

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY MARCH 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	Mark Heinle

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roman Zoltowski, 7424 W. Ainslie: Asked the board to consider approving him to add an additional parking pad in the front of his home.

Mayor Jezierny: Stated that the Village Board would discuss his request at our next Committee of the Whole meeting.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

A number of motions on tonight's agenda pertain to the expenses by the Public Works Department.

Panda Express presented their plans before the Planning & Zoning Board yesterday. It was well received by the Planning Board with good questions and responses. Members of the Village board were also present.

We have applied for "Invest in Cook" funding for the 7400 & 7500 blocks of Leland and the Prof Services Agreement is on the agenda tonight. However, if successful the grant will be good for 2026 improvements.

We also applied for grants for the 4700 block of Newcastle and 4600&4700 blocks of New England. A Resolution is on tonight's agenda. We await any grants awards.

Paperwork for IDOT has been submitted for Ainslie and we await a construction meeting with the Contractor.

Finance
Trustee Brutto

No Report

Ordinance & License
Trustee Steiner

No Report

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Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

Last weekend there was a rash of car burglaries not only in Harwood Heights but across the way in the Oriole Park area and the Norwood Park area. Just reminding everybody not to leave items in their cars that are visible, so that people don't break their windows and burglarize their vehicle.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

As the Mayor stated in her report, last night the Planning/Zoning Commission had a hearing regarding Panda Express being built at the corner of Harlem & Lawrence. The residents that came out had some good questions and the committee took their feedback. Look forward to seeing the Finding of Facts. All in all everything went smoothly last night.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

We continue to promote our Spring Tree Planting through the Morton Arboretum that will take place April 20-25th. Asked the trustees to spread the word that free trees are available.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney

Regarding Panda Express I was unable to attend last night's hearing, my colleague covered the public hearing, she sent me some notes that I haven't had a chance to review yet. I do know that ultimately it was a unanimous favorable recommendation; I don't know if there were any conditions. I will make sure that you have the Finding of Facts, the favorable recommendation and Ordinance in advance to review it in advance of your April 24, 2025 Board meeting.

Regarding the request from the resident that spoke earlier, I will note that typically driveway dimensions are part of bulk regulations that are in the zoning code and if somebody wants to diverge from what is normally required, they can apply for a variance; a variance can be approved or denied. This would be the procedure.

Chief John DeVries

I want to piggyback on what Trustee Volpe reported; I know that the cars broken into, the shift took a lot of reports on the midnight shift and then the Detectives followed it all the way up and what we're learning is that most of those cars that were broken into had either police insignias of some sort, a couple of guns off the 5200 block of Oriole, when fireman & policeman live, and getting into those vehicles. I do know that one of our officers working was able to locate the car, but because of the no chase policy, they passed on the information to CPD and last night the car actually smashed up 4 CPD squad cars, four (4) subjects were taken into custody, guns were apprehended from the vehicle. Kudos to the midnight shift and everyone to make this happen. It's hard for these guys to come to work and try to do their jobs the way society is today, lets hope and pray that pendulum comes backwards and helps us with our careers.

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Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo

Next week “Street Cleaning” enforcement will begin, we put a notice on our Facebook page to try to get it out that way, so please pay attention to the signs at the beginning of the block and it goes by odd and even days. So next week “Street Sweeping” will begin. Secondly, truck permit parking, just to note, your permit number must match your registration; if not, you could face a citation.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Zerillo: Asked if Chicago was putting up Flock cameras? I’ve seen a few of them on Harlem Avenue on the Chicago side; they look like our Flock cameras.

Chief DeVries: Thinks they are looking into it because they are very beneficial.

Trustee Lewandowski: Wanted to thank our Police Officers for their service and for showing up and joining us at our board meetings. Thank you very much!

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: It’s that time of year for MCD to have “National Telecommunicator Week” it’s April 13th thru the 19th. I will be getting together with the Mayor to decide what we’re going to do this year for the telecommunicators. Also, MCD has posted a job ad, I have it if anybody wants to post it on their Facebook page or put it out there or if anybody knows of someone and wants to apply, they are looking for people.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Next meeting is in May.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting is April 8, 2025 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Zabaadi Restaurant in the Norridge Commons.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: We met last Tuesday and we reviewed a few different plans. We also went to our Fly Quiet Recognition Board for 2024. Those calculations are based off of fleet quality from the airlines, their project flight tracks, their schedules along with their usage of the ground runup stations located at O’Hare. So, for 2024 the air carrier winner was United Airlines, the regional carrier was Go Jets and the cargo carrier was Qatar. Those awards will be given at your meeting Mayor in May.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–23: Trustee Zerillo pulled Consent Agenda item I 18 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–17 & I 19 - 23:

1. To approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held March 11, 2025.
2. To approve the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting held March 11, 2025.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$369.96**, payable to Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for FY 2025 Local contribution expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.

