

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2025**

**A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:30 pm by Mayor Jezierny**

**The Harwood Heights Police Department Color Guard did a presentation of the colors.**

**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	Katie Nagy

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

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

**Mayor's Report**

I want to thank our Officers for the presentation of colors, and I also want to congratulate Matt, Angel, Sal and Greg for their great accomplishments.

I'm going to do away with the reports because we have a lot going on tonight and I want to welcome you all here, what a great group. We have Norridge, we have Harwood Heights, we have family and friends, so thank you all for being here. We also have the Norwood Park Fire Department here, Union Ridge Superintendent Mike Mcquire and former Harwood Heights Police Officers and current Officers, so thank you all; it's really great to see you all.

We are going to push the one thing that you want way on the bottom of the agenda and one of our trustees said instead of the Consent Agenda he wants us to vote on every single one separately; so what do you think???

We do have cake to celebrate after the meeting, so please stay and join us for cake and coffee to celebrate Matt, Angel, Sal and Greg.

**Finance**

**Trustee Brutto**

We have on the agenda tonight the acceptance of the village's annual audit for fiscal year April 30, 2025. In addition, we have a few items on the agenda for the semi-annual debt service payments for the General Obligation Bonds issuances and the IEPA loan.

Also the Financial Report through October was distributed today for review and the November financials are in process.

Congratulated Matt, Angel Sal & Greg on their promotions.

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**Ordinance & License**

**Trustee Steiner**

Congratulated Matt, Angel Sal & Greg on their promotions they are well earned.

**Police/Public Safety**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe**

Congratulated Matt, Angel & Sal on their new positions & Greg on his promotion to Sergeant.

**Public Works/Public Health**

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki**

Thanked Public Works for keeping up with our streets in this winter weather after the 2 snowfalls.

Congratulations to Matt, Angel, Sal & Greg on moving up in the Police Department and staying with the village.

**Building**

**Trustee Zerillo**

Congratulated Matt, Angel Sal & Greg on their promotions they are well earned.

**Forestry & Green Initiative**

**Trustee Lewandowski**

**No Report**

**Clerk's Report**

I want to congratulate all those that are being advanced today on the agenda.

**Attorney**

Congratulations everyone.

**Chief John DeVries**

Greg your promotion is very well deserved, it's been a long time, I'm very happy for you.

Mayor & Board putting Matt and Angel in the same room with me, my hair can't get much whiter, but I know it's going to.

Congratulations Sal as the new Community Service Officer, I know you will do well for the community, we can really use a guy like you.

So thank you to everyone and thank you guys for allowing this to all happen.

**Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo:**

Greg congratulations to you, it's nice to see your family here supporting you, you've done a lot for this department over the course of your career and what a great step forward for you tonight.

Also, Matt, Sal, Angel I'm looking forward to you guys staying inside in your new positions.

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**F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

NONE

**G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update:** We had a special committee meeting yesterday to approve new radios for the Police Department because our current ones are going to be phased out.

**Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update:** We had our final meeting yesterday for the year and we will be scheduling WSSRA to come visit after March next year.

**Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce:** We had our Christmas Party yesterday; it was very well attended. And on behalf of the Chamber, Merry Christmas to all and we'll see you next year and shop local.

**Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee:** Our next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2026. We did have a sub-committee meeting last week on the reports and we redesigned some of the reports that Mayor you will see at your meeting, a lot more user friendly and a lot easier for the public to read.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–46:  
Trustee Zerillo pulled Consent Agenda item I 1 for a separate vote.**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 2–46:**

2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,436.04 payable to A-1 Professional Automotive for electronic ignition expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,244.90 payable to KODA for squad light bar and installation expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,620.00 payable to CourtSmart for publication access including case law and issues, on-line access to legal source books and exams expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-05-7065.00 – Police
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,395.88, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for bedding stone and dirt out for water break on 11/17/25 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Dumping Fees
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,470.60 payable to Morton Salt for Bulk Safe-T-Salt for Public Works expensed to FY 25/26 line item 44-00-6006-00 – MFT Fund
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$384.76, payable to Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for FY 2026 Local Contribution expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
8. Motion to accept the Annual Village April 30, 2025 Audit prepared by eccezion.
9. Motion to waive bidding process with costs allowed below state allowance and approve \$24,900.00 payable to Sustainable Contracting Solutions, Inc. to convert fluorescent lights to LED for Police Department - First Floor (Phase 3) expensed to FY 25/26 line item 12-00-8510.00 – Capital Project Fund.
10. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,547.71, payable to Joseph D. Foreman & Company Inc. for hydrant supplies expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-6015.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,597.14, payable to H&H Electric Co. to furnish and install a new flasher controller on Oak Park Ave. (Just North of Montrose Ave) expensed to FY 25/26 line item 44-00-7031.03 – MFT Fund.
12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,425.21, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of November 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,311.70, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of December 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
14. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,417.50, payable to Metiri for lead/copper expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-7024.01 – Water & Sewer Fund.
15. To approve a 5-year agreement with Backflow Solutions, Inc. (BSI Online) for an annual premium of \$495.00 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 22-00-9560.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
16. To approve the expenditure, not to exceed \$1,026.96, payable to Anderson Lock to replace the threshold on 2 doors in the Recreation Center expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7905.00 – Recreation.
17. Motion to approve proposal from Gewalt Hamilton Engineers for design engineering in the amount not to exceed \$19,800 for repaving portions of the 4300 block of Sayre Ave. and the 4200 block of Newland Ave. (together with the Village of Norridge) as described per agreement with the Harwood Heights construction cost for the repaving portion not to exceed \$125,000.00 – 12-25-8530.00 – Capital Projects Fund.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$37,601.76, payable to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency semiannual principle & interest on the IEPA Loan (L17-2823) for the Drinking Water Project expensed to FY 25/26 line items 22-25-2008.00-2201 - \$30,958.68 & 22-00-8815-00 - \$6,643.08 – Water & Sewer Fund.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$250.00, payable to Christine Napolitano for supplies for the Arts & Crafts Program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
20. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$150.00, payable to Ekaterina Politsopoulos for assisting the Arts & Crafts Program 9/25 thru 11/13 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7039.04 – Recreation.
21. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$165.00, payable to Adam Prestigiacomo for assisting the Basketball Program 10/29 thru 11/19 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
22. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$300.00, payable to John Karamitsos for assisting the Basketball Program 10/22 thru 11/19 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
23. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$11.14, payable to Mary Pelarenos for a scorebook for the Basketball program expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
24. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$157.26, payable to Mary Pelarenos for arts & crafts supplies for the Youth Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20, 2025 expensed to FY25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
25. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$50.00, payable to Mary Pelarenos for juice and cookies for the Youth Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20, 2025 expensed to FY25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
26. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$400.00, payable to Rocco Vino's for pizza for the Youth Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20, 2025 expensed to FY25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.

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27. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$200.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for goodie bags for the Youth Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20, 2025 expensed to FY25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
28. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$90.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for coloring contest prizes for the Youth Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20, 2025 expensed to FY25/26 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
29. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$18,075.00**, payable to eccezion for the April 30, 2025 Audit and April 30, 2025 Police Pension Audit plus GAS Audit & GASB 101 expensed to FY 25/26 line items 11-03-9602.00 - \$14,460.00 -Finance and 22-00-9602.00 – \$3,615.00 Water & Sewer Fund.
30. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,233.87**, payable to State Graphics for envelopes for the mailing of the 2026 village calendars expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-01-6000.00 – Administration.
31. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$5,328.75**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through October 31, 2025 expensed to FY 25/26 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
32. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$112,343.75**, payable to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago for Principal and Interest for funds due on 12-1-25 for G.O. Bond Series 2015 for expensed to FY 25/26 line item 55-00-7420.01 - \$95,000.00 & 55-007420.02 - \$17,343.75 – Debt Service.
33. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$248,300.00**, payable to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago for Principal & Interest for funds due 12-1-25 for G.O. Bond Series 2017 expensed to FY 25/26 line items 55-00-7421.001 - \$210,000.00 & 55-00-7421.02 - \$38,300.00 – Debt Service.
34. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$639,387.13**, payable to Amalgamated Bank of Chicago for Principal & Interest for Police Pension funds due 12-1-25 for G.O. Bond Series 2021 expensed to FY 25/26 line items 55-00-7422.01 - \$515,000.00 & 55-00-7422.02 - \$124,387.13 – Debt Service.
35. Motion to approve the Insurance Rates established for 2026 for the Village Employees: Health with Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Dental with Sun Life, Vision with VSP & Basic Life & AD&D coverage with Standard.
36. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Harwood Heights Senior Club Christmas Luncheon” to be held on **Friday, December 12, 2025** in the Village Recreation Center from 11:00am to 3:00pm.
37. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Fraternal Order of Police Christmas Party” to be held on **Saturday, December 13, 2025** in the Village Recreation Center from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.
38. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for the Employee/Appointee Christmas Party to be held on **Friday, December 19, 2025** in the Village Recreation Center from 5:30pm to 8pm.
39. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” event to be held on **Saturday, January 24, 2026** in the Village Recreation Center from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.
40. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a “Baby Shower” to be held on **Sunday, February 1, 2026** in the Village Recreation Center from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
41. To approve the removal of **Handicap Parking Sign #22-07** at the address commonly known as **4339 N. Newland** and to direct Public Works to **remove** the sign in a timely manner. (Resident moved).
42. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$592,991.29** as they appear on the November 26, 2025 check register **#76487** thru **#76546**.
43. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$160,764.84** as they appear on the December 10, 2025 check register **#76547** thru **#76610**.

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- 44. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of \$350,000 to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (December 12, 2025).
- 45. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of \$16,215.88 for November 2025 IMRF Pension Fund.
- 46. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of \$1,279,644.46 as they appear on the EFT Register thru December 10, 2025.

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 - 46 as resulted as follows:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Carried**

**ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Steiner on Consent Agenda item I 1:**

- 1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held November 13, 2025

**A roll call vote on Consent Agenda item I 1 resulted as follows:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN: Trustee Zerillo**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Carried**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**K. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None

**N. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES**

**Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski on item H 1:**

- 1. Motion to approve to hire Matthew Noschese to Records Clerk in the amount of \$65,000 effective 12-1-25.

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**A roll call vote on Appointments/Reappointments/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 Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on item H 2:**

2. Motion to approve to hire Angel Otero to Maintenance and Court Officer in the amount of \$60,000 effective 1-1-26

**A roll call vote on Appointments/Reappointments/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 Brzozowski-Wegrecki on item H 3:**

3. Motion to approve to hire Salvatore Cannella to Community Service Officer in the amount of \$49,500 effective 1-1-26

**A roll call vote on Appointments/Reappointments/Hires item H 3 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 Zerillo on item H 4:**

4. Motion to approve the promotion of Officer Greg Hauptman to Sergeant in the Harwood Heights Police Department effective 12-10-25.  
(Sworn in by Fire & Police Commissioner)

**A roll call vote on Appointments/Reappointments/Hires item H 4 resulted as follows:**

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Carried**

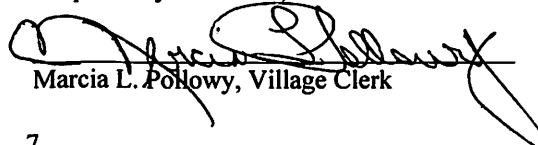
**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk