

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2026**

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 (Absent) Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Mark Heinle

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Don't forget to register for the Village-wide Garage and Yard Sale for June 26th-27th-28th. A big Garbage day pickup will follow the next week on your regular pickup day

Our Village Board has attended all the 2026 graduations, and we are proud of their accomplishments as they begin a new direction in education.

On Tuesday, June 9th we attended the Open House for the Senior Assist Center under Aging Care Connections. It was great to see our seniors in attendance and especially the recognition of Arlene Newhouse and Caryn Skiba who have done so much for the Center over the years.

We will soon be starting on the pavement project for the 4300 block of Sayre and the 4200 block of Newland. It is scheduled for June 22nd weather permitting.

Tonight we will hear from Sgt. Nick Ramirez to advise the Board of the first-place finish for the accomplishments of our Police Department's Traffic Safety Challenge which recognizes safety on our streets. Congratulations!!

I would like to once again congratulate Automatic Precision on their 50th Anniversary. It seems like just yesterday they celebrated their 40th. Good Luck and much continued success.

Kitchen Social is planning a Grand Opening in their parking lot with outdoor entertainment on Saturday, June 20th.

Representative Brad Stephen and Harwood Heights is hosting a "Kids Fair" at St. Rosalies on Saturday, June 13th from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

Under the appointments tonight is the motion to approve the members to the Insurance Committee. We had a pre-meeting last week and divided up into 3 groups; one group will work with Steve our current broker, the second group will investigate new brokers, and the third group is looking at possible cohorts that we could possibly become part of, so our next meeting is June 26th so I will have additional information after that meeting.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

On tonight's agenda, item I 8 is the renewal of our line of credit with Parkway.

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

I want congratulate Nick and the Police Department on their "First Place" finish for the Traffic Award.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report - Absent

Building

Trustee Zerillo

I just want to remind our residents regarding the short-term rental ban in our town; not only Airbnb's, but every other website out there; pretty much short-term rentals under 30-days. Also, we have I 7 on our agenda tonight for a Shop & Save sign on our Butera store. Butera has been in our community for a very, very long time. I know a few of them have retired and good luck to them in the future.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

In working with Robert Hendricksen who added an additional 9 trees; all locations have already been marked by JULIE, so we are waiting delivery, probably sometime next week. So, we will be adding 9 trees to our community.

Congratulations to Nick and our Police Department.

Clerk's Report

We are going to be going into a real quick Closed Executive Sessions regarding the 6-month review of Closed Executive Session Minutes.

Attorney Mark Heinle

No Report

Chief John DeVries

The only thing I want to talk about are all these break-ins of Video Gaming businesses and I would like the business owners to understand that they need to leave their cash register draws open because they're taking money out of there too.

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I sat in the insurance meeting with A-1 Watch Dog Guard. They called me yesterday, they want to have a meeting with us to come in here and educate our business owners about security so we can help deter some of this crime that is going on; like the fog system, the lights, the PA system, etc. I was pretty impressed with seeing how it works. Nothing is fool proof, 7 out of 10 robberies have been deterred. Anything that can help because we don't know what we're going up against with these break-ins.

Sergeant Ramirez informed me 2 nights' ago about this award that he and the Police Department are receiving; it is well deserved. I asked him to come to the Board Meeting tonight to speak about it because he knows a lot more about it than I do. Paul Rizzo, who we signed the grant with, sent me an email on it explaining that between his writing and what these guys have done for our village and being honored with this award. There is going to be a breakfast in August and if some of the board members can make it, that would be great, but I will be there to support my officers.

Sergeant Nick Ramirez

Starting June 19th we will be having some grant related traffic enforcement going on for Independence Day, from June 19th to July 6th so there will be extra officers out on the streets doing grant funded enforcement for seat belts. The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police each year they put together what's called the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge, it's essentially a showcase of your departments traffic safety efforts during the course of each calendar year; it grades policies, procedures, training, enforcement efforts, engineering and we hit literally every aspect of that; we put together a report and submitted it to the state and like the Chief said, we received a letter stating we achieved a first place finish for municipal officers of departments 26 to 35 and we won 3 specialty awards for distracted driving, occupant protection and rookie of the year special award so we will end up receiving 4 awards at this traffic safety breakfast in Tinley Park, Friday, August 14, 2026. Officer Patrick Gajewniak & I attended it last year and it's really nice to be a part of, so it would be nice if some of you can join us and be recognized as a village and Police Department.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Steiner: I saw the Chicago Magazine in the office and they ranked 205 communities as the best to live in and the Village of Harwood Heights was ranked 58, Norridge was ranked 167 and Schiller Park was ranked 13. I didn't read the criteria to see how the communities were rated.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: We ratified the new budget for the new fiscal year. Our next meeting is next month.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: No Report – Absent.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: Our June 9, 2026 meeting at Zabaadi Kebabs in Norridge was very well attended. We are off for the Summer so our next meeting will be in September at Las Palmas.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: No meeting until September 22nd unless they call one earlier.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Appointments/Reappointments/Hires Item H 1.

1. Motion to approve the following individuals as Appointees to the Insurance Committee: Chief John DeVries, Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo, Commander John Lymberis, Trustee Gene Brutto, Sergeant Greg Hauptman, Detective David Bonarek, Bridgette Baggetto & Orlando Velasquez

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–11:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held May 28, 2026.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$9,850.00, payable to A&E Landscaping a new concrete wall and concrete steps at the rear of the Public Works Building expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7036.06 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve the Proposal for Professional Engineering Services with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for the NPDES MS4 Phase II Compliance Activities (2025-2026) in the amount of \$3,200 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-9610.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,183.65, payable to Mt. Prospect Transfer Station for dumps fees expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-06-7056.00 – Public Works.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$6,955.00, payable to NIPAS to Annual Membership, Assessment & Communications expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-05-7060.01 – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$15,000.00, payable to Aging Care Connections for 2nd installment to SAC's (Seniors Assistance Center) 2025-2026 fiscal year (10/01/25 – 9/30/26) per the 2026/2027 Appropriation Budget for the village's contribution expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-01-7033.04 – General Administration.
7. To approve a temporary banner for the new "Shop & Save" Grocery store on the Butera store front entrance located on Gunnison/Nagle for a period not to exceed 90 days.
8. To Adopt Ordinance 26-05, An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of a \$1,000,000 Line of Credit Loan from Parkway Bank to the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.
9. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$94,017.75 as they appear on the June 11, 2026 check register #77238 thru #77294.
10. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$185,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (June 12, 2026).
11. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$17,405.47 for May 2026 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 11 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

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K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Lewandowski: I forgot to mention that we will be replacing 2 trees, one in the front of the Village Hall entrance on Wilson and one by the Police Department entrance.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto to go into Closed Executive Session at 7:49pm; on a roll call vote, all in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent).

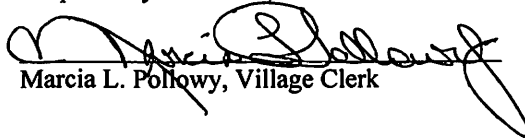
Motion to enter into Executive Session: pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings © Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: **(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.**

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto to Reconvene Open Session at 7:54pm; on a roll call vote, all in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent).

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Steiner to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent), 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, June 11, 2026 at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polnowy, Village Clerk