

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

On the agenda is the Agreement between Steinhafels and the Village where Steinhafels furniture will take over the old Art Van/Choice Furniture property. We look forward to their opening in the Fall of next year.

The Village's Tree Program together with Morton Arboretum and Chicago Region Trees Initiative are getting ready to deliver trees so planting can begin by September 20th.

Tomorrow morning I will be attending another meeting with the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

Many of the motions on tonight's agenda pertain to our Youth Commission programs.

Some Reminders:

This Saturday, September 10th is the Alumni Hall of Fame Brunch on behalf of the Ridgewood Foundation.

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

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.

The Senior Assistance Center is having their Fall Festival in our Recreation facility on Sunday, October 16th. Tickets are \$35 and include European food, music, drinks and bingo from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

At our Fest last month, Rep. Brad Stephen presented a Proclamation from the Illinois House; tonight we have Senator Robert Martwick presenting a Proclamation from the Illinois Senate for our Village's 75th Anniversary.

Senator, would you like to come forward.

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Senator Robert Martwick: Senator Martwick presented the Mayor and Board of Trustee's a Proclamation from the Illinois Senate honoring the Village of Harwood Heights 75th Anniversary.

Finance
Trustee Brutto

No Report

Ordinance & License
Trustee Steiner

No Report on Ordinance/License tonight. Stated that he received a series of phone call yesterday, this is the second time it has happened, it's a recorded message saying there's a questionable charge on my Amazon account of \$700.00 and some dollars from Dayton Ohio and it says to press 1 to dispute the charge and I just know that if I press 1 it's going to be a bad thing. They are relentless, it's like 7 – 8 calls in a row and it's the second time it's happened. So it's just another SCAM, so be careful.

Police/Public Safety
Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

No Report

Public Works/Public Health
Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building
Trustee Zerillo

I spoke to our Accountant Mary Ventrella earlier regarding the Building Department software. I will keep the board updated on our progress. Stated on his way up to Minnesota right off of 94, he passed one of the Steinhafels stores and it looks like a first-class facility; looking forward to their future opening in Harwood Heights.

Forestry & Green Initiative
Trustee Lewandowski

Stated that we met with Morton Arboretum 2 weeks ago for the tree planting plan; we went over logistics and volunteering and now are efforts to get our a quota of volunteers. We have flyers and I will be following up with the Morton Arboretum within the next few days.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Rob Bush

Just briefly stated that when we do an Economic Development Agreement that they often take weeks and months to get them accomplished and I just want to commend Attorney Mark Heinle, from my firm, and Scott Fuhr from Steinhafels, attorney side, on getting together and putting together the agreement that matches both of our interests and having it done at a time so that Steinhafels can be confident to move ahead with this location and get open as soon as possible. The two of them did a great job and you all should all be very pleased on the way this moves forward.

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Mayor Jezierny: The opening is targeted for September 1, 2023.

Chief DeVries

Stated that we had a MCD meeting the other day talking about raises for the Telecommunicators who at step 7, which there are two at that level right now, and two Supervisors that are step 3. We came to an agreement between the three towns to give them a proper raise, you know what they deserve. Everything looks good; the towns are all getting along. MCD is doing a good job. There wasn't anything negative today to bring to this table to talk about MCD. Talked about catalytic converter thief's that are way out of control. Incident in Park Ridge where the homeowner tried to stop the thieves and they shot 5 rounds into his home. Please, please do not try to stop them if you see this happening, please don't try to be a hero, call the police immediately and let us come out there and do our jobs. There are no consequences to these guys, they'll shot back at you, they know it, and they're driving cars that are stolen. The plates aren't registered to anybody, there's no way to locate them, and they are usually masked and robed, so you can't even get a facial recognition on them. Stated that last week Channel 2 news contacted him regarding the mail thief/fraud going on in Norridge and Harwood Heights; Harwood Heights' victims whose checks were whitewashed, make out for a different amounts and different payee resulted in original checks written for a total of about \$75,000 being whitewashed and cashed/deposited for over \$500,000. State that he and Sgt. Palazzo met today with two Postal Inspectors from the City of Chicago for about 3 hours and we got a lot covered and we're starting an investigation and one of the Inspectors is coming back tomorrow morning to address the Harwood Heights Senior Club at the senior meeting at 10:30am. Starting next week he will be talking with the postal inspector from the Harwood Heights/Norridge postal facilities.

Sergeant Palazzo: Stated that today they posted on the Police Department Facebook page a warning to the village residents about the postal theft/fraud affecting our area and how to report these crimes through the post office link that's on our Facebook page to file out a report. Stated that it's imperative that any victim should file a report through the post office in addition to filing a police report with the Harwood Heights or Norridge Police Departments.

Chief DeVries: Stated that the Harwood Heights Police Department will go one step further starting today when a victim comes in to file a police report; they will help the victim file a post office report either here at the police station or at their home. Stated that the Uni-Ball 207 roller gel pen should be used when writing checks because it's chemically hard to wash the checks to alter the amount/payer; the village will research the cost to possibly provide these pens to the residents. Suggested that we encourage our residents to go to automatic pay rather than writing checks for their bills. Posters will be posted at all the mailboxes in the village with safe guards if people are using the mailboxes

Mayor Jezierny: Stated that a newsletter will be going out next week on the safety protocols for the post office and the village will also place the post office link on our village website. The newsletter will encourage residents to go to automatic pay and also the purchasing of a gel pen if they want to continue to write checks.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Stated that we have 3 new telecommunicators that are going through the hiring process; one completed the physic and the other 2 are scheduled for the physic and there is still one full-time position open. \$50,000.00 of our extra money or investment money for the future has been deposited with a subsidiary of Wintrust Bank. Two 911 trunks have been failing so they will be upgraded and on the microwave shortly. Two consoles are due to be upgraded soon and once the state finishes their updates we will be ready to text to 911. By sometime next month, Schiller Park and Norwood Park will have CAD upgrades.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: Reminded the board about the WSSRA upcoming events: Saturday, September 10, 2022 the John Lannefeld Memorial Bocce Ball Tournament in Elmwood Park and the Annual "Fallin For Our Stars" Casino night on Friday, October 14, 2022 at the Cheney Mansion in Oak Park. More information on these events can be found on the WSSRA website.

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Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting is this Tuesday, September 13th at 11:30am, a luncheon at Las Palmas.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 13th. Just a reminder there’s a sound installation meeting scheduled for September 28th at the Norridge Village Hall.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 22:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held August 25, 2022.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,862.35**, payable to Case Lots, Inc. for janitorial supplies for the Village Hall/Police Department/Public Works expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-14-7055.02 – Village Properties.
3. To approve an expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,808.75**, payable to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for spraying on June 22, 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-09-7061.03 – Health.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,361.80**, payable to Current Technologies for the annual renewal of the Production Support Coverage VMWARE VSPHERE 5 Essentials October 28, 2022 to October 27, 2023 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-14-9508.00 – Village Properties.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,169.89**, payable to Current Technologies for the Windows Server 2022 Standard expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-14-9508.00 – Village Properties.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$65,231.07**, payable to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency semiannual principle & interest on the IEPA Loan (L17-5374) for the Drinking Water Project expensed to FY 22/23 line items 22-25-2008.00-2001 - \$49,413.58 & 22-00-8815-00 - \$15,817.49 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. Motion to hire recurring coach Taylor McFall at \$10.00 per hour for coaching and refereeing basketball.
8. Motion to hire recurring coach Connor McFall at \$10.00 per hour for coaching and refereeing basketball.
9. Motion to hire recurring assistant Ava Sanchez at \$10.00 per hour as assistant for Arts & Crafts Program.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$500.00** for the purchase of Floor Hockey nets with payment to be placed on village credit card.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$250.00**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for arts and craft supplies for the Youth Commission Halloween Party expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$120.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for prizes for the Youth Commission Halloween Party expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$300.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for goody bags for the Youth Commission Halloween Party expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.

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14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Sam's Club for juice and water for the Youth Commission Halloween Party expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$400.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizzas for the Youth Commission Halloween Party expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
16. To approve an Economic Incentive Agreement By and Between the Village of Harwood Heights and Steinhafels, Inc and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Italian American Police Association for a full-page ad in their 57th Annual Awards Dinner booklet on Saturday, November 5, 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7040.00 – Administration.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$250.00**, payable to Ridgewood Foundation for a table for their 17th Annual Alumni Hall of Fame Brunch on Saturday, September 10, 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-01-7040.00 – Administration.
19. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a Birthday Party to be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2022** in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 4pm to 8pm.
20. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$124,624.66** as they appear on September 8, 2022 check register **#71635** thru **#71678**.
21. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$160,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (September 9, 2022).
22. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the estimated amount of **\$13,186.70** for August 2022 IMRF Pension Fund.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Lewandowski: 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.

Trustee Steiner: Stated that the flags are to be lower to half-staff in respect to the Queens until her burial.

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Trustee Zerillo: Asked the Chief if we could possibly use the Library on their public computers to file reports to the post Office on thefts/fraud.

Chief DeVries: Stated that he would rather have the Harwood Heights Police Department personnel do the reports with the victims.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

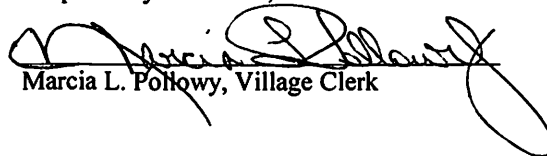
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Zerillo 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, September 8, 2022 at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polnowy, Village Clerk