

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY APRIL 24, 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**

None

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

**Mayor's Report**

Tonight we are here to approve the hiring of a new Officer, also to approve an Ordinance granting the Planned Unit Development of Panda Express and our 2025-2026 Appropriation Ordinance will also be approved tonight.

And we will have a presentation of letters of recognition and presentation of department commendations to a number of our Officers.

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

As you mentioned, the Appropriation Ordinance and Ordinance for the Budget Amendments for 24-25 on tonight's agenda.

**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

**No Report**

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

As you stated we are here to recognize a few exemplary Officers for their handling of 5 incidents this year and we are very proud of them as well as the hiring of Officer Asta. Thank you to all the Police Officers showing up for tonight's meeting.

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**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

Thanked everyone for the hiring of a new Public Works employee at our last meeting.

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

As you already stated, tonight on the agenda the board will be approving the Panda Express Development. Thanked Economic Coordinator Dan Gardner for all your hard work on this development.

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

**No Report**

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

**Attorney**

**No Report**

**Chief John DeVries**

Welcomed Ryan Asta as the new Harwood Heights Police Officer. Ryan spent the last 2 and a half years with the River Grove Police Department. It will be a pleasure to have you on our force, Ryan, and I hope you will stay longer than 2 and a half years with us. There will be some awards given out tonight, a lot of Officers do a lot of good things in our Police Department, nothing goes unnoticed, but not everybody gets recognition or accommodation depending on the situation that we're in. But in the last couple of weeks this department has been working their tail off; you all did a good job so I want to thank all of you again. And, I want to thank the Officers that go above and beyond every day; like job fairs today, thank you for going out there and representing us, because nobody wants this job anymore so we have to go out there and put ourselves on the market so we can sell ourselves and we have Officers that do that, so I want to thank all the Officers that do that for me. Thank you very much!

**Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo**

As the Chief mentioned, it's great to see everybody here. Ryan welcome to the family, you'll be sworn in in a little bit and you're going to do great things for us, we're excited to have you. At the same time we have guys out there doing great things right now, so we're going to acknowledge those things. So we have 5 separate calls for service, and I will read a little summary on each of the commendations/recognitions.

Deputy Chief Palazzo presented the two (2) department commendations and three (3) letters of recognition to the well deserving officers.

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**None**

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**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** Next meeting is in May.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** Next meeting is in May. Reminder the WSSRA Derby Gala is Saturday, May 3, 2025 at D'Agostino's Restaurant in River Grove from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** Our next meeting date is June 10, 2025 at the Nest on Irving Park Rd. from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

**Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee:** Next meeting is in May.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–12:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held April 10, 2025.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$8,248.60, payable to Utility Service Co., Inc. for quarterly payment for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-9555.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,527.94, payable to Red Wing Shoes for new work shoes for Public Works employees expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-5716.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,130.60, payable to John DeVries for reimbursement of payment to Twinn Transmission for a transfer case kit & OEM bolt kit for the 2016 Ford Police Interceptor expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$13,225.28, payable to KODA Auto Electronics Services for equipment for the new police squad 491 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$9,103.46, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through March 31, 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
7. To Adopt Ordinance 25-05, An Ordinance Granting Planned Development Permit Approval to Panda Express, Authorizing the Development and Operation of a Panda Express Restaurant at 4750 N. Harlem Avenue.
8. To Adopt Ordinance 25-06, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 24-05; Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendments.
9. To Adopt Ordinance 25-07, The 2025-2026 Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.
10. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$284,367.16 as they appear on the April 24, 2025 check register #75593 thru #75666.
11. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$190,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (April 30, 2025).
12. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$311,930.13 as they appear on the EFT Register thru April 22, 2025.

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**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 12 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:** Thanked Deputy Chief Palazzo for the summary of events for each commendation/recognition presented tonight and congratulated all the Officers, Sergeants and Detectives who were involved and keeping our village safe and welcome to the newest member.

**Trustee Lewandowski:** Reminded everyone that this Saturday is "Community Kindness Day" and at 9:00am here at the Village Hall we will be making 1,000 sandwiches for the poor and less fortunate.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki on Appointments/Reappointments/Hires item H 1:**

1. Motion to hire Ryan Asta as a Police Officer to the Harwood Heights Police Department effective May 1, 2025.

**A roll call vote on Appointments/Reappointments/Hires item H 1 resulted as follows:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Carried**

Fire & Police Commissioner LaPorta officially sworn in Ryan Asta as the new Harwood Heights Police Officer effective May 1, 2025.

**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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**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 Brutto, seconded by Trustee Zerillo 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, April 24, 2025 at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polnowy, Village Clerk