

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY AUGUST 11, 2022**

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 (Absent) Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner (Absent) Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

On the agenda tonight is an adjustment to the Comcast Internet contract from 60 months to 36 months. However the phone system contract remains at 60 months.

The O'Hare Noise Committee will meet on August 17th at 9:00 am at Cafe la Cave so the entire Committee can vote on the Fly Quiet committee's recommendation. This will help with noise reduction at night where O'Hare field will utilize the North and South airfields each week to help defray noise at night so residents can get some sleep.

A meeting will be held on August 24th with Christopher Burke Engineering to go over some projects pertaining to the Village Hall and various Streets projects.

We are just 8 days out before our Fest begins on August 19th with the Carnival beginning on the 18th. We hope and pray for nice weather. I want to thank all the Committee members who worked hard each week and Volunteers for their contribution during the Fest.

Also our thanks to all those who donated toward all events for the Fest including Bands, Bingo, and Door Prizes. And of course for St. Rosalie's Church for the use of their property and their participation.

Our Newsletter was mailed yesterday which again highlights our 75th Anniversary Fest dates and also announces our Tree Program where Harwood Heights is partnering with Morton Arboretum and Chicago Region Trees Initiative. Trustee Lewandowski can elaborate on this during his comments.

The Youth Commission registration for sport programs is Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 am – Noon.

Also on September 10th is the Alumni Hall of Fame Brunch on behalf of the Ridgewood Foundation. If interest to attend, please call 708-697-5533.

On Tuesday, August 2nd the National Night Out was a huge success and I will refer to our Chief for his report.

At the last board meeting we recognized and honored Lucas Miezal for his special talents in gymnastics and Cheerleading in Orlando FL at the Special Olympics. He was one of 7 athletes representing Illinois.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

We are still waiting for the actuarial reports which we hope to receive next week. Also, our Worker's Compensation carrier has completed their annual audit for the fiscal year and they provided a summary which our Accountant Mary Ventrella will give you a report on.

Accountant Mary Ventrella: Reported that the annual workers compensation audit by our carrier IPRF (Illinois Public Risk Fund) has been completed. The audit is based on payroll by departments, claims and other risk factors. We are pleased to report that the audit resulted in a favorable return of premium of approximately \$6,300.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report - Absent

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

No Report - Absent

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Stated that he spoke to our Building Commissioner George Cahill the other day and George brought up a few ordinances to my attention that I am currently reviewing. I spoke to George Assimakopoulos regarding one of the ordinances the other day. I will speak to Building Commissioner George Cahill again regarding the ordinance and will report any details at our next meeting.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

Stated that we have a donation of 50 trees from the Morton Arboretum in celebration of Morton Arboretum's 100th Anniversary. So far we have 10 residents who have signed up for trees and we are continuing stages of promoting this village wide to our residents through the Mayor's Newsletter and it is also posted on the village's website. Trustee Zerillo and I will be promoting this event at our Village Fest, Friday thru Sunday, August 19th – 21st and we are hoping to get 50 residents that will be willing to plant trees on their parkways. The "Tree Planting Event" will be taking place on September 20th between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. We are also looking for volunteers and we are reaching out to Ridgewood High School to get students to help us out with the planting of the trees in addition to our Public Works Department.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Rob Bush

No Report

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Chief DeVries

Stated that the “National Night Out” was a huge success and thank you to the Village of Harwood Heights, the Village of Norridge, all the schools and Superintendents and everybody who volunteered and helped to put it together. I was very happy with the outcome and all the people that came. We went through over 1,300 hot dogs, 85 to 90 large pizzas. We are already planning next year’s event.

Commented on kids on bicycles being way out of control; a kid was hit today on Sayre. Yesterday when one of my Detectives, off duty, was driving down Harlem Avenue there was a kid on an electric skateboard going down Harlem Avenue at 5:00 at night right in the center of the lane, didn’t caring how many cars he was trying to stop and there were 2 kids on bike weaving in and out of traffic. So please, be careful with these kids on these bicycles. If you see them, keep away from them or call the police so we can get over there and do something about it.

Looking forward to the “Fest” coming up; hope we have a great turnout and the weathers nice and there’s no problems.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Lewandowski: The Mayor and I were able to find one of our residents of Ukrainian descent and she was kind enough to move all of the collected items we had for the Ukrainian people; clothes and hygiene products. They already shipped it to a distribution center in Europe and the rest of the collected items was moved to St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Church on Cumberland and it will be shipped to Europe as well.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: No Report – Absent. Chief DeVries stated that MCD was interviewing 2 candidates today for the open Dispatcher’s positions.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: No report at this time.

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

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for September 13th.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brutto, seconded by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 17:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held July 28, 2022.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,023.37**, payable to Republic Services for dump fees for Public Works expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-06-7056.00 – Public Works.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$27,400.00**, payable to ARRP Trucking & Hauling, Inc. for the construction of 7 parking spots on Carmen Avenue alongside of Taco Bell’s parking lot expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-25-8530.00 – Site Improvements.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,234.50**, payable to Core&Main for watermain sleeve supplies for Public Works expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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5. Motion to amend the Comcast Business Agreement for Internet Service Only from a 60-month term to a 36-month term.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$99,327.00, payable to Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) for 2nd installment payment for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-05-9527.01 – Police.
7. To approve an hourly increase to Danielle DeVries for \$20/hour effective August 1, 2022.
8. To approve an hourly increase to Auxiliary Police Officers for \$22/hour effective August 1, 2022.
9. Motion to approve Tom Bobula as Purchasing Agent and Water Collector at \$6,000.00 per year effective August 11, 2022 thru April 30, 2023.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$8,417.31, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through July 31, 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$20,000.00, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd for Professional services rendered in connection with the April 30, 2022 Audit progress billing expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-03-9602.00 - \$16,000.00 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 - \$4,000.00 – Water & Sewer.
12. Motion to approve an expenditure of \$1,130.00 to the West Central Municipal Conference for the Board attendance and village ad for their Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, September 23, 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7025.00 – Administration.
13. Motion to approve expenditure, not to exceed \$500.00, payable to Ridgewood High School for sponsorship banner expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7040.00 – Administration.
14. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a Baby Shower to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 4pm to 9pm.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$243,903.72 as they appear on August 11, 2022 check register #71506 thru #71563.
16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$160,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (August 12, 2022).
17. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the estimated amount of \$12,233.70 for July 2022 IMRF Pension Fund.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

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L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

O. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

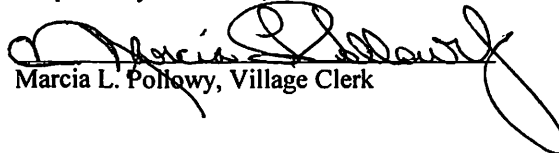
P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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:

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki, seconded by Trustee Brutto to adjourn. On a voice vote, all being in favor (Trustees Steiner & Brzezniak-Volpe – 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 11, 2022 at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk