

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 2022**

- 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	Mark Heinle

We lost a former Mayor of Harwood Heights - Ray Willas. Mayor Willas was Mayor for 28 years and passed away on Monday, October 10, 2022. If we can have a moment of silence to remember all he has done for our Village and to keep his family in our prayers.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Carlo Salvador, 7519 W. Strong:** Explained the proposed referendum for Pennoyer School and encouraged the board members affected by this referendum to please support it. Encouraged the board and members of the community to go to the [PennoyerYes.com](http://PennoyerYes.com) website for detailed information on the proposed improvements.

**Maria Salvador, 7519 W. Strong:** Explained further the school's situation regard the proposed referendum for Pennoyer School and encouraged the board members affected by this referendum to please support it.

**Elizabeth Klinger, 7511 W. Winona:** Explained the importance of the proposed referendum for Pennoyer School, she has two children attending Pennoyer, and encouraged the board members affected by this referendum to please support it.

**LuAnn Walters, 6954 W. Gunnison:** Is asking the board to consider a Handicap Parking space for her

**Oksana Mytrofanyuk, 7436 W. Ainslie:** Explained the importance of the proposed referendum for Pennoyer School and encouraged the board members affected by this referendum to please support it.

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

**Mayor's Report**

**Mayor Jezierny**

Tax Appeal forms are available at the Village Hall. Please return them to the Village by November 10th.

We just had a tree ceremony in the front of the Village Hall. It was donated by Christopher Burke Engineer through Morton Arboretum. We are thankful to Morton Arboretum for providing us with 60 trees this year planted throughout our community. Thanks to Trustees Lewandowski, Trustee Zerillo and our Public Works team for planting all these trees.

The Eisenhower Library is having a fun night playing bingo at the Draft Bar on Irving Park Road in Chicago.

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Buona Beef notified us that they will be having a Grand Opening for the addition of Rainbow Cone in their location. The ribbon cutting will be a noon on October 28th.

There are some Truck & Treat events going on in the community:

October 21st at Norridge Park 4-6pm Res \$10; N-Red \$16.

October 21st at Pennoyer School 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

October 31st at Union Ridge School 6-8 pm.

Union Ridge is also doing a Red Ribbon Walk on Tuesday, October 25th at 1:30pm.

Trustees will be out judging the Halloween decorations on Sunday, October 30th so have your lights on at 7:00pm

Please note that Halloween curfew is 8:00pm on Halloween Night – Oct 31st.  
Motorists please drive carefully watching for Trick or Treaters!

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

Our Auditors Miller Cooper are scheduled to present the fiscal year 2021/2022 Audit at our October 27, 2022 Special Committee of the Whole meeting beginning at 7:00pm.

**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

Stated that after our discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier this evening we will have a number of ordinance issues coming up in the near future that will be worked on.

Thanked the late Mayor Ray Willas for his great years of service to make this village a great place to live.

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

With Halloween around the corner please drive slowly and make sure you're watching out for "Trick & Treater's" that will be walking up and down the streets. I know our Police Department will be out patrolling as they always do for Halloween. Please be careful!

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

**No Report**

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

We just discussed a couple of ordinance updates at our earlier Committee of the Whole meeting this evening regarding height elevations and fire sprinkler systems so I will talk to our Building Commissioner and Village Attorney further on those subjects. Thanked Chief DeVries for providing a squad car and Officer Rivera for the Columbus Day Parade on Monday, October 10, 2022.

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**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

We planted 67 trees this year so between 2020 and this year we have planted a total of 150 trees. We will continue our relationship with the Morton Arboretum. Again the trees are given as a formal grant so our residents don't have to pay for them. Again I thank all those who volunteered and helped with this years planting.

**Clerk's Report**

**No Report**

**Attorney Mark Heinle**

**No Report**

**Chief DeVries**

Stated that the number one thing happening now is mail thief. It doesn't matter if you're mailing it in the mailbox or you walk inside the building at the post office at the counter; these checks are getting taken and washed and we're getting a lot. We get at least a minimum of two a day, and that's a lot. The Mayor and I have been trying to meet with the Postal Inspectors for about a year, a year and a half on this. We finally met with them about two months ago only because we went to a news station and we asked them to broadcast these mail thief's because a lot of victims were coming forward. So they came in and met with us and they started working on it. They believe it's internal but they can't pinpoint yet, but we do know that our midnight shift were out there patrolling and they caught a couple guys breaking into these mailboxes and they had keys; so they have keys to these mailboxes. As you saw on the news last night there was a robbery at gunpoint, the mailmen are being taken off their routes just to get their keys away from them. Please be careful! Don't put mail in the mailboxes, you stand a better chance of going into the Post Office to deposit your mail. We put warning signs up at each of the freestanding mailboxes to warn individuals regarding mail theft.

A new resident at our Committee of the Whole meeting tonight stated she had her catalytic convertor twice in the city before moving into the village. Please don't be a hero! If you see the theft in progress don't try to stop it by yourself, they are shooting at individuals attempting to stop the theft. If you see something that's not right, don't wait 30 minutes, call 911 and let the police handle the situation.

We spoke with the board tonight about getting more surveillance cameras in our town because it would help us deter some of the crime.

**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Brutto:** Echoed Trustee Steiner's comment regarding Ray Willas. Thanked Ray Willas for his service, I was about 15 year's old when he became the Mayor and my dad spent a lot of time in service to the village with Ray and he was a great Mayor.

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** MCD does not have a meeting until November and I will be reporting after that.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** At our last meeting WSSRA started working on the 2023 recommendation for Harwood Heights and all the WSSRA partnerships partner shares. We should have those numbers in December. The numbers will be based on 25% population from the 2020 census and 75% on the EAV which is the Estimated Assessed Value. Also, two of their buses had their catalytic convertors stolen. They have a mechanic working with them to fix the problem and they are looking for a secure location to park their buses from now on and installing cameras around their facility.

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**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** The meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Cucina Biagio's. Our next meeting is a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Rocco Vino's; \$30 online or \$40 at the door and please bring an unwrapped gift for a child. Gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army.

**Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee:** Our regular technical meeting this past Tuesday was replaced with a tour of the airfield. Trustee Lewandowski, the Mayor, Accountant Mary Ventrella joined me for the tour. We took a bus pretty much on the runway at O'Hare Airport to see some of their construction. It was interesting to see some behind the scenes of issues that we talk about during our meetings. For example, the ground run-up, how many times have we discussed the ground run-up and we finally got to see it and what it's all about. A fire truck can be anywhere within two minutes; there are four fire stations on the runways at O'Hare and in two minutes they can be at any point of that airport. Our next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of November and I will report back on the technical committee from there.

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

None

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–18:**

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held September 22, 2022.
2. Motion to approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,639.08, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of October 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,200.00, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for the Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the NPDES MS4 Phase II Compliance Activities for (2021-2022) and to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,925.00, payable to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for Professional Engineering Services for the 2022 NPDES MS4 Phase II Compliance from May 29, 2022 to June 25, 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-9610.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,007.00, payable to SEPS, Inc. for renewal of One Year On-site Service for the Water Tower Backup Battery 12-28-22 – 12-27-23 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-7038.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$8,248.60, payable to Utility Service Co., Inc. for quarterly payment for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project expensed to FY 22/23 line item 22-00-9555.02 – Water & Sewer Fund.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$115.00, payable to Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police for membership renewal through December 31, 2023 for Chief DeVries expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-05-7025.00 – Police.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,109.00, payable to Anderson Lock to replace the power supply for key fob entrance into the doors in and out of cell corridor & prisoner cells expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-05-8600.00 – Police.
9. Motion to hire Vincenzo Scaletta at \$10.00 per hour as Coach/Referee for the Basketball Program. Background check already completed.

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10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$150.00, payable to World's Oldest Sports for purchase of T-Shirts for the Chess Program expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7039.01 – Recreation.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$30.00, payable to Lisa Mignogna for key chain prizes for the Chess Program expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7039.01 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$240.00, payable to World's Oldest Sports for purchase of T-Shirts for the Soccer Program expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$10,000.00, payable to Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd for Professional services rendered in connection with the April 30, 2022 Audit progress billing expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-03-9602.00 - \$8,400.00 – Finance & 22-00-9602.00 - \$2,100.00 – Water & Sewer.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$6,213.75, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through September 30, 2022 expensed to FY 22/23 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
15. Motion to allow beer consumption for a Birthday Party to be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 in the Village Community/Rec Rooms from 2pm to 6pm.
16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$236,028.45 as they appear on October 13, 2022 check register #71770 thru #71847.
17. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$155,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (October 14, 2022).
18. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the estimated amount of \$12,123.11 for September 2022 IMRF Pension Fund.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-18 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**

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**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

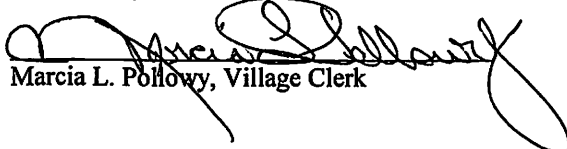
**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 20, 2022 at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk