

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2023**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:33 pm by Mayor Jezierny.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

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| Mayor    | Arlene C. Jezierny   |
| Clerk    | Marcia L. Followy  |
| Trustees | Eugene Brutto<br>Annette Brzezniak-Volpe<br>Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki<br>Zbigniew Lewandowski<br>Lawrence Steiner (Absent)<br>Giuseppe Zerillo (Absent) |
| Attorney | Rob Bush   |

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY**

**Mayor's Report**

**Mayor Jezierny**

Nicor is still working on portions of Olcott and Oriole as well as the 7400 and 7500 blocks of Strong replacing Gas Mains. Residents have been notified and will be updated as needed as work continues.

A pre-construction meeting is being held at the Village Hall on Friday, Aug 11th at 9:00am to discuss the plans to install the windows and canopy. Employees will need to know when to pack up their office and move away from the windows. We will find out how much time it's going to be for them change out the windows. They will also be working on the canopy on the front of the building.

We will need to review the other bids that were received for the tuck-pointing and painting and for the rear of the Police Department.

You probably noticed the new Village signs that are being erected. They show a blank area which will later include the Village identity. There's one out front that will have an arrow pointing to the Police Department and an arrow pointing to the Rec Center.

Our Office staff along with our Building staff met with the representatives of HERA via zoom on the new registry for Foreclosed or Vacant homes. In approximately 30 days we will meet again once all data has been entered into HERA's database and then we'll be able to obtain information.

Remember to donate to the Salvation Army as they are collecting Back to School supplies. There is 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 targeting Aug 30th or prior for a soft opening and August 31st for their "Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting" at 9:30am. We look forward to welcoming Steinhafels to Harwood Heights.

Exotic Snacks will soon be opening. We await their official date.

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**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

Just a quick audit update: The overall main field work has been completed and we are waiting on the actuaries to complete the Police Pension Actuarial Report in order for the auditors to test and incorporate that information into the village's Annual Audit. And in addition, the staff is preparing for the Annual Worker's Compensation Audit.

**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

No Report - Absent

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

No Report

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

Public Works is heavily involved with preparation of our "Village Fest" August 18th thru the 20th.

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

No Report - Absent

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

No Report

**Clerk's Report**

No Report

**Attorney Rob Bush**

No Report

**Chief John DeVries**

Today we signed up all our Supervisors and Commanders to learn a little bit more about the "Safe-T Act" that will be going into effect on September 18th. It's a 2-hour class online and I'm making it mandatory for all the Supervisors because they are going to have to direct their shifts. The "Safe-T Act" doesn't frighten me as much as unconstitutional immigrants that are going to be able to come in and be police officers, but once they're off work they can't carry their guns with them.

I'm looking forward trying to hiring new police officers and putting them on for what's going to happen after September especially with no bail bonds. Right now we don't know how to act or what to do.

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Catalytic Converter thieves are getting way out of control; they are now doing it in broad daylight. We're talking 3:00 in the afternoon, 7:00 in the morning, they're coming with the floor jacks and they are in stolen cars and they have weapons. Forest Park just made an arrest, they caught 4 stolen cars and they caught all the offenders; they got the guns in the car with extended magazines and the Cook County State's Attorney denied gun charges. Denied them, fully loaded, 40 round magazines and a 9mm gun and no charges. Forest Park went on the news and put this on. It was bad, there was a critical reach floating around, I printed it out and forwarded it to all my officers so they could see what we're up against. It's very discouraging. All these offenders had extensive criminal backgrounds with gun charges and still got off. After September 18th there won't be a bail for these crimes.

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** Next meeting is September 12th.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** Next meeting is September 12th.

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

**Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee:** No Report - Absent.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

None

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Clerk Pollowy amended Consent Agenda item I 13 – Check Register amount \$242,984.40.**

**Motion by Trustee Lewandowski, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–15 as amended:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held July 27, 2023.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,125.00, payable to Core&Main for the purchase of water maintenance supplies expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve a quote, not to exceed \$6,675.00, payable to HIGH PSI LTD. for the purchase of a power washer for Public Works expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-06-8600.00 – Public Works.
4. To approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$2,893.00, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for spraying on July 24, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,162.85, payable to A-1 Professional Automobile for repair on Squad #497 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,399.52, payable to A-1 Professional Automobile for repair on Squad #495 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,126.18, payable to Inter-Pacific, Inc. for installation and programming of new 5G Verizon Modem on the Montrose & Nagle Security Camera Pole expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-14-8604.00 – Village Properties.

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8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$15,000.00**, payable Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. for professional services rendered for preparation of the April 30, 2023 Annual Financial Audit Report expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-03-9602.00 - \$12,000 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 – \$3,000 - Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,458.00**, payable to BS&A Software for Annual Service/Support for the Payroll System August 1, 2023 to August 1, 2024 expensed to FY22/23 line items 11-03-9527.00 - \$1,167.00 – Finance & 22-00-9527.00 - \$291.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
10. Motion to approve **1 sail flag** for **Barrel House Kitchen & Tap** located at **5100 N. Harlem Avenue** for a 90-day period 8-10-23 to 11-10-23; **not to be located on IDOT parkway.**
11. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign #03-01** at the address commonly known as **5011 N. Oriole** and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner.
12. To Adopt **Ordinance 23-15**, An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Harwood Heights. (2004 Ford Crown Victoria).
13. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$242,984.40** as they appear on the August 8, 2023 check register **#73036** thru **#73121**.
14. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$170,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (August 11, 2023).
15. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of **\$13,453.06** for July 2023 IMRF Pension Fund.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-15 as amended resulted as follows:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Trustee Steiner & Zerillo**

**Motion Carried**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**K. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mayor Jeziorny:** There's a save the date for the Polish American Congress Illinois Division is have an Annual Heritage Banquet which honors the Outstanding Polish American and Polish Organizations will take place on Sunday Afternoon, October 22nd at Allegra Banquets in Schiller Park and they are hoping we will be there.

There is also a Sports Ball for aging care connections on September 15th.

Also a "Person of the Year" honoring Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi.

The info for these 3 events will be in the bin by the trustee's mailboxes.

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**M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Lewandowski:** Thanked the Harwood Heights Senior Club for the board's attendance at their 50th Anniversary Luncheon yesterday. Congratulation on 50 years!

**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

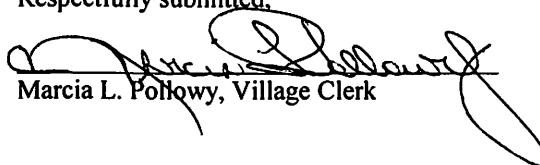
**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Brutto, seconded by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor (Trustee Steiner & 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 Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk