

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:32 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	Mark Heinle

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Many items on the agenda pertain to expenses from Public Works to attend to value replacements, road improvements where streets were shared with the Village of Norridge, air conditioning unit maintenance, Salt expense, and materials for sleeves for water breaks. Also included is the one-year contract for our IT consultant, Attorney fees, and AD for WSSRA event which is May 2nd from 4-7:00 pm at Robert's Westside in Forest Park.

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 of this remarkable event of America. The celebration dates are August 20th-23rd, 2026 and the location will be at Ozanam and Montrose.

A carnival, food, bingo, parade, 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

The January Financials were just distributed for the board's review; if you have any questions please see Mary, the February Financials are in process and the staff is continuing to work on the budget for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Also, we had our second meeting with the police union earlier this week, we have a follow-up meeting with the civil union next Tuesday and a follow-up meeting with the police union in early April.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report

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Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

It's "First Responders Wellness Week" this week, so if you see a first responder, tell them thank you and be kind to them, they do a lot for us.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

No Report

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

I'm working with Morton Arboretum on the 2026 Spring Tree Planting Program. I had 15 requests and it seemed like everything was going okay, I was getting ready to send the list to the Morton Arboretum on Monday but today Oriole Point Condo's pulled out and they had originally requested 8 trees, so now I'm only left with 7 trees. The reason is we receive a very limited number in choices of trees compared to previous years; there are not that many choices. Oriole Point is supposed to get back to me tomorrow with their decision. Possibility of only having 7 trees that Morton Arboretum may tell us to postpone until Fall or Spring next year to get more trees; usually they require 25 trees minimum.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Mark Heinle

At the last Committee of the Whole there was some discussion about the underutilization of the public access channel/community channel. I looked at your franchise agreement with Comcast and the IGA and it's pretty easy to discontinue with a written notice to the Township and Norridge. It looks to me, unless there's some hidden fees I don't see in the franchise agreement, it cost about \$400 a year or a little bit less than that and that is funded by the pass through fees customers have remitted, so there is really no cost to the village but it does require advance notice to the other parties. Comcast would take the channel back and put it to their own usage. If you give me the directions, I can send out the notices and that will be the end of it. I will wait for further directions.

Chief John DeVries

Two things, first it's "Epilepsy Awareness Day" today and I'm wearing purple for the lady on Facebook that complimented our Police Department along with the Fire Department saying that "I want to thank the Harwood Heights Police Officers and Fire Personnel that come out to my house for my son who is having severe seizures. You guys always do a good job and wish you would support today by wearing purple." We did that and Bridget went on the website and put a nice notice about "Epilepsy Awareness Day." I have a family member that I took care of for many, many years that had epilepsy, so this is the first time I ever heard of it.

Secondly, there's a new scam out there. Now they are calling up houses telling you that you got a warrant for your arrest and then somebody else jumps on the line telling them they are an attorney and to rectify it come up with \$1,200.00 cash or \$2,000.00 cash, whatever it is, and people are falling for it. I want to make everyone aware of this new scam. You can verify if you think there is a warrant out there on you by calling the Police Department and have them check it out.

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Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Jezierny: I just want to make a mention that the “Derby Gala,” I don’t know if we can go, because we have conflicting stuff with PAPA and the Polish Parade and Dinner.

Trustee Lewandowski: I just want to make a comment that there was a post on Facebook regarding the Post Office on Gunnison. Senator Mike Quigley got involved in a congressional hearing with the Post Masters and there were comments from one of the residents saying they hope to see some results and changes. Reminded everyone about “Kindness Day” and at some point we need to come up with some ideas on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Our next meeting is May 12, 2026.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Our next meeting is next month.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: Our next meeting on April 14, 2026 will be at the Nest on Irving Park, it’s an after-hours event starting at 5:30 – 7:00pm.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: No Report. Next meeting is in April.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

NONE

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–17:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 12, 2026.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$925.20**, payable to West Central Municipal Conference for Annual Employee Assistance Program for 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-5820.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,000.00**, payable to AL AIR, Inc. for Annual Maintenance Agreement January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027 for the Village Hall/Police Department and Public Works Building expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-14-9501.00 – Village Properties.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,933.62** payable to Morton Salt for Bulk Safe-T-Salt for Public Works ordered 3/12/26 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 44-00-6006-00 – MFT Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,700.00**, payable to Des Plaines Material & Supply for replacement of a 12” valve on Montrose Avenue expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7055.03 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,049.00**, payable to Des Plaines Material & Supply for 60” X 12” Barrel Section and 60” X 36” Concentric Cone supplies expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7055.03 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,047.66**, payable to Des Plaines Material & Supply for 12” Mega Lugs w/Stainless Acc. And 12” MJ Solid Long Sleeve supplies expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$12,175.00**, payable to Rango Sewer and Water Inc. to replace 6” valve on the north side of W. Montrose Ave. by N. New England & a 12” valve inside the vault on the south side of W. Montrose Ave. by N. New England Ave. expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,069.34**, payable to Underground Pipe & Valve Co. for 6” & 12” valve parts for Montrose Ave. expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
10. To concur with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc (GHA) recommendation to award the 2027 Road Program Improvements to the lowest bidder Builders Paving, LLC in the amount of \$65,760.22. (Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Norridge.)
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,207.81**, payable monthly to North American Business Technologies Inc. (NABTECH) for contractual IT services for equipment and software support 6-1-2026 to 5-31-27 expensed to FY 26/27 line items 11-1-9530.00 - \$436.01, 11-03-9530.00 - \$1,665.37, 11-05-9530.00 - \$2,961.84, 11-06-9530.00 - \$716.01 and 11-07-9530.00 - \$428.58.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,410.37**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through February 28, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$700.00**, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) for an AD in the AD Book for the “Derby Gala” on May 2, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-7040.00 – Administration.
14. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign #22-18** at the address commonly known as **4748 N. Newcastle** and to direct Public Works to **install** the sign in a timely manner.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$111,864.36** as they appear on the March 26, 2026 check register **#76960** thru **#77011**.
16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$200,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (March 31, 2026).
17. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$307,407.83** as they appear on the EFT Register thru March 24, 2026.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 17 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

None

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

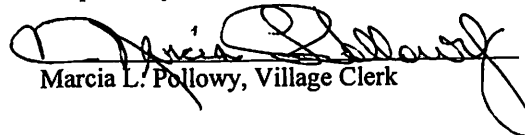
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Jeziorny, on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk