

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY AUGUST 8, 2024**

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 (Absent)
Trustees	Eugene Brutto Annette Brzezniak-Volpe Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo (Absent)
Attorney	Mark Heinle

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

The Harwood Heights Fest & Carnival has come to an end. Feedback is that it was an enjoyable time had by all with food, bingo, bands and neighbors coming together. Thanks to all who were able to join us.

I want to thank the Harwood Heights Village Board, Public Works, Police Department, our Events Committee and all the Volunteers who helped make our event a success. I am very proud to have such a wonderful team of community members who take pride in their Village.

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

Green Rose Cannabis located at 4660 N Harlem is scheduled to open Saturday August 10th Hours are 9:00 am – 10:00 pm every day

Nickki's Café and Bar is now open located in the strip mall at 4610 N Harlem

Project Updates:

"O" Streets

Work continues on all streets where applicable. They have begun grading the street on Oconto and finishing pouring concrete where needed. This includes the bordering streets of Argyle, Carmen and Ainslie.

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

Work on the Montrose Alley should begin next week Wednesday weather permitting. Residents will be notified when cars should be out of garages, what streets to park, and directions for garbage pickup.

Panda Express

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

Village Hall

The contractor continues their work on the façade with tuckpointing, and cleaning of the sills and providing paint test samples.

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

Finance

Trustee Brutto

No Report

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

Tuesday night we had "National Nite Out" at the park with the Norridge and Harwood Heights police personnel and many volunteers that came out to help to barbecue and made a nice event for all the residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights. It was a great turnout this year, much better than last year.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Thanked Public Works for all their work, pre-fest, during fest and post-fest. They do a lot of hard work and were always available. A thank you also to all the volunteers, Village Board members and especially the Mayor for putting everything together; it was a great event.

Building

Trustee Zerillo

No Report - Absent

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

No Report

Clerk's Report

No Report - Absent

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Attorney Mark Heinle

No Report

Chief John DeVries

Thanked everyone that participated in the “Fest” and “National Nite Out” events. Thank you, Commissioners, Mayor, Trustees. Everything went really well at the Fest. I want to also thank my officers. And I agree with Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki that Public Works was awesome, they did a lot of work there and it turned out really nice.

We have a “Golf Outing” coming up next Tuesday and Sergeant Palazzo and Sergeant Ramirez and Officer Veach in control of this event.

Sergeant Palazzo: The first tee off is 9:00am, it will be a full house with 35 foursomes. We have a lot of volunteers so it should be a great event. ”Shotgun” starts at 9:00 am. The “Battle of the Badges” event is Saturday, September 7th at Norridge Park from 1:00pm to 6:00pm with the game starting at 4:30pm. If it rains, the rain date will be Saturday, September 21st.

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: Chamber reconvenes on Tuesday, September 10th, 11:30 am with lunch at Las Palmas.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: No Report - Absent

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–21:

Trustee Steiner pulled Consent Agenda item I 18 for a Separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1-17 & I 19-21:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held July 25, 2024.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$20.00**, payable to Municipal Clerks Association – North & Northwest Suburbs for Annual Membership Dues for 2024/2025 for the Village Clerk expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure not to exceed **\$1,395.92** payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for fuel expensed to FY24/25 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$3,340.39**, payable to Meade to replace traffic signal on the southwest corner of Lawrence and Oketo due to accident expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-14-8530.00-2201 – Village Properties (Pending Insurance Claim).
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,988.50**, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management for mosquito abatement in catch basins and inlets on July 31, 2024 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$14,080.00**, payable to Municipal GIS Partners (mgp) for a Service Provider Contract for GIS data maintenance September 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 at a monthly fee of \$1,760.00 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7076.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,600.00**, payable to Rango Sewer and Water Inc. for an emergency water main repair at Harlem Avenue & Gunnison Street expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,123.74**, payable to Harwood Heights Auto Body, Inc. for repairs on 2014 Police Interceptor due to an accident expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police. (Waiting for Insurance deductible reimbursement).
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50.00**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for the purchase of first aid kits and ice packs for the Fall Programs expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7042.02 – Recreation.
10. Motion to hire Ekaterina Plitsopoulos to assist with the Arts & Crafts Program at \$15.00 an hour pending background check.
11. Motion to rehire Stephanie Ramirez to help coach the Soccer Program at \$15.00 an hour.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$4,442.50**, payable to Recycling Center for the July 13, 2024 Annual Village Recycling and Electronics Event expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7034.01 – General Administration.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,200.00**, payable to Proshred Security for the Village’s Annual Shredding Event held on 7-13-24 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7034.01 – General Administration.
14. To approve a **\$2,500.00** contribution to the Harwood Heights Senior Club for the Village’s Annual Donation expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7053.02 – Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$420.00**, payable to Norridge/Harwood Heights Little League for 21 Harwood Heights’ players at \$20.00 per player expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7047.00 – Recreation.
16. To approve **Temporary Handicap Parking Sign #22-03** at the address commonly known as **4414 N. Newcastle** and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner. (**Handicap parking sign effective until November 30, 2024**).
17. To approve the **removal** of **Handicap Parking Sign #03-17** at the address commonly known as **4424 N. New England** and to direct Public Works to **remove** the sign in a timely manner. (Resident/Owner moved away).
19. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$181,374.04** as they appear on the August 8, 2024 check register **#74590** thru **#74649**.
20. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$170,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (August 9, 2024).

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21. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$14,785.97 for July 2024 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 17 & I 19 - 21 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Zerillo

Motion Carried

ITEM PULLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Steiner to Postpone Consent Agenda item I 18:

18. To Adopt Resolution 24-06, A Resolution Approving the Content of Certain Executive Session Minutes, Authorizing the Release and Continued Retention, Respectively, of Certain Executive Session Minutes and Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Certain Village Board Executive Sessions.

A roll call vote to Postpone Consent Agenda item I 18 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Zerillo

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

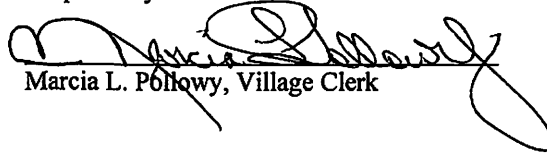
Motion to enter into Executive Session: pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2) Sec. 2. Open meetings © Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects:

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P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Steiner to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor (Trustee Zerillo – 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, August 8, 2024 at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk