD call with the questions that they asked. So, they will be demoing this new product that will be intergraded with the CAD system.

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

Hopefully we will be getting more information on the new water main projects for Foster and Forest Preserve Drive to be able to support it or see if it will work for us.

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

As the Mayor stated in her report, Panda Express will be going to the Planning/Zoning Commission later this month for a hearing. Just a reminder that with Spring coming if you are planning on putting your house up for sale, please contact our Building Department and do you inspection pre-sale so it doesn't cause any issues with your sale later on.

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

We are promoting our Spring Tree Planting through the Morton Arboretum that will take place sometime in late April. We have 7 or 8 homes that have signed up and continue this promotion until March 20<sup>th</sup>. I will communicate with Morton Arboretum.

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

**Attorney**

**No Report**

**Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo**

I'm working on the laterals and we're trying to meet the May 1, 2025 timeline; we are halfway there with our testing process now, so that's going good with our first 2 candidates. Right now our St. Patrick's Day Campaign is in effect regarding traffic. This coming Sunday will be doing Active Threat Training at Union Ridge; the buildings entry so we can do our training.

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**None**

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**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** We are working on the budget for the next fiscal year, we had a meeting today. We are looking for \$300,000 for Capital Improvements with a bulk of the money for radio upgrades. The radios that were purchased when we formed the 911 Center are going to be obsolete pretty soon. The next set of radios that we are looking at are radios that have multi-channel features so that everybody is able to access other departments, the state, the county, so everybody would have that on their radios. It will be a phased in approach, so the first year we might get some radios and then over the next few years will budget for having more radios, so all departments are included. A portion of the expense will go to each department until we're fully staffed. Also they are talking about adjusting a 3% salary increase for the dispatch staff and they done a bunch of upgrades to their equipment and they are asking us to think of budgeting a new server for our report/management system.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** Trustee Zerillo attended the meeting today and gave the Clerk an invitation to the Annual Deby Gala on Saturday, May 3, 2025 in River Grove for the board's attendance. At the meeting we had a long discussion regarding camera installation inside of the transport vehicles and the decision was to go with the cameras due to safety for the children they're transporting. The funding is going to come from the money from the sale of the van; they made a little over \$6,000 on the sale and the cameras will cost about \$4,000.

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** The Chamber had no meeting in March; the next one will be on April 8, 2025 at the Zabaadi Restaurant in Norridge at 11:30am for lunch. The Salvation Army will be having the "Fill the Playpen Campaign" to collect baby products April 1, 2025 thru April 26, 2025; a playpen is set-up in the lobby for donations.

**Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee:** We have not met since our last meeting. We're schedule to meet next Tuesday, March 18, 2025, so I will report after that. I know the report for Portable Noise Monitor was sent to the board; if any board member has any questions for the committee, please get back to me before next Tuesday.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

None

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–13:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held February 27, 2025.
2. 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 24/25 line items 22-25-2008.00-2201 - \$51,754.45 & 22-00-8815.00 - \$13,476.62 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To concur with Clark Dietz Engineering's bid recommendation to award the Ainslie Street Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder M&J Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$566,469,62.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,152.78, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of February 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$6,230.41, payable to Morton Salt for Bulk Safe-T-Salt for Public Works expensed to FY 24/25 line item 44-00-6006.00 – MFT Fund.

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6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,110.46**, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water break on 2/20/2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-14-7055.02 – Village Properties.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,212.58**, payable to KODA Auto Electronics & Services for equipment for new squad #492 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-05-8660.00 – Police.
8. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” event to be held on **Saturday, April 5, 2025** in the Village Recreation Center from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.
9. To Adopt **Ordinance 25-02**, An Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers’ Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax in the Village of Harwood Heights.
10. To Adopt **Ordinance 25-03**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.12 of the Village of Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances to Increase the Number of Class A Liquor Licenses and Class V – Video Gaming Supplementary Liquor Licenses by Two and to Add a \$25 Sticker Replacement Fee for Video Gaming Machine Terminal License.
11. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$163,188.86** as they appear on the March 7, 2025 check register **#75427** thru **#75477**.
12. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$185,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (March 7, 2025).
13. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of **\$16,758.20** for February 2025 IMRF Pension Fund.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 13 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 Brzezniak-Volpe:** The Polish American Police Association has announced their banquet for May 2, 2025 at Allegra Banquets.

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**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

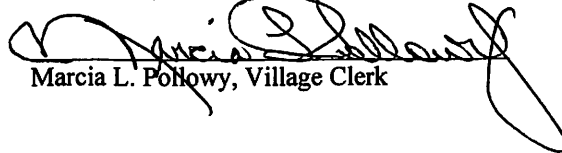
**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polnowy, Village Clerk