

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY AUGUST 26, 2021**

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Arlene C. Jezierny
Clerk	Marcia L. Pollowy

Motion by Trustee Lewandowski, seconded by Trustee Brutto to allow Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki to attend the meeting by Electronic Attendance, on a voice vote, all in favor.

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

Projects:

Work began on the following streets a bit sooner than expected so we immediately sent communications to those affected pertaining to the project and parking and that's Newcastle the 4500 block, Carl Cassatta from Sayre to Oak Park, Rutherford from Forest Preserve to Montrose and also Senior Place.

Some sidewalks, ADA improvements and paving will take place.

School:

Union Ridge will soon begin classes on September 7th.

Two additional Crossing Guards were approved at the last meeting to assist children with the new school year.

Mask Mandate:

Indoor mask mandates per Cook County are now in effect, that includes the Village Hall and restaurants unless eating or drinking. As of today, the Governor is adding mask mandates for the entire State of Illinois effective Monday, August 30th, they are asking that you wear masks even outdoors if you are in crowded areas or at concerts.

9/11 Remembrance:

The Fire Department will once again remember 9/11 in the morning with the Honor Guard paying tribute to those that perished.

Businesses:

As you know Art Van has closed but temporarily in its place is Choice Furniture Liquidators that recently opened their doors this week.

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Carson's Ribs decided not to build their restaurant which we are all disappointed. The property will now house Taco Bell. I know that many of you are tired of another fast food restaurant, but there are many that enjoy tacos and the quick service from school or work. They will provide tax dollars which is important to keep taxes low. I don't have a completion date yet, but will advise.

Census Results:

I am happy to report that the 2010 Census was 8,612 and the 2020 Census is now 9,065. That's an additional 453 new residents. So welcome to our town.

Tax Appeals:

A Tax Appeal event was held August 17th. If you were not able to attend the Village has forms that can be filled out.

Garage & Yard Sale:

Due to all the rainfall at the last Garage & Yard sales, the Garage & Yard sale has been rescheduled and takes place this weekend. We wish everyone success in their selling or purchasing. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Car Show:

The Car Show was a success and I would like to thank our Chief for organizing the event on site along with and his friends and family (Marianne and Heather) who helped in the set up and throughout the day. I also want to thank the Committee, Trustee Larry Steiner, Jim Horan and Ben Mikrut for their help with prizes and promotions and their assistance throughout the day. Thanks to our Village Board who helped with organizations throughout the day: Gene Brutto, Ziggy Lewandowski, Larry Steiner, Anna Wegrecki and Joe Zerillo (who also flew the drone for more pictures). Also thanks to Terry Schuepfer and Brigitte Baggetto for their help.

A successful event could not be successful without the volunteers that made it happen. It seemed like everyone had a very nice time and enjoyed all the raffles prizes to lucky winners (donated by our businesses).

Photos of the event will soon be on our website and lobby for all to see.

During the car show we sold 50/50 tickets where 1/2 of the collections went to a lucky winner and the other 1/2 to Salvation Army. Peter Mount, Captain with the Salvation Army is here tonight and we would like to present you with a check in the amount of \$686 which is one-half of the collections from the 50/50 raffle. The Salvation Army does a wonderful job for our community as well as the Norwood Park Township and we really appreciate what you do for us.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

No Report

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

No Report

Building Committee

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

No Report for the Building Department. Stated that State Representative Brad Stephens & Commissioner Pete Silvestri will be hosting a shredding and recycling event this Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 8:30am to 11:30am at the Salvation Army facility on Foster Avenue.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines and the new mask mandates effective Monday for the state & Cook County.

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Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Zerillo

Trustee Lewandowski put me in contact with the representatives at the Morton Arboretum; they indicated that they will have some information for us sometime in the next week or so regarding available grants; I will update the board when I receive the information. I also contacted the Cook County Water Reclamation District; they have a discounted Rain Barrel Program that will coming for next Spring. I will gather additional information so we can plan to implement something for our residents for next Spring.

Police & Public Safety

Trustee Lewandowski

The Police Commissioners have completed the lateral hiring interviews and they will be meeting next week to put together the final list and present it to the board for approval.

Wished all the residents of Harwood Heights to have a Happy and Safe Labor Day Holiday.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Mark Heinle

No Report

Chief John DeVries

Thanked everyone who helped with the Car Show this past weekend and the Mayor for putting the 50/50 raffle together. It was a great turnout, we had close to 200 cars and a lot of residents showed up.

Asked for a moment of silence for the 13 military personnel ambushed and killed at the airport in Afghanistan. Thank you.

Stated that we had a carjacking about a week and a half ago in the 6800 block of Sunnyside right at Oak Park Avenue about 1:30 in the morning. The Chief described the route that the resident took to arrive home on Sunnyside. As he was parking his car he was approached by a man with a gun and order to exit the vehicle; inside his car he also had a gun but made no attempt to use it. The car was recovered yesterday at approximately midnight at 6900 Lemoyne in Chicago; we brought it back here and proceeded to collect evidence out of the car and we got a search warrant today, the subject left his phone and ran from the Cook County Police. We recovered some good prints, hopefully, it won't take long to get back the results. Asked everyone again to be aware of your surroundings. If you coming home late at night and a car is following you, please be vigilant. That's the only we had in the village and I'm glad nobody got hurt.

