

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

Clerk Pollowy: The Mayor received an email from Michael Bailey, Local Governmental Affairs Director of the Illinois Realtors requesting that his letter that he sent after our July 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be included in public comment. A copy of the letter was given to all the board members for review. Mr. Bailey had a number of concerns regarding the village's proposed passing of the ordinance regarding inspection of multi-unit buildings.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

We have some Ainslie work that finally began on Monday. Public Works is monitoring their progress. Residents will be notified when they have to move their cars.

Our fest begins one week from today and hopefully everyone will attend.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

The Mayor, Mary, Rob and myself we had a meeting with the auditors last Thursday and they need to rap up fiscal year April 30, 2024 Audit. As you may recall, this is the first year with our new audit firm, so additional time is required to complete the initial year audit for various items. The auditors are scheduled to review the audit and communication letters with the board at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on August 7, 2025.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

On this evenings agenda there are two (2) Ordinances: One deals with inspections of multi-family rental housing, the other one deals with e-bike and mopeds regulations.

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Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

The "National Nite Out" event is on Tuesday, August 5th at the Norridge Park; everyone is encouraged to attend.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

I want to thank everybody who put in a lot of work on the multi-family rental ordinance, the Building Department and the Fire Department. The Fire Department was always available to take calls and gave us good input.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

No Report

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney

I do not have any formal report, but I can field questions if there are any regarding the ordinances.

Chief John DeVries

What I have seen and heard in our town and other surrounding towns is that when they are putting in new curbs and sidewalks people are taking their cars off their driveways and parking in the street and what is happening now is undesirable people are coming into these towns between 4am and 6am in the morning and they're breaking into the cars and stealing the remote controls to burglarize the garages. Some of them are even kicking in the doors to get into the house. So I'm asking everyone if you park on the street, please take off the remote control from your sun visor and lock it in your glove compartment or take it into the house, so it's not visible if they're checking out cars.

We had 3 homes on Oak Park Avenue that had their front doors spray painted. My Detectives did a really good job looking at the cameras and were able to identify 2 subjects and will be making an arrest on one of them.

Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo

Last night, Norridge had that same type of incident where 3 or 4 garages were burglarized. Our midnight officers helped out and apprehended 2 of the offenders who got charged with criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct. I got a call from one of the Norridge victims looking for his garage door opener. So, I also want to remind our residents to lock your doors, even the side doors to your garage. One of the victims stated that the garage door was unlocked, but he had an alarm on the door and it did go off.

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F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Zerillo: Stated that a lot of the remote openers in the house have a lock button, so you can press that button and lock out the remotes. If you do this and they break into the car, and take the remote, the remote won't work to open the door.

Trustee Brutto: Asked Attorney Heinle if the wording in Section 3 of the e-bike/moped ordinance on page 5, item number 6 if the first word should be NO person....?

Attorney Heinle: Commented Yes! The first word should be NO person. Ask Clerk Polowy to make that correction.

Trustee Steiner: Asked Attorney Heinle a couple questions regarding the rental inspection ordinance he received this morning.

Attorney Heinle: Stated that the revised copy of the draft ordinance that he received later today eliminated the questions he posed.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Our next meeting is September 9, 2025.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: No meeting since last report.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: Next meeting is a luncheon on September 9th at Las Palmas.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: No meeting since my last report.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

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 Board Meeting held July 10, 2025.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,076.00, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management for spraying on July 8, 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.
3. 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 25/26 line item 22-00-9555.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,000.00, payable to C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E. Personnel Testing for the 2 lateral hires expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7101.00 – Police.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,693.90, payable to A-1 Professional Automotive for repairs on the 2017 Ford Explorer, Squad # 496 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7044.00. – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,999.12, payable to Firestone Complete Auto Care for repairs on the 2022 Ford Police Interceptor, Squad # 499 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7044.00. – Police.

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7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,175.34, payable to NobleTec for 2 new computers for the Police Sergeants expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-8600.00 – Police.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,579.00, payable to BS&A Software for Annual Service/Support for the Payroll System August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2026 expensed to FY25/26 line items 11-03-9527.00 - \$1,263.00 – Finance & 22-00-9527.00 - \$316.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$7,328.75, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through June 30, 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
10. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “70th B-Day Party” event to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 in the Harwood Room from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.
11. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” event to be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025 in the Harwood & Heights Rooms from 3:00pm to 10:00pm.
12. To Adopt Ordinance 25-09, An Ordinance Establishing Multi-Family Rental Housing Licensing and Inspection Program.
13. To Adopt Ordinance 25-10, An Ordinance Amending E-Bike and Moped Regulations.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$100,707.79 as they appear on the July 24, 2025 check register #75974 thru #76031.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$185,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (July 30, 2025).
16. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$331,785.89 as they appear on the EFT Register thru July 22, 2025.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 16 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 Lewandowski: Stated that a lot of communities have updated their ordinance’s relating to e-bikes and moped’s.

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N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

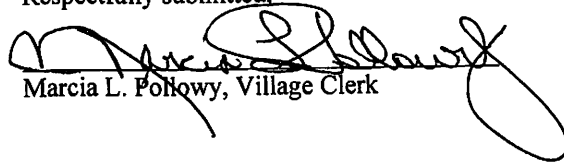
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Steiner 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, July 24, 2025 at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Followy, Village Clerk