

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 14, 2022**

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

Motion by Trustee Lewandowski, seconded by Trustee Brutto to allow Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe (due to Medical Reasons) to attend the meeting by Electronic Attendance, on a voice vote, all in favor – (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent).

Annette Brzezniak-Volpe (Electronic Attendance)
Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki (Absent)
Zbigniew Lewandowski
Lawrence Steiner
Giuseppe Zerillo

Attorney	Rob Bush
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D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gaby Valladares, 6774 W. Forest Preserve Dr.: Concerned about the increase of cars, excessive speeding and an increase in accidents on Forest Preserve Drive. Referenced a fatal accident that happened recently and concerned because she and her neighbors have young children that play in front of their houses during the day.

Chief DeVries: Relayed details regarding the fatal accident stating that Forest Preserve Dr. is a state highway not controlled by Harwood Heights. He said HH Police do patrol that stretch of Forest Preserve Dr. and issue a lot of tickets. He will make sure to add extra police patrol in that area.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

The Village Recycling & Shredding takes place this Saturday, July 16th at the Village Hall for residents only from 9:00 am to Noon; so bring your shredding and items for recycling, computers, printers, TV's, etc.

On Friday, July 22nd we will host Movie in the Park at Union Ridge field. Goody bags will be provided including glow items. The featured movie is "Clifford the Big Red Dog."

On behalf of the Village of Harwood Heights, we wish Cook County Commissioner Pete Silvestri much health and enjoyment in his retirement and thank him for always being there for representing Harwood Heights.

As we approach our Fest on August 19th-21st, our Fest Committee has been working hard organizing and ordering items based on our meetings. We also have a good selection of bands. Please make sure you sign up to volunteer. Still need 50/50 sellers, Grand Prize ticket sales, bingo callers & sellers, Village Information Tent. See Gene or Ziggy for the latest updates.

National Night Out is taking place Tuesday, August 2nd from 5:30 – 8:30pm at the Norridge Park District.

Lucas will be here at our next board meeting of July 28th. Lucas won many Special Olympic medals in Florida and will be honored to show our appreciation.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

The Miller Cooper Auditors started their main field work this week and the audit will be in full-swing for over the next couple of weeks. Also, you may have already been contacted by them on some inquiries.

Welcomed Chief DeVries back and also congratulation to Commissioner Pete Silvestri on his retirement.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

Identified a number of items on our agenda tonight: Ordinances for the renewal of our Line of Credit at Parkway Bank, an adjustment to our garbage fees for 2 & 3 flats, and rezoning for properties on the 7200/7300 of Wilson Avenue from business to manufacturing.

Wished Commissioner Pete Silvestri a long and happy retirement. He's a great public servant.

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

Reminded everyone if they see something unusual in the area to please call the police. Observed 2 young men in a pickup truck on the Chicago side, not a scraper, driving up and down the alleys looking into backyards, it wasn't on the Harwood Heights side so I couldn't call anybody. So please, just be aware of your surroundings if you have an alley and see somebody constantly driving through, please call the police because there's a lot of scammers out there and people trying to steal your property. So please, if you see something, say something.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report - Absent

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Reminded the residents if they will be doing work on their homes to please check with the Harwood Heights Building Department to see if permits are needed for the work and that the contractors doing the work are licensed with the village. The permits keep you protected as a homeowner to make sure that the contractor is licensed and bonded with the village and the village will do an inspection to make sure that the work is done properly and according to code.

Congratulated retiring Cook County Commissioner Pete Silvestri.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

Last Friday, Trustee Zerillo and I along with Public Works Superintendent Ron Maslo met with the Morton Arboretum representatives to discuss the details of the upcoming Fall tree planting project; there were a lot of details that we agreed upon and communicated and more details will be forth coming in the next few weeks as far as what kind of trees will be available for planting. Tentatively the trees will be planted on Tuesday, September 20th between 1:00pm and 4:00pm; we have about 50 trees to be planted which will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Wished Commissioner Pete Silvestri a happy retirement. Welcomed Chief DeVries back.

Clerk's Report

Presented a Certificate of Scholarship for \$500 from Republic Services to two recent graduates from Ridgewood High School.

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No Report

Chief DeVries

Expressed his sorrow in having to lay to rest one of his officers last week which was a very sad moment for him. He was rather young and did a great job for the Harwood Heights Police Department. Thanked the Mayor and Village Board for supporting us and came out. I hope I don't have to do that again in my career anymore. The family appreciated what we did for them.

Detailed the "Grandparent Scams" going on stating that money should never be given or transferred to the callers. Contact your family to make sure everyone is okay or call the police. Received reports of this happening in Elmwood Park and the surrounding Chicago area recently.

Stated that the village does "Safety Seminars" about 3 a year to make residents aware of events happening either in the village or in the surrounding areas. Encourages everyone to attend these seminars.

Wished Commissioner Pete Silvestri the best in his retirement; thanked him for the great job and service to our village.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: Wished Commissioner Pete Silvestri a long, happy and healthy retirement. He's a great public servant with many years of service.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Will be reporting at the end of the month regarding MCD.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki attended the meeting this passed Tuesday.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next networking event will September 13th at Las Palmas; it's a luncheon 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: No report at this time. The next meeting is September 13th; I will report after that. There is also Residential Sound Installation meeting scheduled for September 28th at the Norridge Village Hall

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brutto, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 18:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held June 23, 2022.

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2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,203.00**, payable to North Central Council of Mayors for Annual dues July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,000.00**, payable to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for Annual NPDES fee July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-7057.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,132.05**, payable to State Treasurer for quarterly payment to Illinois Department of Transportation for the traffic signal maintenance located at Harlem & Wilson and the traffic signal maintenance located at Forest Preserve Drive & Montrose expensed to FY 22/23 line item 44-00-9558.00 – MFT Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,687.50**, payable to ALTA Equipment Company for a 12' Heavy Duty Bucket to fit the Bobcat for Public Works expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-7038.00 – Water & Sewer.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,370.12**, payable to McCann water repair supplies for Public Works expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-7038.00 - Water & Sewer.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$132,218.80**, payable to Illinois Department of Transportation for the 8th installment on the 10-year payback for the Lawrence Avenue Streetscape Project expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-12-7165.00 – Debt Service.
8. To approve quote, not to exceed **\$2,220.00**, payable to Inter-Pacific, Inc. for repair of camera connection from the Skores pole to the Heights Bar pole expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-05-9517.00 – Police.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$10,000.00**, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd for Professional services rendered in connection with the April 30, 2022 Audit progress billing expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-03-9602.00 - \$8,000.00 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 - \$2,000.00 – Water & Sewer.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$500.00**, payable to Casa Italia for the Italian American Community Salutes Peter N. Silvestri Event on Friday, July 22, 2022 at the Casa Italia Festival Center expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7040 – Administration.
11. To approve the **removal of Handicap Parking Sign # 04-29** at the address commonly known as **4733 N. New England Avenue** and to direct Public Works to remove the sign in a timely manner. (Resident passed away).
12. To approve a Block Party to be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022 for the **7400 block of Winnemac Avenue** from 12pm until 10pm with permission to block the street from 10am to 10:00pm and to direct Public Works to clean the street and also provide barricades as well as orange cones for use that day.
13. To Adopt **Ordinance 22-11**, 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.
14. To Adopt **Ordinance 22-12**, An Ordinance Amending the Garbage Fee in Chapter 8.16.024 of the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances.
15. To Adopt **Ordinance 22-13**, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Wilson Avenue Properties Within the Village of Harwood Heights from Commercial to Industrial Zoning Classifications. [7220 W. Wilson Avenue, 7230 W. Wilson Avenue, 7301 W. Wilson Avenue, 7310 W. Wilson Avenue, 7315 W. Wilson Avenue, 7319 W. Wilson Avenue, 7327 W. Wilson Avenue, 7333 W. Wilson Avenue, 7351 W. Wilson Avenue, 7355 W. Wilson Avenue, 7400 W. Wilson Avenue]
16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$429,849.63** as they appear on July 14, 2022 check register **#71306** thru **#71427**.

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- 17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$150,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (July 15, 2022).
- 18. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the estimated amount of \$12,186.07 for June 2022 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-18 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

O. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Zerillo, seconded by Trustee Steiner at 7:53pm; 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: (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Motion to Reconvene Open Session by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski at 8:05pm; on a voice vote, all in favor (Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki – Absent).

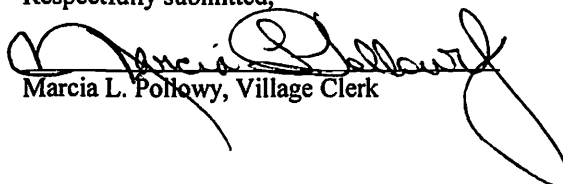
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Mayor Jezierny: Stated that Choice Furniture will be leaving the old Art Van property in a few weeks and that she and our Economic Developer Dan Gardner a few months ago met with representatives from Steinhafels Furniture who want to occupy the whole building and would open by President's Day next year; they also are asking for an incentive. She said she and Dan are waiting for sales figures and that the representatives of Steinhafels would probably like to meet with the board. She stated that they are looking at other possibilities for that property.

Q. 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, July 14, 2022 at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polnowy, Village Clerk