

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

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

A motion by Trustee Lewandowski, seconded by Trustee Brutto to allow Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe to attend the meeting by Electronic Attendance; on a voice vote, all in favor.

Annette Brzezniak-Volpe (Electronic Attendance)
Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki
Zbigniew Lewandowski
Lawrence Steiner
Giuseppe Zerillo

Attorney Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Bogusz, 5129 N. Oketo: Stated that the stop signs on Oketo going northbound are not working; cars speeding thru. Coming home today he stopped at the Carmen stop signs and an impatient driver pulled around him and went thru the stop sign without stopping; my dash cam was able to take a picture of the car and its license plate.

Chief DeVries: Stated that he will put out a memo to his officers to continue to monitor that area; they are writing a lot of tickets along Oketo.

Daniela Crespo, 4438 N. Nagle Ave.: Stated that her block has resident only parking with 2 parking passes issued for visitor parking; if she has more than 2 guests she calls the Police Department to notify them. Said that sometimes the dispatchers are very rude and want the license plate numbers on all the cars. Suggested maybe some kind of a book of passes rather than just 2 per household.

Chief DeVries: Stated that he will speak with the MCD Director regarding answering to these types of calls.
Mayor Jezierny: Stated that we will discuss this at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

The "Car Show" on Sunday was well attended, the weather was perfect and thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it successful and to the Chief for organizing another fun 5th Annual event.

Our "Craft Show" is this weekend, Saturday and Sunday and hopefully all can attend.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

The union negotiations for both bargaining units has started and our next meeting is in early October. Also, the August financials are in process and Accountant Mary Ventrella will provide the board with a 4-month financial review with budget comparisons at the next board meeting.

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Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

Thanked Chief DeVries for a great job on the “Car Show.”

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

Stated that with all the traffic problems that we heard about tonight Sergeant Ramirez has taken the reins and he’s obtained a grant for some roadside safety checks for the next year; and on top of that, Chief DeVries was able to find out that we can write local ordinance tickets and handle the tickets in house through our adjudication system. So it’s a win-win; we don’t pay for the officers going to outside court.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

No Report

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

No Report

Clerk’s Report

No Report

Attorney Rob Bush

No Report

Chief John DeVries

Thanked all the board members that came out to help with the “Car Show.” It was a great day and we had a nice turnout.

Talked about the increase of robberies in our surrounding area that are getting closer to our eastern village borders; they are even jumping people at bus stops, a gang of 4 or 5 jump out of a car with guns and rob all the people waiting for a bus. If any of this happens to any of our residents, give them what they want and don’t fight back.

Commented on the new no bail bond act: We make several arrests this week and we called the State Attorney’s Office and they walked us through what we had to do and we submitted the paperwork and they were outside the door before my paperwork was completely done and this is something we’re just going to have to deal with until it changes and hopefully it changes and goes back to where it was.

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F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: MCD Director Ron Gross' contract was signed and approved. With Smart 911 Ron has been attending many local events to try to sign up as many residents towards Smart 911. Just as a reminder, anybody can sign up at smart911.com. As far as the staffing, we have 13 fully trained, 3 in training, 2 part-time PC's and we have 1 full-time opening. The next meeting will be on November 14th.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: No Report – Our next meeting is on October 3, 2023.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting is October 10, 2023 at Central Baptist Village, it will be a breakfast meeting.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: We met last Tuesday and they gave us an update on the noise monitors, airport operation levels, O'Hare levels. Also, the full board received an update regarding a change in the packets that our sub-committee proposed, so that was okay with the rest of the Technical Committee and our sub-committee is going to move on to the next packet which is the actual noise monitor reports and then we're going to meet again on November 14, 2023.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–8:

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe pulled Consent Agenda item I 1 for a separate vote.

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 2–8:

2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,860.00**, payable to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for the second payment on the 5-year agreement for the preparation of GASB 74/75 Actuarial Valuations for fiscal years April 30, 2022 through April 30, 2026 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-03-9602.00 – Finance.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,510.00**, payable to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for the second payment on the 3-year agreement for the preparation of Police Tax Levy Actuarial Valuations and Police GASB 67/68 Actuarial Valuation for fiscal years April 30, 2022 through April 30, 2024 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-03-9602.00 – Finance.
4. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Christening Party” to be held on **Sunday, November 12, 2023** in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 1pm to 5pm.
5. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign #03-02** at the address commonly known as **4249 N. Newcastle** and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner.
6. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$115,506.19** as they appear on the September 28, 2023 check register **#73269** thru **#73329**.

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7. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$160,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (September 29, 2023).
8. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$266,033.60 as they appear on the EFT Register thru September 26, 2023.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 2-8 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

ITEM PULLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Motion by Trustee Steiner, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda item I 1:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held September 14, 2023.

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

A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki

ABSENT: Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jezierny: Reviewed a number of items to be considered by the board; and a number of upcoming events to add to board members individual calendars.

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Pollowy: Read a "Thank You" letter from A Million Thanks for our donation in support and appreciation for our service members' sacrifices.

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Lewandowski: Thanked Chief DeVries and his family and his "club" for putting together a great "Car Show" again this year. I know it's a lot of work but it seems the shows are getting better and better each and every year.

Trustee Zerillo: Thanked Chief DeVries for allowing the Police Department sending a few police cars to participate in the Columbus Day Parade on Monday, October 9, 2023. The Governor signed a bill designating October as "Italian American Heritage Month."

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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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 Brzozowski-Wegrecki 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 28, 2023 at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk