

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 25, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Clerk Pollowy.

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	Margaret Kostopoulos

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Don't forget the Harwood Heights Fest & Carnival is coming next week August 1st-4th at St. Rosalie's grounds.

Last week's storm has created some havoc in the Village with tree branches scattered throughout our town along with some trees downed. Some experienced some damage to their homes and cars and power lines were down.

I want to thank the Harwood Heights Public Works crew for their quick response of cutting huge branches off trees and removing so many branches off the roadway and parkways. Also thanks to the Police for guarding loose wire to protect the citizens.

The Board of Review will be holding a Tax Appeal Seminar on Wednesday, August 14th at Ridgewood HS. Doors open at 6:00pm and the seminar begins at 6:30pm. Bring your 1st installment of your bill with you.

Project Updates:

"O" Streets

Curb, gutter and driveway apron work is being done on all streets where applicable. This includes the bordering streets of Argyle, Carmen and Ainslie where needed. Portions of these street will also be paved along with Odell, Octavia and Oconto.

Ainslie

For the 7400 and 7500 blocks of Ainslie, we continue to await IDOT's approval of the plans and the Environmental testing. Once received we will go out for bidding. This project will overlap onto Oketo between Lawrence and Ainslie completing any areas not paved by ComEd.

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Montrose Alley

The Clerk and I just signed off on paperwork for IDOT's final approval, work should begin very soon. Residents will be notified when cars should be out of garages, what streets to park, and directions on garbage pickup.

Panda Express

The sale for Panda is almost complete. They are gathering documents to submit to the Planning/Zoning for a Hearing.

Green Rose Cannabis is scheduled to open upon receipt of State approval. All renovations are complete.

Future Restaurant

Nickki's Café and Bar is now open.

Village Hall

The contractor will start tuckpointing the second floor of the Police Dept of the Village Hall. We are in process of testing some paint colors.

Mid-August we will meet with the other contractor pertaining to the windows and address any punch list items.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

The new auditors began their field work last week and things are progressing well. Also, there is an item on tonight's agenda item I 9 for renewal of our line of credit.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report - Absent

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

No Report

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Thanked Public Works! They were out right of way on the night of the storm. Thanked them for their quick response and hard work cleaning up all the debris and downed trees.

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Just a reminder with Summer projects underway to please call the Village Hall to see if permits are needed for your projects. Any contractors that tell you that you don't need a permit may not be a contractor you want to use.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

No Report

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Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Margaret Kostopoulos

Thanked everyone for the thoughtful flowers and kind words on the loss of a family member.

Chief John DeVries

Stated that he was also out the night of the storm and saw Public Works in action and saw my officers working; it was horrific that night especially with the winds. Kudos to Public Works they did a great job, they were working out there like they always do to get the streets cleaned up and thanks to my guys for keeping it safe for residents.

I do need to look into getting a new hire list and a lateral list going for the Police Department for any unforeseen things in the future so we have something to go off of so we're not stumbling at the last minutes. So I will meet with the Police Commissioners to see what we have to do to get this ball rolling.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Next meeting is in September

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Next meeting is in September

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

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: The contractor for the noise monitor was at the Village Hall yesterday. Communication went done between the transponder on the roof and their system so they came out yesterday to take a look and resolve the issue.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Appointments/Reappointment/Hires item H 1:

1. Motion to appoint Christine Napolitano as a member of the Youth Commission effective July 22, 2024.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Steiner

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–13:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held July 11, 2024.

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2. To approve expenditure, not exceed \$210.00, payable to International Institute of Municipal Clerks for Annual membership and Continuing Education Support for the Village Clerk effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,324.00, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management for mosquito abatement in catch basins and inlets on July 9, 2024 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,460.75, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water breaks on 7-8-24 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,000.00, payable to Major Case Assistance Team for the 2024-2025 Annual Dues expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-05-7060.01 – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$25,000.00, payable to Eccezion Consulting for progress bill for the audit preparation for the April 30, 2024 Financial Report expensed to FY 24/25 line items 11-03-9602.00 - \$20,000.00 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 - \$5,000.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,532.00, payable to BS&A Software for Annual Service/Support for the Payroll System August 1, 2024 to August 1, 2025 expensed to FY24/25 line items 11-03-9527.00 - \$1,225.00 – Finance & 22-00-9527.00 - \$307.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
8. Motion to approve \$25,000.00 for the Harwood Heights Fest/Carnival August 1– 4, 2024 less any monies collected.
9. To Adopt **Ordinance 24-07**, 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.
10. To Adopt **Ordinance 24-08**, An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Harwood Heights. (2014 Ford Taurus – (“VIN”) - 1FAHP2MK9EG148710.
11. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$105,184.85 as they appear on the July 25, 2024 check register #74526 thru #74589.
12. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$165,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (July 26, 2024).
13. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$307,273.83 as they appear on the EFT Register thru July 23, 2024.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 13 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Steiner

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J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

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L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

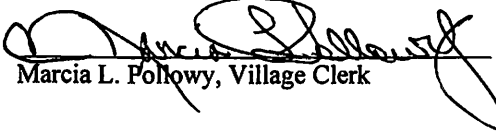
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Brzozowski-Wegrecki 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 25, 2024 at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Followy, Village Clerk