

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Jezierny: The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the passing of a longtime resident who lived on Strong Street; also, for the passing of a very dear friend of Clerk Pollowy who passed away this afternoon.

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Dustiud, Romanian Christian Church on Montrose: Addressed the board regarding limited parking on Montrose/Rutherford for the parishioners during church service hours on Sunday's and during the week.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

This is the last Board Meeting for the month. Our next meeting is a Committee of the Whole on December 5, 2024 and a Board Meeting on December 10, 2024.

The agenda tonight includes pizzas to celebrate the awards for Soccer, Arts & Crafts and Chess, as well as an ordinance for police lateral criteria for accepting applications for police officers.

Until our next meeting, on behalf of the Village Board, we "Wish everybody a Wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday."

Finance

Trustee Brutto

The September Financials were disturbed to the board today and the October Financials are in process. We are at the half-way point of the village's fiscal year and once the October Financials are completed, we anticipate reviewing them at the next Committee of the Whole.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

Asked for the board's approval of the police lateral ordinance that's on tonight's agenda. Last week I complemented the Police on their participation at the "Red Ribbon Walk," but I forgot to thank our Public Works Department assisting and traffic control.

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Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

Hope everyone supports and approves the police lateral ordinance on tonight's agenda.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building

Trustee Zerillo

He Building Department is working on getting our permit applications online, so I'll touch base with our Building Commissioner and we'll get a meeting scheduled.

AT&T was here last week and replaced some of our telephone lines with fiber optic especially the lines going to our AT&T cable channel.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

Stated that Robert Hendricksen is continuing trimming trees on the westside of the village; should be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Clerk's Report

We will be doing the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program again the year. The Christmas Tree is already in the lobby with the tags and I encourage all the board members to take at least one tag for this season. Everything is due back on December 16th and the Mayor will be delivering them on the 17th.

Attorney Mark Heinle

No Report

Chief John DeVries

Wanted to thank our Social Worker for coming to our meeting earlier today with the supervisors and asked all the officers to attend so they can know what's going on and see what's happening in the village.

We are getting a lot of EMS calls from Norwood Park for patient assistance, for mental health and other things. My officers go to these calls constantly and I thank them to being of assistance because it's a step up and beyond helping everybody out especially when we get older.

Thanked the board for be understanding for what I am asking for with these cars and for the ordinance to hopefully hire a new officer to replace an officer who just left.

Wished everybody a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving!

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: I have to say Public Works has really been good about cleaning the streets, they have been out there constantly. In the City of Chicago their street sweepers don't even pick up the leaves, they just mulch them and leave them on the street.

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Trustee Lewandowski: Wished the Chief Good Luck and a Speedy recover on his upcoming surgery.

Mayor Jezierny: I'm working on our next newsletter and ask the Deputy Chief to give me some info regarding the Lateral Police Officer hiring notice so if any resident knows of someone who would be interested in applying.

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: The Tuesday, November 12, 2024 meeting was cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday in January 2025.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: We had our meeting on Tuesday and we discussed our preliminary budget report and it was factored in that River Grove will be joining the WSSRA. Our preliminary budget numbers for next year will be \$51,542. The WSSRA “Falling for out Stars” event raised the most money ever for it this past year.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting is scheduled for December 10th will be our Christmas lunch meeting at Rocco Vino’s – bring unwrapped gift.

Trustee Zerillo – O’Hare Technical Committee: We met this morning and reviewed the Airport Utilization Report and the Traffic Report. Next month the ONCC Committee will see the two reports and the new Fly Quiet Report that we are working on. The next meeting will be in January.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on Consent Agenda items I 1–26 as amended:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held October 24, 2024.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$55.00, payable to Municipal Clerks of Illinois for the Annual Membership Dues for the Village Clerk for Calendar Year 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,000.00, payable to Illinois Municipal League for Membership Dues beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,855.00, payable to Core & Main for the purchase of 2 Omni Water Meters expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund. (Meters for Family Palace & Burlington).
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,850.00, payable to A&E Landscaping, Inc. for concrete work for 6554 W. Montrose Ave. as listed on the invoice expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-7036.06 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,269.88, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of October 2024 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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7. Motion to approve an additional \$30,000 increase to be added to the original \$174,220 contract that was approved on April 11, 2024 for the 2024 Street Program Project in the construction observation budget for Christopher B. Burke Engineering expensed to FY 24/25 line item 12-25-8530.00 – Capital Project Fund.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,600.00**, payable to US Industrial for the purchase of shelving racks for Public Works expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-14-7051.02 – Village Properties.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$138.75**, payable to Shawn Loutos for coaching Basketball 9/30 – 10/30 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$273.75**, payable to Adam Prestigiacombo for coaching Basketball 9/30 – 10/30 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$258.75**, payable to John Karamitsos for coaching Basketball 10/7 – 10/30 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$225.00**, payable to Stephanie Ramirez for coaching Soccer 9/14 – 11/2 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$30.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for juice and water for the Soccer Awards Party expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizzas for the Soccer Awards Party expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.
15. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$75.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizzas for end of the Chess Program expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7039.01 – Recreation.
16. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$180.00**, payable to Ekaterina Politsopoulos for assisting with the Arts & Craft Program 9/26 – 11/21 expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$50.00**, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizzas for end of Arts & Crafts Class expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$7,220.73**, payable to Noble Tec LLC for a 1YR Term for Microsoft 365 Business Standard and Exchange Online expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-14-9508.00 – Village Properties.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$15,000.00**, payable to the Seniors Assistance Center for 1st installment to SAC's 2024-2025 fiscal year (10/01/24 – 9/30/25) per the 2024/2025 Appropriation Budget for the village's contribution expensed to FY 24/25 line item 11-01-7033.04 – General Administration.
20. To approve the removal of **Handicap Parking Sign #04-40** at the address commonly known as **4507 N. Newcastle** and to direct Public Works to **remove the signs only not the posts** in a timely manner.
21. To approve the installation of **Handicap Parking Sign #22-07** at the address commonly known as **4339 N. Newland** and to direct Public Works to **install** the sign in a timely manner.
22. To Adopt **Ordinance 24-13**, An Ordinance Amending Lateral Police Officer Eligibility Criteria and Previous Experience Credit to Enhance Lateral Police Officer Recruiting.
23. To Adopt **Resolution 24-08**, A Resolution Establishing the Annual Calendar of Regular Meetings of the Village of Harwood Heights Board of Trustees, Committee of the Whole, Planning/Zoning Commission, Youth Commission, Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and Adjudication Hearings for Calendar Year 2025.

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24. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$368,159.20 as they appear on the November 14, 2024 check register #74966 thru #75040.
25. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$195,000.00 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (November 15, 2024).
26. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$14,424.38 for October 2024 IMRF Pension Fund.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 26 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

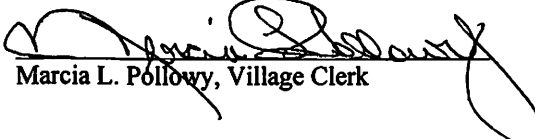
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto 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, November 14, 2024 at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk