

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 2022**

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

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

The meeting with Christopher Burke Engineering on August 24th went well and we are looking to 2023 to bring our Street projects and Village Hall renovation with driveway, police, tuck-pointing, painting and front entrance.

The Village Tree Program is underway with Morton Arboretum and Chicago Region Trees Initiative. We have received a number of residents requesting trees. These are being review by Morton Arboretum. Trustee Lewandowski can elaborate on this during his comments.

Remember the Youth commission registration for Sport Programs is Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 am – Noon.

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

Our 75th Village Fest and Carnival was successful and without any issues. Many residents enjoyed the entertainment, food, bingo, door prizes, raffles, comradery and rides at the carnival. The weather held up and it turned out to be a perfect four days to enjoy.

I want to thank our Board members for their involvement, all the Committee members who worked hard each week and Volunteers for their contribution during the Fest. Our Sponsors were instrumental for their support of our entertainment. Thanks to our Public Works Department who worked hard preparing the fest area and to the Police Department for their security, keeping us safe. Representatives from our Fire Department were also there in case of any injury.

And a special thanks to Pastor Fr. Greg Lorenz and Associate Fr. Greg Wojcik for the use of the property of St. Rosalie's Church. They have been wonderful to work with during our planning stage.

Our Anniversary continues on September 25th with a Car show in the lot next to Portillo's. A Craft Show is planned for October 1st and 2nd at the Village Hall. There will be a Movie shown on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 pm.

We still have 75th Anniversary shirts available to purchase at a low price of \$10. They are available at the Village Hall. Stop by and promote our 75 years.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

No report from Finance tonight. I just want to echo that the fest was a great success and to thank everyone that was involved.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

Nothing on Ordinance tonight. It was good to see some old faces and some new faces at the fest and everything went well. I was in charge of the weather so you can thank me! Just a reminder that schools are back in session so be careful during school hours when kids are coming and going to and from school.

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

I want to echo the same thing, the fest was great. Thank you to the Police Department, we had one minor incident and the Chief and Sergeant Palazzo had their eyes on the one little problem that we had and they were escorted out. Thank you to them and to everybody that worked so hard to make it a great 75th.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No real report but again thanks to Public Works; they really worked hard, always cleaning up before and after each day and they were always available whenever we needed assistance. Also, thank you to our police, they were there every day and thank you to our volunteers for their commitment attending weekly meetings planning this special village fest.

Building

Trustee Zerillo

I spoke to our Accountant Rob Romo regarding our Building Department software and he said he would touch base with Accountant Mary Ventrella and give me an update. **Accountant Mary Ventrella:** Have not received an update yet. **Trustee Zerillo:** I will touch base with Accountant Rob Romo sometime next week. The fest was outstanding! Thank you to the Police Department, Public Works and especially to you Mayor for all the months of planning for this event.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

As of today we have 49 tree requests from our residents and of the 49 – 43 have been approved, so this coming week we will be working on the logistics and get as many volunteers as we can so on September 20th we are ready to plant 50 trees in our village. I will be working with Trustee Zerillo, Mayor Jezierny and Public Works to move to the next stage and prepare for planting. It was a great 75th Anniversary! Thanked Public Works and our Police Department and all of us! We all worked very well together and it was an awesome event and I have heard nothing but positive comments from residents and participants. We are also checking with Ridgewood HS to see if we can get students to help with the planting and I will be working with the Morton Arboretum staff.

Clerk's Report

Commended everybody on the great work that they did for the fest, it was a great success. The Mayor and I received a "Thank You" note from the Seniors Assistance Center for the \$1,420 that was collected from donations at the beer tent over the weekend and the cash donation from Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki 50/50 winnings. Director Alyssa Flavin also thanked the Mayor for the use of the Harwood Heights Recreation Center for a number of the SAC events especially for a "Fall Food Fest" event coming up in October. I will keep you posted regarding the plans for this event.

Attorney Rob Bush

Echoed everyone's comments regarding the fest and the great time he and his wife and his sister had especially at the petting zoo; he had never seen a live chinchilla before.

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Chief DeVries

Thanked everyone who put the fest together because it was a really great time and all of my officers were happy to be part of it.

Stated that there are a lot of burglaries going on in the area. Break-ins in apartments, doors being forced in on condos that we have no control over. Encouraged residents that if they see something or hear something, please dial 911 immediately so we can get there.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: No meeting until September.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: No meeting until September.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber has 5 new members. There will be a “Ribbon Cutting” Event on August 31, 2022 in Norridge for Well-Now Immediate Care and Aspen Dental. The next meeting is September 13th at 1:30pm at Las Palmas.

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

Mayor Jezierny: The ONCC call a special meeting and we approved the “Fly-Quiet” proposal for the hours between roughly 10:30pm and 5:30am so it will now be reviewed by the Chicago Department of Aviation. Once they review it, it will then go to the Federal Airport Authorities. They will take a look at the whole process and hopefully we can adopt it and have a new “Fly Quiet” Program.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 11:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held August 11, 2022.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$20.00**, payable to Municipal Clerks Association – North & Northwest Suburbs for Annual Membership Dues for 2022/2023 for the Village Clerk expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. Motion to approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,578.77**, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of August 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,419.00**, payable to Core&Main for watermain supplies for Public Works expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,200.00 for the online Command Staff Training Course for Sergeant Sam Palazzo prepaid on the village credit card 11-00-1309.00.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,338.23, payable to Current Technologies for the annual renewal of the Barracuda Cloud Archiving Service October 10, 2022 to October 9, 2023 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-14-9510.00 – Village Properties.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$280.00, payable to Norridge/Harwood Heights Little League for 14 Harwood Heights’ players at \$20.00 per player expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7047.00 – Recreation.
8. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a Birthday Party to be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022 in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 12pm to 4pm.
9. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$92,788.25 as they appear on August 25, 2022 check register #71564 thru #71634.
10. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$160,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (August 26, 2022).
11. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$284,624.87 as they appear on the EFT Register thru August 23, 2022.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-11 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

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Zerillo: Stated that the residents on the 7200/7300 block of Argyle want to thank the Police Department for the speed radar monitor to slow down traffic.

Mayor Jezierny: Stated that our Accountant Mary Ventrella is working with our insurance carrier regarding grant money that we will use to purchase permanent speed monitor equipment hopefully in the near future.

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O. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Heinzinger: Complimented the Mayor and board on the excellent job for this year's anniversary fest. Everything was so neat and so clean.

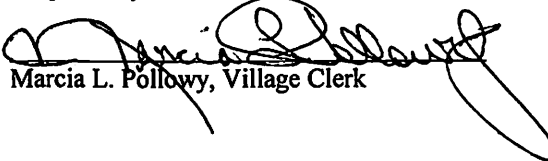
P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 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, August 25, 2022 at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk