

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 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
Trustees	Eugene Brutto Annette Brzezniak-Volpe Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Rob Bush

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Vladymyr Ivanyshyn, 7613 W. Ainslie St.:** Stated that a number of houses on his block and also a few houses on the 7600 block of Gunnison have expanded driveways. He put in a request for a permit to expand his driveway and the request was denied.

**Mayor Jezierny:** Stated that his permit was denied because it was too much concrete which would not allow for proper drainage with the heavier rain storms we have been experiencing. She is having the Building Department looking through the permits for the 3 houses on his block that have extended driveways to see when they were issued and whether they were “grandfathered” when the village revised our building codes. All the houses on the 7600 blocks are single family homes with a single car garage/carport with a driveway that extends to the back of the house. She stated she has taken pictures of all the houses that have extended driveways and that the board will be meeting next week to review the pictures and the permits for the houses that have the extended driveways to make a determination regarding his request.

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

**Mayor’s Report**

**Mayor Jezierny**

This past Sunday our Police Department dealt with an issue involving a man who barricaded himself in a home with numerous guns and ammunition. Luckily all ended safely.

Some may ask why no Robo Call? The issue was contained and the Chief of Police immediately advised all surrounding neighbors. With media like Facebook and others, including Robo Calls, it brings attention to many residents who will go to the site which we do NOT want. It is for their safety to stay away so the Police can focus on the subject in the home. Many post texts that are totally incorrect which spreads falsehoods which continues to build into more incorrect statements. Once facts are collected and verified, the Chief of Police notified the Mayor and will also respond to the News Media to get the correct statement out to the public.

We have our Commanders here tonight who will give us some details regarding this standoff.

**Commander John Lymberis**

Explained in great detail the unfolding of the standoff from the beginning to the end involving the man who barricaded himself in a home with numerous guns and ammunition and the grateful assistance from the surrounding communities Police Officers, NIPAS and the SWAT Team and the final outcome stating that the surrender was peaceful and no one was injured or hurt during the incident. The man is currently being held at Cook County jail waiting for a court hearing.

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**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

Stated that we completed the updating of paperwork with Parkway Bank for our financial bank accounts with the new authorized signers; the Mayor, the Clerk and the Village Accountant/Treasurer. The village also authorized electronic copies of our bank statements for quicker delivery to comply our monthly financial reports due to the current mail delivery problems.

**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

**No Report**

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

Referenced the motions on the agenda relating to Public Works, indicating reimbursement to Ron Maslo for his attendance to the Water Conference, asking the board for their approval. Thanked Public Works for their help on Sunday during the standoff, setting up road blocks and traffic control.

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Zerillo**

Thanked Trustee Lewandowski for all the work that he did with the Morton Arboretum on the tree planting program. I was contacted by a representatives at the Morton Arboretum who indicated that they would be donating a tree to the village through the "Tree Planting for Communities Program;" we will need to decide of the 5 trees available which one the village would like. Stated he received a message from Zach from the Morton Arboretum who is working on a grant program for the village; I will update the board when I receive the information.

**Police & Public Safety**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

Stated that the Police Commissioners have chosen four candidates from the new lateral list and the candidates will be going through the process of background checks, psychological and lie detector tests and the goal is to complete this process by mid-October. Thanked the police officers for their handling of the standoff situation last Sunday.

**No Committee**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

**No Report**

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

**Attorney Rob Bush**

**No Report**

**Chief John DeVries**

**Absent**

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**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe:** Stated that she is Co-Chair of the Police & Public Safety Committee so her Trustee Report should not say No Committee. Asked why some of her comments were not included in the August 26th Meeting minutes.

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe:** The next MCD meeting will be next Tuesday.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** No update at this time; there was no meeting in August. There will be a meeting that Trustee Zerillo will be attending next Tuesday on ZOOM.

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** This coming Tuesday is the Chamber Luncheon at Las Palmas from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held August 26, 2021.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$10,061.17, payable to West Central Municipal Conference for the 2021-2022 membership dues expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$387.54, payable to Metropolitan Mayor Caucus for the FY2020-2021 Caucus Dues expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,099.29, payable to Monroe Truck Equipment for parts for the Public Works Plow expensed to FY 21/22 line item 22-00-7044.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$300.00, payable to American Water Works for Ron Maslo's attendance August 9 – 11, 2021 to the WaterCon2021 Conference in Springfield, Illinois expensed to FY 21/22 line item 22-00-7025.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$610.20, payable to Ron Maslo for attendance August 9 – 11, 2021 to the WaterCon2021 Conference in Springfield, Illinois for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to Ordinance 99-07. Item expensed to FY 21/22 line item 22-00-7025.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$175,024.54, payable to Acura, Inc. for Pay Request #2 for the 2021 Green Alley Reconstruction Project for work completed through August 9, 2021 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 12-25-8530.00 – Grant Proceeds.
8. 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 21/212 line items 22-25-2008.00-2001 - \$48,507.15 & 22-00-8815-00 - \$16,723.92 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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9. To approve the Water Supply Agreement Between the City of Chicago, Illinois and the Village of Harwood Heights, Illinois.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,429.60, payable to Premier Specialties to replace UPS unit, reset modem and alarm program on water pumps expensed to FY 21/22 line item 22-00-6013.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$106,765.25, payable to Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) for 2nd installment payment for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-05-9527.01 – Police.
12. Motion to hire Christopher Karpinski at \$10.00 per hour for coaching beginning and intermediate Basketball Program. (Passed the security background check).
13. Motion to re-hire Taylor McFall as Basketball Coach/Referee for intermediate program at \$10.00 per hour.
14. Motion to re-hire Stephanie Ramirez at \$10.00 per hour as Assistant Soccer Coach.
15. Motion to re-hire Ashley Moisant as Assistant Coach for the Floor Hockey Program.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$16,300.00, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd for professional services for preparation of the April 30, 2021 Financial Report expensed to FY 21/22 line items 11-03-9602.00 - \$13,040.00 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 - \$3,260.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable to Associated Trust Company for annual fees for the Village of Harwood Heights Revenue Notes DTD 7-2-12 expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-12-7010.00 – Debt Service.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$500.00, payable to the Polish Museum of America for a Full Page AD in the 2021 PMA Gala Program Book expensed to FY 21/22 line item 11-01-7040.00 – General Administration.
19. To Adopt Resolution 21-15, A Resolution Adopting a Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation Policy.
20. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$427,063.32 as they appear on September 9, 2021 check register #70031 thru #70088.
21. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$160,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (September 10, 2021).
22. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the estimated amount of \$17,180.93 for August 2021 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**

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**K.  
L. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**M. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**N. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

**O. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Zerillo:** Reminded everyone that Columbus Day is next month and the City of Chicago is having the “Columbus Day Parade” and we will be having one of our squads in the parade.

**Trustee Lewandowski:** Reminded everyone that this Saturday 9:00am the Norwood Park Fire Department will having a 9/11 ceremony in front of the fire station.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki:** Stated that the comments Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe said were missing from the August 26th minutes were actually reflected in the minutes from the August 12th meeting and they were reported properly.

**Mayor Jezierny:** Reminded the board regarding the Illinois Municipal League Conference on September 24 – 25, the 9/11 ceremony on Saturday and West Central Municipal Conference Annual Dinner on September 17th.

**P. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**Q. 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 Brutto, 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, September 9, 2021 at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk