

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY JUNE 12, 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	Margaret Kostopulos

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Our Village Board has attended all 4 graduation's to schools in our community, and we wish all graduates continued success for the future!

This Saturday, June 14th from 9:00 – Noon, a “Kids Fair” will be held at St. Rosalies Parish. The Village Board, Police, Public Works and State Representative Brad Stephen's staff will be on hand.

The Village wide Garage/Yard sale is Friday, June 20th- Sunday June 22nd. Be sure to call the Village Hall by Tuesday, June 17th by noon to register.

Projects

Just after the 4th of July the Village sidewalk off the parking lot will be replaced and the parking lot will follow with new catch basins, paving and re-striping at the end of July or mid-August.

We continue to apply for funding on other projects for our streets and water mains. Upon approval residents will be notified.

Re: Ainslie Project

We are anxiously awaiting the contractor to give us directions on their accurate starting dates. M&J Asphalt Paving has been slow to provide a progress schedule for the Ainslie project. We received a schedule Tuesday that has them starting in earnest after the July 4th holiday. We are reviewing options to get the project started sooner and will report back on any updates once we receive them. Residents will be notified once we receive “concrete” information.

At that time further notifications will be sent as work continues such as information on the use of driveways, parking and garbage pick-up.

In addition to the Ainslie paving, Oketo will be paved from Ainslie to Lawrence.

Paving will also include Olcott from Strong to Gunnison as pavement has deteriorated in this area.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

The March & April financials were distributed to the board today for review; please keep in mind that the April financials are preliminary cash basis and are pending fiscal year-end accrual adjustments to close out the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025. Also, the May financials are in process which marks the first month of the new fiscal year 2025/2026.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

I want to thank our Police Department who a couple of weeks ago provided some traffic safety measures for the Simbang Gabi Parade over at St. Rosalies. They thanked our Police Department from the pulpit saying they really appreciated their assistance. Vehicle stickers, if you haven't bought one yet, hurry up and buy one to avoid the fine. This Saturday is "Flag Day" so please display your American flags.

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

No Report

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

I know that our Building Commissioner JoAnn Krupa submitted her updates to the zoning map to the Village Attorney's for review, so we are just waiting to hear back from counsel regarding that. JoAnn did a lot of work and time taking a look at that for us.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

I want to thank everyone, trustees, Chief, Deputy Chief for participating in our shredding event last Saturday. It was very well attended, so thank you very much.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney

Stated that we continue to be the best!

Chief John DeVries

I want to invite you all next Friday to Detective Yolanta Smith's retirement luncheon in the police training room. It's been very quiet protesting around this area and I want to thank the public and if they want to come out, it's their constitutional right to come out and be peaceful and say what they want as long as it's peaceful, the Harwood Heights Police Department will honor it; otherwise our job is to protect our citizens from people who come through our town when this is happening.

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Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo

I would like to introduce Ava Jimenez who is an intern in the Police Department, she is a senior at Illinois State University majoring in criminal justice, so Ava will be with us working with access to the department, MCD, records, court, she did her first ride along this week and she will helping out at our local fest in August, so we'll have her until the middle of August; so we welcome her. Right now, from June 20th thru July 6th the IDOT Step Grant "Operation Independence Day" so that will be going on. Recently, we were at the Eisenhower Library for "Coffee with a Cop" which was actually the libraries event, we attended it, which was nice. Smart 911 was discussed. Next week we will be at the Seib Center for the Aging Care Connection event called the "Senior Resource Fair" we will be sharing a table with MCD's Smart 911.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: The next meeting is the second Tuesday in July – We will be doing MCD's Director Ron Gross' annual review.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Next meeting is July 8, 2025; at the Park District of Forest Park.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: Our June 10, 2025 meeting at the Nest on Irving Park Rd. from 5:30pm to 7:30pm was very well attended. Next meeting is in September at Las Palmas.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: No meeting since my last report. I will be doing the "Airfield Tour" of the runways next Tuesday.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. To approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held May 22, 2025.
2. To amend motion I 6 from the May 22, 2025 Consent Agenda to read: To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,366.82, payable to NobleTec for the purchase of 1 desktop computer and 2 ThinkPad notebooks for Public Works expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-8515.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,550.00, payable to Rango Sewer and Water Inc. for a lead service line repair at 7436 W. Carmen Avenue expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$37,601.76, payable to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency semiannual principle & interest on the IEPA Loan (L17-2823) for the Drinking Water Project expensed to FY 25/26 line items 22-25-2008.00-2201 - \$30,673.42 & 22-00-8815-00 - \$6,928.34 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,955.00**, payable to Northern Illinois Police Alarm System for NIPAS Membership & Assessment May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7060.01 – Police.
6. To Authorize the Fire & Police Commission to extend the names on the Sergeants Promotional Eligibility List for another year – to a new expiration date of November 24, 2026.
7. To Authorize the Fire & Police Commission to begin the process of Entry-Level Testing to generate a new Entry-Level Eligibility Register.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$17,517.62**, payable to ABT Electronics for new computer/sound system for the Recreation Center expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7905.00 – Recreation.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$500.00**, payable to Ridgewood High School for Sponsorship Banner in Support of the Ridgewood Rebels Football Team expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-7040.00 – Administration.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$380.00**, payable to Norridge/Harwood Heights Little League for 19 Harwood Heights' players at \$20.00 per player expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7047.00 – Recreation.
11. To approve quote, not to exceed **\$540.00**, payable to Johnson Health Tech NA Inc. for Annual Matrix Maintenance on the recreation exercise equipment expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7905.00 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,200.00**, payable to PROSHRED Security for the Annual Village Shredding Day on Saturday, June 7, 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-7034.01 – Administration.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,159.00**, payable to Recycling Center for the Annual Electronics Collection Day on Saturday, June 7, 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-7034.01 – Administration.
14. Motion to approve \$30,000.00 for the Harwood Heights Fest/Carnival July 31st thru August 3, 2025 less any monies collected.
15. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” event to be held on **Saturday, August 16, 2025** in the Village Recreation Center from 2:00pm to 8:00pm.
16. To approve a temporary vinyl banner for Portillo's Hot Dog Restaurant to promote their “Now Serving Breakfast” campaign for a 90-day period effective June 16, 2025.
17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$172,776.27** as they appear on the June 12, 2025 check register **#75785** thru **#75872**.
18. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$170,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (June 13, 2025).
19. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of **\$16,166.39** for May 2025 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items 11 - 19 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Jezierny: I will probably be giving this to you Trustee Steiner, I guess we might have a business on Ronald Street, which might be a rent-a-car business that has no business license, and they are parked all over Ronald Street. We have to look into making that street "No Overnight Parking."

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

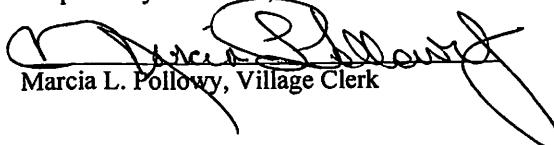
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Brutto 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, June 12, 2025 at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Followy, Village Clerk