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4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$407.93**, payable to Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for the 2024/2025 Caucus Dues expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$948.33**, payable to West Central Municipal Conference for Annual Employee Assistance Program for 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-5820.00 – General Administration.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$819.00**, payable to American Public Works Association (APWA) for renewal of group membership dues 5-1-25 to 4-30-26 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7025.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve quote, not to exceed **\$4,456.95**, payable to High Star Traffic Control & Protection for the purchase of street signs as indicated on the order form expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-06-6003.00 - Public Works.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,700.00**, payable to SENSUS for renewal of 1-Yr Support Walk/Drive-By Software 5-5-2025 to 5-4-2026 expensed to FY24/24 line item 22-00-9550.01 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$9,303.22**, payable to EJ USA, Inc. for the purchase of hydrant parts expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-6015.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,428.20**, payable to Wentworth Tire Service to replace 4 tires on the Public Works Bobcat expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7038.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
11. To approve a Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz to prepare the “Invest in Cook” Grant Application for Leland (Oketo to Harlem) at a cost of \$2,500 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 12-25-8530.00 – Site Improvements.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,621.74**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through February 28, 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$13,080.10**, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Association for the 1st Quarter 2025 Share Payment & Inclusion Payment expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7037.01 – Recreation.
14. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Graduation Party” event to be held on **Saturday, May 10, 2025** in the Village Recreation Center from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.
15. To approve the removal of **Handicap Parking Sign #03-03** at the address commonly known as **6622 W. Montrose** and to direct Public Works to **remove** the sign in a timely manner. (Resident moved).
16. To approve a new tag # 22-08 for a **Handicap Parking Sign** at the address commonly known as **4423 N. New England Ave.** and to direct Public Works to **CHANGE THE TAG NUMBER** in a timely manner.
17. To approve a **Block Party** to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 for the **4500 block of Newcastle** with permission to block from 10am until 10pm and to direct Public Works to clean the street and also provide barricades as well as orange cones for use that day.
19. To approve the application for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the 2025 Program Year for street improvements for the 4700 block of Newcastle & the 4600 – 4700 blocks of New England and to authorize the Mayor/Clerk to sign the necessary documents.
20. To Adopt **Resolution 25-04**, A Resolution for the 2025 CDBG Capital Improvement/ Demolition and Economic Development Project Application – Municipality.

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21. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$105,944.01 as they appear on the March 27, 2025 check register #75478 thru #75532.
22. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$190,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (March 28, 2025).
23. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$273,871.49 as they appear on the EFT Register thru March 27, 2025.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 17 & I 19 - 23 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda item I 18:

18. To approve a **Block Party** to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 for the **Octavia from Carmen to Argyle** with permission to block from 10am until 10pm and to direct Public Works to clean the street and also provide barricades as well as orange cones for use that day.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 18 resulted as follows:

A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Zerillo

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brutto: I have tickets for the Seniors Assistance Center's "Bourbon & Wine Tasting Event" on May 15, 2025 at Cucino Biagio's. If you would like to buy a ticket, please let me know.

Mayor Jezierny: We also have the WSSRA Derby Gala on Saturday, May 3, 2025. If you are interested in attending, please notify the Clerk. Also, on Friday, May 2, 2025 is the PAPA Annual Awards Dinner at the Allegra Banquet Hall in Rosemont, please let the Clerk know if you will be attending. We will have our Budget Hearing on April 24, 2025 at 6:45pm before our Board Meeting at 7:30pm and it will be on the agenda to approve. Approval of Panda Express will also be on our April 24, 2025 Agenda. On May 8, 2025 we will be doing our swearing in for those elected to a new term.

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N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

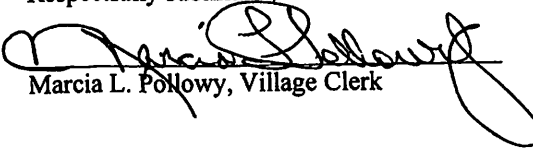
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk