

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 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 (Absent)

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

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wahib Ben, 7350 W. Lawrence: Currently the owner of a restaurant in the strip mall on the 7300 block of Lawrence. Made his request to convert his restaurant into a hookah bar at our October 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. Again asking the board if he can proceed with this request?

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

I just want to remind everybody that Halloween judging is Monday October 30, 2023 at 7:00pm; so please give me the 3 contenders from the eastside of Harlem and the westside of Harlem.

This Saturday the Youth Commission is celebrating the "Halloween Party" from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, please join in and help out where you can.

On November 3, 2023 we have the Italian American Police Association Dinner at Chateau Ritz.

Don't forget about the Veterans Home items; two barrels are now in the lobby as well as in the Rec. Center.

Keep in mind that the Halloween Curfew is at 8:00pm.

Finance

Trustee Brutto

As we heard earlier this evening at the Committee of the Whole meeting Miller Cooper conducted our audit review, which was a very good review. Thanks to our Accountant Mary and the team for all the hard work on that. Also, union negotiations are continuing, we met with the police bargaining unit today, it was a very productive meeting and we have a follow-up meeting scheduled in a couple of weeks, so things are progressing there as well.

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Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

A Special Ordinance/License Committee meeting for the resident only parking for Gunnison is being rescheduled for November 9, 2023 at 6:00pm before the board meeting. Union Ridge School will be doing a "Veterans Day" program but right now I'm not sure of the date or time.

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

No Report

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Thanked Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe and Trustee Brutto for agreeing to assist him in reviewing the permit fees.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

No Report

Clerk's Report

No Report - Absent

Attorney Margaret Kostopoulos

No Report

Chief John DeVries

Talked about some of the robberies going on in the City of Chicago surrounding our town. They are approaching the victim car at gun point and taking whatever possession they have and they're pulling victims right out of their cars; it's getting worse, I'm getting all the updates on my phone. What Chicago is trying to do, is the more we spread this through the suburbs, it might help to catch them because of our Flock cameras and what's going on because when they take these cars and leave the city and come out to the suburbs to create more crime. Please if you see anything that doesn't look right, you see that's suspicious, please dial 911 and let us handle it.

Sergeant Ramirez is doing a campaign for a "Halloween" grant for distracted drivers, seat belts, so please drive carefully; don't be talking on your cell phone, put your seat belt on and be aware of children out there "Trick & Treating." Thanked Sergeant Ramirez and his crew for working on this.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

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G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: No meeting until November.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting will be a Christmas meeting in December.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: Our meeting this month was actually changed to a tour of the FAA facility out in Elgin that tracks all of the planes in our air space within a 30 mile radius.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

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

1. Motion to approve the Youth Commission appointment of Shawn Loutos to assist with coaching basketball at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

Motion by Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki, seconded by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe on item H 2:

2. Motion to approve the Youth Commission appointment of Adam Prestigiaco to assist with coaching basketball at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

A roll call vote on Appointment/Reappointment/Hires item H 2 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Steiner on item H 3:

3. Motion to hire Tina Pocurull as Office Clerk effective November 6, 2023 at a salary of \$38,000.

A roll call vote on Appointment/Reappointment/Hires item H 3 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jezierny pulled Consent Agenda item I 11 for a separate vote and amended Consent Agenda item I 15 to reflect check numbers 73390 thru 73448.

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–10 & I 12 - 17 as amended:

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1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held October 12, 2023.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,405.77, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water break on 10-4-23 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,375.72, the annual renewal of Barracuda Firewall until November 28, 2024 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-14-9508.00 – Village Properties.
4. To approve expenditure not to exceed \$12,187.00 payable to BS&A for the Annual Renewal Service/Support for the General Ledger/Budgeting System, Accounts Payable System, Cash Receipting System, Miscellaneous Receivable System, Fixed Assets System, Purchase Order System, Utility Billing System, BS&A Online Services, BS&A Building Online Services & BS&A Online Financial System November 1, 2023 to November 1, 2024 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-03-9527.00 - \$9,748.00 and line item 22-00-7527.00 - \$2,438.00.
5. To approve actual expenditure not to exceed \$1960.00 payable to Core & Main for purchase of Omni Water Meter replacing proposal approved on October 12 agenda for \$1,290 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure not to exceed \$2,819.00 payable to LeadsOnline for the annual renewal of LeadsOnline Power Plus Investigation System Service Package 12-14-23 to 12-14-24 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-9542.00 – Police,
7. To approve expenditure not to exceed \$2,954.08 payable to John DeVries for the reimbursement of Twin Transmission for repair of Squad #497 and Squad #494 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7044.00
8. To approve expenditure not to exceed \$2,529.73 payable to Harwood Heights Auto Body for repair of Ford Interceptor #492 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7044-00 with reimbursement from Fuller Car Wash on 10/20/23.
9. To approve an expenditure not to exceed \$2,329.50 payable to Koda Auto Electronics for installation of Pro Gard bumpers on Squads #499, #491 and #492 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7044.00 - Police.
10. To approve an expenditure not to exceed \$5,100.00 payable to Rango Sewer and Water Inc. for repair of water line and installation of copper pipe for house repair on the 4300 block of New England expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
12. To approve expenditure not to exceed \$1,395.94 payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for fuel expensed to FY23/24 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
13. To approve expenditure not to exceed \$124,941.00 payable to Municipal Consolidated Dispatch for the installment payment #3 of #4 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-9527.01 – Police.
14. Motion to allow alcohol consumption of beer and wine for a “Christening” to be held on Sunday, November 12, 2023 in the Village Community Room from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.
15. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$735,000.00 as they appear on the October 26, 2023 check register #73390 thru #73448.
16. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$160,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (October 27, 2023).
17. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$190,523.38 as they appear on the EFT Register thru October 24, 2023.

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A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-10 & I 12-17 as amended resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda item I 11:

11. Motion to deny the request for the addition of a Hookah Lounge at 7348-50 Lawrence.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 11 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:

Wahib Ben, 7350 W. Lawrence: Stated that with the denial for the Hookah Lounge he may be forced to close his existing business.

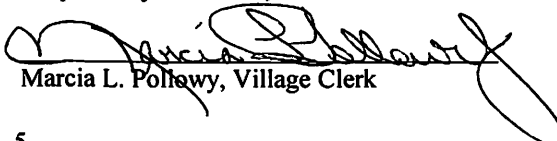
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 26, 2023 at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk