

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 27, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Jezierny.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

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| Mayor | Arlene C. Jezierny |
| Clerk | Marcia L. Pollowy |
| Trustees | Eugene Brutto Annette Brzezniak-Volpe Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo |
| Attorney | Rob Bush |

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Bogusz, 5129 N. Oketo: Commented on the new stop signs posted on Oketo at Strong, Winnemac and Winona that are still not slowing down speeding cars and presented to the board with a few suggestions that would hopefully add to slowing down traffic. (He provided the board with the report he prepared of possible suggestions which the Mayor said will be discussed at the next Department meeting).

Maria Signa, 6666 W. Montrose: Stated that her neighbors next door have 2 very large dogs, a low fence and that they never cleanup after the dogs creating a very unsafe/unhealthy situation. She and her family members cannot sit out on their back porch or yard because they are afraid of the dogs and the terrible odor. Presented pictures to the Mayor and asked if the village could please do something about this for her family's safety and health.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

Nicor has been working on Olcott from Ainslie to Argyle replacing gas mains. They will also be working on sections of Oriole including the 7500 block of Strong replacing gas mains on the north side of the street and reconnecting them to each house both on the north and south sides. Residents have been notified and will be updated as work continues.

Other bid openings took place pertaining to the Village Hall improvements. One of the bids is on the agenda for board approval. A construction meeting will soon take place to discuss the timeline. Employees will be notified as work begins.

Three stop signs have been installed on Oketo (north of Lawrence) to provide safety measures and to help slow down traffic.

Remember to donate to the Salvation Army as they are collecting Back to School supplies. Clerk Pollowy has a box in our lobby so you can deposit items there or you can take them directly to the Salvation Army.

Steinhafels furniture store is ahead of schedule and are targeting Aug 30th for a soft opening and August 31st for their "Grand Opening" and ribbon cutting. We look forward to welcoming Steinhafels to Harwood Heights.

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Unfortunately, we received notice that Dabir Surfaces, a subsidiary of Method Electronics on Wilson will be closing its doors with layoffs by October 11th this year with one employee remaining until July 24, 2024 to close out.

Finance
Trustee Brutto

No Report

Ordinance & License
Trustee Steiner

No Report

Police/Public Safety
Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

Thanked the Chief and the Harwood Heights Police Officers for patrolling the side streets; the residents have stated that they like seeing the patrol cars driving up and down the side streets and alleys which makes them feel safe and secure.

I had a chance to stop over at Steinhafels the other day and the store is beautiful, more beautiful than the old Art Van store; it's amazing what they've done inside the building. The General Manager told me that they have been hiring many people from within Harwood Heights.

Public Works/Public Health
Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Public Works has been really busy getting ready for our Village Fest on August 18th, 19th & 20th, I saw their laundry list of things to be done.

Building
Trustee Zerillo

Stated that there was a new bill passed in Springfield, which I believe was signed by the Governor, that starting January 1st next year that all "new" construction homes need to have an electric vehicle charger put in during construction. I talked to our Electrical Inspector Tony earlier today so he can get more information regarding this; for "new" multi-family construction a charger would have to be installed for each unit.

Forestry & Green Initiative
Trustee Lewandowski

Reminded everyone that the village is working with the Morton Arboretum and since 2020 we have planted 180 trees at no cost to the village. Hopefully we will be planting more trees!

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Rob Bush

No Report

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Chief John DeVries

Stated that he understands what Mr. Bogusz presented regarding curbing speeders on Oketo but he doesn't believe a turnabout will work. The stop signs were erected they were erected for several reasons, one, to help slow down traffic, two, the confusion from the side streets because they didn't realize it wasn't a three-way stop and three, my officers have been out there writing tickets. Not only are they writing tickets, they are first writing warning tickets and give them an idea of what's going on and then they're starting to writing actual tickets. These drivers are now diverting to Odell, Octavia and Oconto and going down Ainslie/Strong/Argyle to reach Foster Avenue to avoid Harlem Avenue. Just know we're out there and we're going to keep an eye on it.

Reminded everyone we have "National Night Out" next Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Norridge Park from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. This is our 2nd year, we had a great turnout last year, so please spread the word, it's for our residents and anybody. Bring your kids, you grandkids, it's a really nice time.

Mayor Jezierny: Just a reminder that our "Village Fest" is coming up on August 18th, 19th & 20th. Our Committee of the Whole and our Board Meeting will be consolidated to be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – the Committee of the Whole at 6:30pm and the Board Meeting at 7:30pm.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next network meeting will be this Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Las Palmas.

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

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jezierny pulled Consent Agenda items I 8 & I 9.

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1-7 & I 10-26 as amended:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held July 13, 2023.
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, 2023 through September 30, 2024 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$20.00**, payable to Municipal Clerks Association – North & Northwest Suburbs for Annual Membership Dues for 2023/2024 for the Village Clerk expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.

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4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$8,248.60**, payable to Utility Service Co., Inc. for quarterly payment for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-9555.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for the MWRD 2022 IICP Reporting at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00 and to Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
6. To approve the Professional Engineering Services Proposal with Christopher B. Burke Engineering for construction engineering services for the Police Station Canopy Improvements at a cost not to exceed \$62,090.00 and to Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
7. To approve the Village Hall Building Improvement Project in awarding the bid for Windows/Front Canopy to Grace Infrastructure Co, in the amount of \$1,269,000.00 plus \$123,200.00 for Alternate #1 (integrated blinds between glass).
10. To approve an expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,893.00**, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for spraying on June 2, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.
11. To approve an expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,893.00**, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for spraying on June 16, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,348.09**, payable to Inter-Pacific, Inc. for 1 water tower camera/security system expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,475.00**, payable to B & F Construction Code Services, Inc. for Plan Review of Building, Electrical, Energy, Mechanical & Plumbing codes for the Norridge Park District's pool renovation project expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-00-2016.00 – Plan Review.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,000.00**, payable to Major Case Assistance Team for the 2023-2024 Annual Dues expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-05-7060.01 – Police.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$124,941.00**, payable to Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) for 2nd installment payment for 2023/2024 Fiscal Year expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-9527.01 – Police.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,795.50**, payable to Recycling Center for the July 15, 2023 Annual Village Recycling and Electronics Event expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7034.01 – General Administration.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,200.00**, payable to Proshred Security for the Village's Annual Shredding Event held on 7-15-23 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7034.01 – General Administration.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$10,000.00**, payable Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. for professional services rendered for preparation of the April 30, 2023 Annual Financial Report expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-03-9602.00 - \$8,000 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$7,085.00**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through June 30, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
20. To approve a **\$5,000.00** contribution to the Harwood Heights Senior Club for in honor of their 50th Anniversary expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7053.02 – Recreation.
21. To approve a Professional Services Agreement with HERA PROPERTY REGISTRY, LLC for foreclosure and vacant property registration and reporting and to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

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22. To Adopt **Ordinance 23-14**, 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.
23. To Adopt **Resolution 23-05**, A Resolution Approving Entry into a Master Pole Attachment Agreement Between the Village of Harwood Heights and Crown Castle Fiber LLC concerning Utility-Pole Mounted Wireless Communication Equipment.
24. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$235,213.30** as they appear on the July 25, 2023 check register **#72972** thru **#73034**.
25. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$150,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (July 28, 2023).
26. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$181,585.25** as they appear on the EFT Register thru July 25, 2023.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-7 & I 10-26 as amended resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA – NO VOTE TAKEN

8. To approve the Village Hall Building Improvement Project in awarding the bid for Tuckpointing/Painting to JSL Building Restoration Group in the amount of \$65,850.00.
9. To approve the Village Hall Building Improvement Project in awarding the bid for Police Canopy/Concrete to XXXX in the amount of \$XXXX.XX.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: Stated that in response to the Oketo problem I can tell you that now that those stop signs have gone up they are going down Odell and I'm sure they're going down Olcott instead because there are less stop signs to go through; all it does is diverts the traffic.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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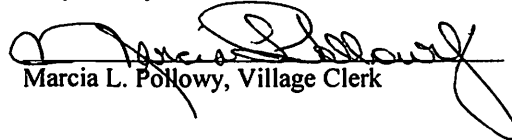
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 27, 2023 at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polnowy, Village Clerk