Reported a problem with juvenile's riding their bikes in traffic, causing a disturbance at the park, causing a disturbance in front of Mariano's; these kids are just out of control this year. Asked the parents to please start checking on your kids and start the policing at home because obviously we can't do it, our hands are tied and there are only a few things we can do right now with these kids; but the calls are coming in.

Have a Safe & Fun Holiday!

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: Stated that the new carjacking ruse is for the offenders to bump a car's rear bumper which results in the driver exiting the car to see if there is any damage to their vehicle. Chicago Police are recommending that you try to get a license plate number, that you don't get out of your car and that you drive to the nearest Police Station. Thanked the Chief and the Auxiliaries who are out patrolling our streets morning, noon & night. Also be aware of new scams being sent to your emails regarding renewals; Norton, Amazon, etc.

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G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: The next MCD meeting will be on the second Tuesday of September; meetings are now every other month.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Lewandowski pulled Consent Agenda item I 19 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Lewandowski, seconded by Trustee Zerillo on Consent Agenda Items I 1-18 & I 20-22:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held August 12, 2021.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$250.00, payable to Ridgewood Foundation for board participation at the Sixteenth Annual Alumni Hall of Fame Brunch on September 11, 2021 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-01-7040.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,170.00, payable to Illinois Municipal League for board member's participation at the Illinois Municipal Leagues 108th Annual Conference, September 23-25, 2021 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-01-7025.00 – General Administration.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,391.95, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of August 2021 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,939.94, payable to Colosimo's Construction for dirt/stones for water break patching expensed to FY 21/22 line 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,248.00, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for professional services June 27, 2021 to July 31, 2021 for the AWIA Risk & Resilience Assessment & Emergency Response Plan expensed to FY 21/22 line item 22-00-9610.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,413.85, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for professional services June 27, 2021 to July 31, 2021 for the Green Alley Reconstruction project – Construction Engineering Services expensed to FY 21/22 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Fund.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,942.86, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for professional services June 27, 2021 to July 31, 2021 for the 2020 CDBG Improvements – Construction Engineering Services expensed to FY 21/22 line item 44-00-9610.00 – MFT Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,540.00, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for professional services April 25, 2021 to May 29, 2021 for the Taco Bell – 5050 N. Harlem Avenue project expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-00-2016.00 – Plan Review.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$8,140.30, payable to Santander Leasing LLC for 19th payment on the new street sweeper expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-12-7097.00 -\$7,646.67 & 11-12-7096.00 - \$493.63 – Capital Projects Fund.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,686.40, payable to Current Technologies for the annual renewal of the Barracuda Cloud Archiving Service October 12, 2021 to October 9, 2022 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-14-9508.00 – Village Properties.

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12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,737.19, payable to Current Technologies for the HH Police Department AXIS A8207-VE Network Video Door Station and four additional installation supplies expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-14-8604.00 – Village Properties.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$400.00, payable to Selena Giannakaris for supplies for the Arts & Craft Program that will be starting September 29, 2021 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$9,782.00, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through July 31, 2021 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
15. Motion to approve an expenditure of \$1,000.00 to the West Central Municipal Conference for the Board attendance and village ad for their Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, September 17, 2021 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-01-7025.00 –General Administration.
16. 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 21/22 line item 11-08-7047.00 – Recreation.
17. To approve the removal of Handicap Parking Sign at the address commonly known as 6848 W. Montrose Avenue and to direct Public Works to remove the sign in a timely manner. (Resident no longer lives there).
18. Motion to approve a temporary yard sign and sail flag for Papa John's located at 4850 N. Harlem Avenue for a 90-day period effective 8-27-21.
20. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$452,154.73 as they appear on August 26, 2021 check register #69974 thru #70030.
21. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$150,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (August 27, 2021).
22. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$273,490.74 as they appear on the EFT Register thru August 24, 2021.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-18 & I 20-22 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda item I 19:

19. Motion to approve two 7' X 3' temporary banners for BioLife Plasma Services Center located at 4747 N. Harlem Avenue for a 90-day period effective 8-27-21.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 19 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Lewandowski

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

N. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Steiner: Stated that on September 14th the Chamber will be hosting a luncheon at Las Palmas, a "Meet & Greet" for the members and any people wishing to join the chamber are welcome to attend, it's from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

O. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

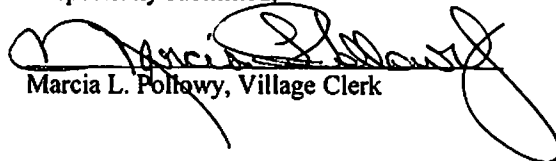
P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Brutto 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 26, 2021 at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk