

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 23, 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 Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner (Absent) Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Absent

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nate Brown, Director of Norridge Park: Wanted to thank the Mayor, Clerk and Trustees for attending “Family Day” at the Island in the City Fest on Sunday, July 12th; it was the first time we did this and it meant a lot to me because we are trying to make events more community based. Chief DeVries and Deputy Chief Palazzo attending our park meeting yesterday thanking our park staff for helping with the situations that occurred and being there when needed. I can’t thank the village enough regarding the leadership and the Police Department for everything they do for the Park District and the Police Department for always being there 365 days. Nate related an incident that occurred at his house and the professionalism of the Harwood Heights Police Officers that responded to the incident and every time any of the officers see me, my or my children they always ask how they’re doing..

Chief DeVries: This is why I attended their meeting; When you hire somebody from the community who has a vested interest in this community it means a lot more than bringing in someone from the outside who has no vested interest, who doesn’t really care and just takes a paycheck and go on their merry way. I have been through a few different Directors at the park and nobody puts in the time that Nate does; he goes above and beyond.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor’s Report

The expenses on the agenda include capital improvement projects, car repair, air conditioning repair, water tower maintenance, utility service, and software support.

It also includes an Ordinance that addresses the proper elimination of grease from restaurants to avoid going into sanitary sewers.

Since our last board meeting the Norridge Park hosted “Island in the City” which was successful with the oversight of our Harwood Heights Police. The Village of Harwood Heights will host a Carnival at St. Rosalie’s from July 31st – Aug 2nd. Note that this event is a carnival only – no Fest as the Fest will be combined with the Village of Norridge in celebration of our 250 America celebration – August 20th-23rd including a parade & fireworks on Saturday.

Last week a meeting was held with the video gaming establishments to propose ideas for security to prevent break-ins.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

The auditors were in this week and completed their field work; we met with them this afternoon and they went through an exit interview, so things progressed very smoothly this time. There's a little bit more work to do but they are on track to be finished by the end of October. The Insurance Committee met last week, we are getting closer to obtaining some quotes through the IBBC, we are also working with Steve Curry to get quotes and we have a follow-up meeting next week.

Thanked Nate for what he is doing for the Park District; we appreciate everything you have been doing for the two communities and the township.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report - Absent

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

I only have one thing, National Night Out is going to be on August 20, 2026 from 4:00pm to 6pm on the first night of our 250 America Celebration.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Just to reiterate what Nate said, that was an outstanding festival, you have done wonderful things with at park so far and on a personal level with the programs that my daughter's in. The Chief, Deputy Chief and officers that were out at the fest had everything under control and one thing that I liked, like you keep saying community; we do a lot of festivals through our office and I've never seen Chiefs and Deputy Chief's out there at these festivals. I saw our Commanders out there even if they were off, the Sergeants were out there even if they were off, so kudos to you guys and the entire department and Nate thank you for what you're doing with that park.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

Robert Hendricksen is done with planting trees, they followed up last week with the mulch, so everything looks beautiful, the trees are really beautiful and residents are happy with the new trees.

Again Nate, thank you very much really appreciate what you're doing at the park.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney

No Report - Absent

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Chief John DeVries

One thing I forgot to say at last night's park board meeting, on page 3 of your agenda, it indicates that "National Night Out" is August 4th; actually, it's Thursday, August 20th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, the first night of the 250 America Celebrations at Ozanam & Montrose.

And, all the crime that's going on around us and in our town too, with the midnight shift. I know Sam and the Command Staff put some things together that if we have enough guys on duty, we will start utilizing the burglary car and the car will be used strictly for businesses so we can keep an eye on what's going on between the slot machines and the cash registers, because they're coming in town every night now and they are taking these 20 pound sledgehammers and smashing out these windows and getting inside. No matter what we do, we can't slow it down; and I don't mean just us, it's all these Police Departments around us, nobody can catch them because we have these no chase policies. And it's got to change, something got to change pretty soon because everyone can't sustain the loss that we're going through; these businesses, the gaming machines. Every time a machine gets broken it's somewhere around \$50,000 to repair it and every time they're doing it they're hitting 3 or 4 machines at a time. They are coming in 6 deep and the publics got to be aware of this and if they start seeing something odd, call the police, dial 911 so we can get help because we're going to need it. As far as the Fest, Nate was out there with us along with his crew who had radios giving us information and from the crew sitting at Overhill and Wilson helping us filter any probable incidents; we never had that coordination/help in the past and we were very grateful. I thank everyone from security to park staff and especially Nate.

Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo: Nate, thank you for the kind words. So, at the last meeting there were 2 concerns brought to the board's attention, one being the garbage complaint in the 5100 block of Harlem, so what we did as a department is our midnight guys out there they went back there checking nightly, there were about 3 incidents that were brought to my attention from our officers. I forwarded that information to the village Building Department for them to notify the owner of the business; so we're still on that. The other one, was the Montrose/Newcastle stop sign. We put an extra watch on it and between the last board meeting and now there's been a total of 6 tickets, 3 warnings and 3 contacts. So we are making just under a stop, maybe a stop and a half a day. Cook County was actually out here last night and they were doing some targeted enforcement, one of the areas was Montrose & Newcastle. Sergeant Ramirez works the grant and works with county officials and I reached out to him to target the Montrose and Newcastle area which he notified the county to do; there could have been some stops and tickets last night, I don't have that data, but our guys are still watching that area.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki: Went to the Norridge pool for the first time with my son and the lifeguards and staff are really awesome and professional and concerned about the swimmers safety.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Next meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Met last week discussed working on getting a new bus. Getting ready for the "Splash Splash Summer Bash" at Forest Park and they are planning a fundraiser at the Cheney Mansion in Oak Park in the Fall.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: No Report - Absent

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: Next meeting September 22, 2026.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

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I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–16:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 9, 2026.
2. To approve expenditure, not exceed **\$220.00**, payable to International Institute of Municipal Clerks for Annual membership and Continuing Education Support for the Village Clerk effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,323.00**, payable to North Central Council of Mayors for Annual Dues July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,279.00**, payable to A&E Landscaping Inc. for concrete removal and replacement work at the addresses listed on the invoice expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-7036.06 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,000.00**, payable to Core & Main for FLEXREAD WBDB Annual Maintenance Fee expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-9550.01 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz for the 2026 Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$124,000.00. (Leland & 5 Alleys)
7. To approve the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz for the 2026 MWRD IICP Reporting in the amount of \$9,100.00.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$9,155.95**, payable to Utility Service Co., Inc. for quarterly payment for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project expensed to FY 26/27 line item 22-00-9555.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,236.25**, payable to Iggy's Custom Muffler Shop for replacing the air conditioning system on the Building Department Code Car expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-07-7044.00 – Buildings.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,178.00**, payable to AL AIR to replace thermostat in the Village Hall Main Office expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-14-8505.02 – General.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,622.00**, payable to BS&A Software for the Annual Service/Support fee for the Payroll System August 1, 2026 to August 1, 2027 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-03-9527.00 - \$1,298.00 – Finance & 22-00-9527.00 - \$324.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,930.00**, payable to Ancel Glink, P.C. for billing through June 30, 2026 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
13. To Adopt **Ordinance 26-07**, An Ordinance Amending the Village Code to Regulate the Discharge of Fat, Oil, and Grease into the Sanitary Sewer System.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$156,433.48** as they appear on the July 23, 2026 check register **#77396** thru **#77451**.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$195,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (July 31, 2026).
16. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$248,118.74** as they appear on the EFT Register thru July 21, 2026.

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A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 16 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Steiner

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Zerillo: I want to remind our residents that their front lawn is not a parking space. I've been noticing and I will talk to our Building Commissioner tomorrow about this when he's in. I'm noticing a lot of residents are parking trailers or cars on the grass area next to their driveways. There's a few addresses that I will give to the Building Commissioner tomorrow.

Deputy Chief Palazzo: We have an ordinance against that and there's "Parked on Lawn" which is prohibited so our officers have cited for that and will continue if they see it.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

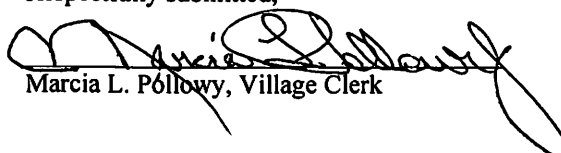
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Zerillo to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor (Trustee Steiner – 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 23, 2026 at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk