

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

**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<br>Annette Brzezniak-Volpe (Absent)<br>Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki (Absent)<br>Zbigniew Lewandowski<br>Lawrence Steiner<br>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 an authorization for the Fire & Police Com to begin the process of hiring 2 officers.

There are also motions for the Youth Commission programs and their upcoming events.

Chief John DeVries, Trustee Brutto and I attended the training and the participation of Pennoyer's "Circus Among Us." It was a long day and a half but the program put together a great way for the students to perform teamwork and learn another experience of working together for a performance.

Chief DeVries, and Trustees Zerillo, Lewandowski and Steiner and I attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Main South High School that revealed their new remodeling of their school. It is a beautiful facility that offers many opportunities for the students.

The agenda also includes some Public Works items such as diesel fuel, Pump House upgrade, and Fire Hydrant replacement parts.

Which brings us to a point of our meeting why Public Works is requested to attend our meeting tonight. (The entire Board thanked the Public Works employees for their outstanding work and dedication to our community and our residents throughout the year and especially at our fest this past August 18-20th by presenting each of them a plaque in recognition of their outstanding service. A short recess was called for cake and coffee.)

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

**No Report**

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**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

On tonight's agenda we have item I 25 dealing with portable storage containers with a fee schedule and updating our current ordinances to now include portable storage containers.

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

**No Report - Absent**

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

**No Report - Absent**

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

Thanked our Building Commissioner Jo Ann Krupa for keeping on top of any construction work in the village and reporting any violations that need immediate attention.

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

Thanked our Public Works Department for all their work and Chief DeVries for his time and patience in resolving an issue with one of our residents.

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

**Attorney Rob Bush**

**No Report**

**Chief John DeVries**

I want to talk about carjacking's for a minute after that last carjacking we had in our town the day after Norridge had one on Irving Park Road, on the 7400 block a woman was just driving down the street, there was no way she could of avoided this. Two subjects approached her on the driver's side with a gun and took her out of the car; thank the Lord they did not hurt her. But these carjacking's are just getting out of control, no consequences behind them. The poor lady that lost her life in our town, she didn't fight back and she didn't do anything to deserve what happened to her. Please, god forbid something like this happens to you, don't fight back, just get out of the car and let them take it. The Flock cameras in our village are what helped us solve this case in an hour and a half and the team work that went into eventual capture. Please, please if you see something please call 911.

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**None**

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**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** Chief DeVries in Trustee Volpe’s absence stated there was an MCD meeting this past Tuesday and we talked about salaries for MCD and agreed on a salary for Director Ron Gross. We’re looking into body worn cameras and hiring another person to help us with all the downloading of the videos and everything behind it. We’re looking at how much it will cost and we’re putting those figures together right now for the 3 towns. Schiller Park wants to go with the cameras somewhere around January, they just have to wait clearance from their board. Norridge wants to go somewhere around June or July and we want to do it somewhere around May. We don’t want to wait too long because of a possible backlog in getting the cameras and the prices are going up between 4% & 8% right now. MCD had two lawsuits pending that were dropped. The next meeting will be on November 14th.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** No Report - Absent

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** Our network meeting was this past Tuesday, September 12, 2023 it was very well attended. The next meeting is November 10th at Central Baptist Village, it will be a breakfast meeting.

**Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee:** We have not met this summer but I have met with our sub-committee this morning and last Wednesday regarding the noise monitoring reports and the runway reports and how will be put together going forward. The reports will be presented to the next ONCC meeting and once the ONCC Committee approves them the format will be updated.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

None

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Zerillo on Consent Agenda items I 1–28:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held August 24, 2023.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$10,393.05, payable to West Central Municipal Conference for the 2023-2024 membership dues expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. Motion to approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,499.26, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of August 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve quote, not to exceed \$1,301.25, payable to Traffic Control & Protection Inc. for posts & anchors for traffic signs expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-06-6003.00 – Public Works.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,861.79, payable to The FLOLO Corporation for emergency repair at the Pump House with installation of new replacement fan expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-8515.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
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 23/24 line items 22-25-2008.00-2201 - \$50,336.94 & 22-00-8815-00 - \$14,894.13 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,048.00, payable to Joseph D. Foreman & Company Inc. for replacement parts for a fire hydrant expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6015.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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8. Motion to authorize the Fire & Police Commissioners to begin the process of hiring 2 new police officers for the Harwood Heights Police Department.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,349.90**, payable to Current Technologies for the annual renewal of the Production Support Coverage VMware vSphere 5 Essentials Plus October 26, 2023 to October 27, 2024 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-14-9508.00 – Village Properties.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,331.98**, payable to Current Technologies for Adtran NetVanta 1570-24-370W Switch expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7038.00 – Police Department.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$35.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for the purchase of chess keychains for the Chess Program expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7039.01 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00**, payable to Selena Giannakaris for the purchase of art supplies for the Arts and Crafts Program expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to World Oldest Sports for Score Book and Whistles for the Basketball Program expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$250.00**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for the purchase of arts & crafts for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Sam's Club for the purchase of juice and water for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for the purchase of prizes for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$300.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for the purchase of goodie bags for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$300.00**, payable to Rocco Vinos for the purchase of pizzas for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
19. Motion to re-hire Taylor McFall at \$15.00 an hour for Coaching Basketball.
20. Motion to hire Drew Salski at \$15.00 an hour to instruct Chess Class, pending background check.
21. Motion to re-hire Ava Sanchez at \$15.00 an hour for assistance in Arts and Crafts Class.
22. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$11,310.50**, payable to Ance! Glink P.C. for billing through August 31, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
23. 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 23/24 line item 11-12-7010.00 – Debt Service.
24. Motion to approve an expenditure of **\$2,110.00** to the West Central Municipal Conference for the Board attendance and village ad for their Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, September 29, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7025.00 – Administration.
25. To Adopt **Ordinance 23-16**, An Ordinance Regulating Portable Storage Containers.
26. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$204,219.21** as they appear on the September 14, 2023 check register **#73193** thru **#73268**.
27. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$170,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (September 15, 2023).

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28. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$13,114.07 for August 2023 IMRF Pension Fund.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-28 resulted as follows:**

**A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Zerillo, Lewandowski**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki                      Motion Carried**

**J.        NEW BUSINESS**

None

**K.        OLD BUSINESS**

None

**L.        CORRESPONDENCE**

**Clerk Pollowy:** Read a "Thank You" letter from Norridge Police Chief Goss to Chief DeVries and the Harwood Heights Police Officers for their help during the Norridge 75th Anniversary events held on August 24th – 27th.

**M.        TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None

**N.        PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

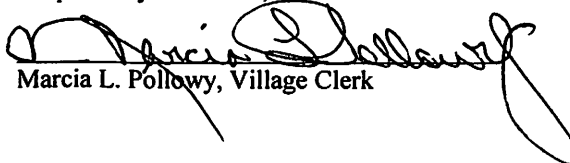
**O.        EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 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, September 14, 2023 at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk