

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025**

**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	Margaret Kostopolus

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Lorianne Yanora, 6422 W. Forest Preserve Dr.:** Presented the idea of a small “Dog Park” on the Forest Preserve triangle that was a kiddie park many, many years ago. She stated there are a lot of people in her area that have dogs.

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

**Mayor’s Report**

Since the last Board meeting of Sept 25th, we have had A Car Show, Coffee with a Cop, Bears and Brew at Norridge Park, Open House at the Fire Department, Outdoor Community event with St. Rep Brad Stephens and also our Craft Show. Thanks to the members of our Village Board who attended the events and thanks to Chief DeVries for his work on coordinating the Car Show, Sgt Nick Ramirez for coordinating Coffee with a Cop and all the Harwood Heights Public Works and Police Departments for all their help with all the community Events.

It was a busy time, but all events were successful with community attendance and good weather. I want to do a special thanks to our Recreation Director Mike Grono for all the work and organization of the Craft Show. His many hours prior to the event and after were very much appreciated by us and even the vendors who mentioned how organized everything was. I also want to thank our staff, Mary, Maria, Liz, Bonnie, George, Ashley, and Police Aux Sal for their assistance and time; and of course, our Hot Dog professionals Trustees Ziggy Lewandowski and Gene Brutto for their help for 2 days straight making the best hot dogs around. Of course I want to thank all involved who made our events successful.

At our next Board Meeting of October 23rd, the Village Board and Police Department will be recognizing those Police Officers, Fire Department and MCD Dispatch employees for their outstanding and collaborative effort by all to save the life of a resident during a critical event.

The Senior Assistance Centers is seeking Drivers for Home Delivered Meals. If you can spare a few hours, please call SAC at 708-456-7979

Forest Preserve Drive paving project (form Montrose to Narragansett) is intended to begin the week of Oct 13th and be completed by Nov 7th

A memo to residents in the area is going out tomorrow to keep them informed.

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Our Youth Sport programs are in full swing and their Halloween events with costume judging, coloring contest and pizza is on Saturday, October 25th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Please register by calling the Village Hall.

There are several Truck & Treat events in and around our community.

Norridge Park - Family Pumpkin Fest – on Saturday, Oct 18th 11:00am-3:00pm.

Norridge – Car Show & Trick & Treat at the Divine Savior lot – on Thursday, Oct 16th 4:30pm-9:00pm.

Pennoyer – Trunk & Treat on Friday, Oct 17th 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Bethany Church on Gunnison in Harwood Heights – Trunk & Treat on Friday, Oct 31st 6:00pm – 8:00 pm.

Norridge Carnival – Friday, Oct 10th- Sunday, Oct.12th.

The Trustees will be judging Halloween Decorations at your houses. So have your lights on at 7:00 pm on Halloween, Friday, October 31st to be a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place winner for local gift certificates.

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

I just want to let the board know that the auditors are progressing well on the annual audit.

**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

On tonight's agenda, item I 21 is an ordinance for the sale of the old street sweeper.

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

**No Report**

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

**No Report**

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

George Cahill is back hard at work. Monday is Columbus Day and we will be participating once again, bringing down the village squad car for the parade. We have a float from the Italian Cultural Center going to the parade, so if anyone wants to join us, please feel free to join us.

Thanked the Police Department regarding an incident in front of his home and solving it within 20 minutes due to the FLOCK camera.

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

**No Report**

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

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**Attorney**

**No Report**

**Chief John DeVries**

Stated that the FLOCK camera picked up a driver who lost control of his car and went up over the parkway and everyone thought that the vehicle on the parkway was struck by another vehicle, he tore up the parkway. Within 20 minutes the FLOCK camera was able to determine the vehicle that caused the damage, and the Officers were able to go out and speak to the gentleman and they handled it accordingly. The FLOCK cameras have paid off a number of times and I had a meeting with Superintendent Mike Mcquire from Union Ridge School regarding FLOCK cameras. Since they are doing construction there now, and they are doing the electrical work right now and they have agreed to meet with the FLOCK representative, and they want to purchase 2 cameras and put them on Oak Park Avenue for the safety of the children and residents there; plus the safety for the school. One on the east side of the street and one on the west side of the street and the rep will figure out where to place them so they get the best out of them. So, Superintendent Mike Mcquire is on board with us and we're very happy because we really need them on that street. Our Officers have been a daily presence at the school, and our Auxiliaries have been helping out by filling in as crossing guards.

**Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo:**

Stated that October is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" which is a time to honor survivors and to support the ongoing fight against that disease. Breast Cancer effects millions of individuals each year, including members of our own officers' families. So, throughout the month of October you're going to see some of our officers' wearing a pink patch as a symbol of our solidarity.

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**NONE**

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** Our next meeting is possibly in November but more likely in January.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** On October 14th we will be voting on the final budget. They are still working on the final number on the EV's and the 2.9% increase.

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** There is a meeting is next Tuesday, it will be at City Tap in Norridge 11:00am for a lunch meeting.

**Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee:** Our next meeting is on October 21st.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

**None**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–24:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held September 25, 2025.

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2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,635.06, payable to SEPS, Inc. for renewal of One Year On-site Service for the Water Tower Backup Battery 12-28-25 – 12-27-26 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-9555.02 – Water & Sewer Fund
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$9,825.00, payable to Grace Infrastructure Company to perform tuckpointing work for the well house located at 4644 N. Oketo Avenue expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7051.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,091.40, payable to Regional Truck Equipment Co. for snow plow blades expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-06-7038.00 – Public Works.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,147.00, payable to John DeVries for the purchase of t-shirts for the Car Show expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-6000.00 – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,174.21, payable to A-1 Professional Automotive for brake replacement on the 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,393.00, payable to The Printing Station II for the 2026 Resident and Truck Mirror Hangers & file set-up for 2026 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7022.00 – Police.
8. Motion to rehire Taylor McFall as an assistant for the Volleyball Program at \$15/hour.
9. Motion to rehire Julia Szczepaniak as an assistant for the Volleyball Program at \$15/hour.
10. Motion to rehire Adam Prestigiacomo as a coach for the Basketball Program at \$15/hour.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$150.00, payable to American Custom Screenprinting and Embroidery for t-shirts for the Arts & Crafts Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$450.00, payable to American Custom Screenprinting and Embroidery for shirts for the intermediate Basketball Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$275.00, payable to Sunburst Sportswear for shirts for beginning Basketball Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$125.00, payable to American Custom Screenprinting and Embroidery for shirts for the Floor Hockey Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7035.02 – Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$201.40, payable to Lisa Mignogna for goodie bag materials for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$200.00, payable to Mary Pelarenos for arts and crafts supplies for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$100.00, payable to Mary Pelarenos for juice and water for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$125.00, payable to Nia Giolas for prizes for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$300.00, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizzas for the Halloween Party expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 - Recreation.
20. To approve the Salvation Army's **"Red Kettle Campaign"** for **Monday - Saturday, November 1, 2025 - December 24, 2025** pursuant to complying with all village ordinances.

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21. To Adopt **Ordinance 25-13**, An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Harwood Heights. (Street Sweeper).
22. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$229,112.12** as they appear on the October 7, 2025 check register **#76292** thru **#76354**.
23. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$180,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (October 17, 2025).
24. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of **\$15,926.24** for September 2025 IMRF Pension Fund.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 24 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**

None

**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

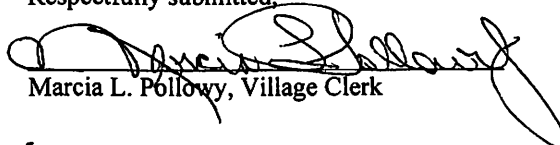
**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Brzezniak-Volpe, 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, October 9, 2025 at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk