

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 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

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.

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

Attorney Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

The agenda tonight includes a new hire for Public Works as well as coaches for the Youth Commission programs including items for their sport programs.

A Safety Seminar is taking place tomorrow, Friday, at 2:00 pm.

Kiwanis is having their annual Bingo Auction at the Estelle Sieb Center on Irving Park at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$25 and includes Pizza and Salad

The Senior Assist Center is having their "Fall Festival" this Sunday from Noon – 3:00.

Reminder that this October and November we will be collecting items for the Illinois Veteran's Home. Barrels are placed in our lobby and Recreation Center for collections.

Other things to remember:

Central Baptist Open House – Oct 21st – 1pm-4pm.

Oct 20th, Friday is "Truck or Treat at Pennoyer from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

HH Youth "Halloween Party" is Saturday, October 28th from 1-3:00pm.

Park District Halloween Party is Saturday, Oct 21st from 11am-4pm.

Italian American Police Association of IL – Nov 3rd.

Grant for Traffic Enforcement – Oct 1st – Sept 30, 2024.

Flock Cameras – We will be ordering 3 more based on Board approval at our next board meeting.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

The union negotiations are in process, we met with both parties this last week and we have an additional meeting scheduled with both units at the end of the month. September financials are in process and Mary distributed the August financials this morning and she's going to give a brief overview to the board.

Accountant Mary Ventrella: Reviewed in detail the first 4-months of Fiscal Year 23/24 financials - Revenues vs. Expenses by department.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

Two weeks from today we're going to have a Special Ordinance/License Committee meeting at 6:00pm before the board meeting to address the resident parking request for 7500 W. Gunnison. The Village Attorney is working on a letter that will be sent to all the households on that block; the letter will be sent out next week.

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

There will be a "Public Safety" meeting tomorrow at 2:00pm, hopefully everybody will attend. There will be good information for all the residents in the village.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Looking for the board's support on Item H1 for a new hire for the Public Works team. Just a reminder that it's "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" so wear pink, show your support and get a mammogram. October is also "Polish Heritage Month."

Building

Trustee Zerillo

We started talking at our last Committee of the Whole meeting regarding our permit fees. Once I return I will sit down with our Building Commissioner, and possible one fellow trustee would like to assist, and we can sit down and start going through this. On another note, October is also "Italian American Heritage Month".

Thanked Chief DeVries for Officer Rivera's attendance at the Columbus Day Parade, there was record attendance not only in the crowds but more floats this year. I look forward to it again next year.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

The Morton Arboretum announced that they will receive \$15 million in federal funding from the U.S. Forest Service through the Reduction Act to expand and improve the tree canopy in disadvantaged communities throughout Illinois; so we are hoping that can get a portion of that grant and again next year planting for 2024 we'll be planting more trees hopefully in the Fall of 2024.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Rob Bush

No Report

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Chief John DeVries

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: The next meeting will be on November 14th.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: At our meeting is on October 3, 2023 Director Marianne Birko stated that they are working on the new budget; she needs some additional numbers from the village. Their big Fall fundraiser “Falling for Our Stars” on November 10, 2023 at the Cheney Mansion in Oak Park.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023 8:15 am to 10:30am at Central Baptist Village, it will be a breakfast meeting.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: No meeting since my last report, the October meeting was cancelled so I will report back hopefully after the November meeting. In the news reports, the Village of Elk Grove has filed civil action against the FAA regarding the “Fly Quiet Plan” that was denied. I’m sure I will hear more information at our November meeting or it may be brought up at your next meeting Mayor as well.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki on item H 1:

1. Motion to hire Joe Napolitano as a Public Works Laborer effective November 1, 2023 at a starting salary of \$56,800.

A roll call vote on Appointment/Reappointment/Hires item H 1 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Trustee Zerillo amended Consent Agenda I 1 minutes to reflect his trustee comment to read “Italian American Heritage Month.

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 2–24 as amended:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held September 28, 2023.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$2,945.44**, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water break on 9-18-23 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,290.00**, payable to Core & Mann for the purchase of an Omni Water Meter expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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4. Motion to hire Adam Prestigiacommo as a coach for the Basketball Program at \$15 an hour pending background check.
5. Motion to hire Shawn Loutos as a coach for the Basketball Program at \$15 an hour pending background check.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to World's Oldest Sport for shirts for the Basketball Program expensed to FY 23/23 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$25.00**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for whistles for the Basketball Program expensed to FY 23/23 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$150.00**, payable to World's Oldest Sport for shirts for the Chess Program expensed to FY 23/23 line item 11-08-7039.01 – Recreation.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to World's Oldest Sport for shirts for the Arts & Crafts Program expensed to FY 23/23 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,013.76**, payable to Republic Services for dump fees on 9/15 & 9/29 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-06-7056.00 – Public Works.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,781.93**, payable to Impact for copier printing over contract quarterly rate expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7022.00- Administration.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$7,633.75**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through September 30, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,125.00**, payable to the Italian American Police Association of Illinois for the board's attendance to their 85th Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, November 3, 2023 at Chateau Ritz and a full page ad in the program book expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7040 – Administration.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$15,000.00**, payable to the Seniors Assistance Center for 1st installment to SAC's 2023-2024 fiscal year (10/01/23 – 9/30/24) per the 2023/2024 Appropriation Budget for the village's contribution expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7033.04 – General Administration.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$12,562.25**, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Association for the 4th Quarter 2023 Share Payment & Inclusion Payment expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7037.01 – Recreation.
16. Motion to deny 7444 W. Wilson Avenue's request for renewal of the Class 6b.
17. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a "SAC's Fall Fest" to be held on **Sunday, October 15, 2023** in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 12pm to 3pm.
18. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a "Family Dinner" to be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2023** in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 5pm to 9pm.
19. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a "Children's Birthday Party" to be held on **Sunday, November 19, 2023** in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 2pm to 7pm.
20. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a "Birthday Party" to be held on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 1pm to 5pm.
21. To remove **Handicap Parking Sign #04-12** at the address commonly known as **4426 N. Neenah** and to direct Public Works to remove the sign in a timely manner. (Resident moved out of village).

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- 22. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$180,705.24 as they appear on the October 14, 2023 check register #73330 thru #73389.
- 23. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$175,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (October 13, 2023).
- 24. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$12,826.77 for September 2023 IMRF Pension Fund.

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

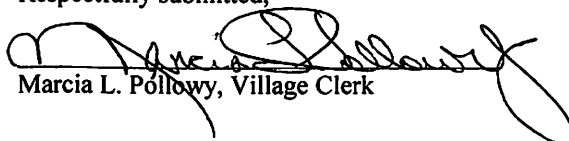
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 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, October 12, 2023 at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk