

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
HELD ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 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
Trustees	Eugene Brutto Annette Brzezniak-Volpe Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki Zbigniew Lewandowski Lawrence Steiner Giuseppe Zerillo
Attorney	Rob Bush

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jezierny

Tonight is bitter sweet as we welcome the addition of a new Officer.

We also bid Good Luck and Farewell to our Attorney Rob Bush who is taking Retirement and this is his last meeting with us.

So please plan to stay for cake as we celebrate these events.

We are happy to note that we have completed all Union Negotiations as of today.

Just a reminder as snow approaches, please follow our snow ban so that streets can be plowed and no one will get ticketed.

This Saturday is our Youth Commission Christmas Party with a Sing-along with our Clerk and a visit from Santa. The Youth Commission does a great job in planning events for our kids.

Just want to remind the community to keep your Christmas lights on at 7:00pm on Monday, December 18th so the Trustees can go out and judge the decorations in the Village; we will honor them with gift certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place both east and west of Harlem Avenue.

This year I am thrilled that our Board and Community got together to support Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, the Toys for Tots collections including collections for our Veterans. Most items have been delivered and the Veterans donations have been extended to December 15th when all donations will be delivered to the Veterans Home right there at Forest Preserve Dr. and Oak Park.

On behalf of our entire Board and the entire Staff, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and most important a Healthy New Year.

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Finance

Trustee Brutto

Asked for the board's consideration for three items on the agenda, I 43, I 44 & I 45 relating to the Tax Ley and Abatements. I would like to congratulate our new Officer who will be joining the force. And I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and most importantly a Happy Healthy New Year.

Ordinance & License

Trustee Steiner

Welcome to our new Officer and bid farewell to our fine Attorney Rob Bush, I wish you a long healthy retirement and Merry Christmas to all!

Police/Public Safety

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe

I would like to welcome and congratulate Officer Hernandez on joining our Police Department; you'll notice that the guys are very supportive, they're all here behind you and hopefully you'll be welcomed and have a great run with Harwood Heights. Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy-Healthy New Year to all.

Public Works/Public Health

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Congratulations to our new Officer and welcome, we're happy to have you here. Attorney Rob Bush we will miss you! I object to you leaving, enjoy retirement and thank you for your serve to our community. As for Public Works, they have a lot of projects going on, but here's a few: The ComEd Oketo Project is underway, they'll be working on the additional larger detention culverts in March, the watermain replacement in Spring, working on the funding for the lead service replacement for 2025, working on the Foster & Forest Preserve Dr. watermain projects, they completed the storm sewer on the 7500 block of Strong Street and they are working on a loan and SRF Funds for the Foster watermain project. Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Building

Trustee Zerillo

Our sub-committee met regarding building permits on November 30th, myself, Trustee Brutto, Trustee Volpe and our Building Commissioner JoAnn Krupa, we had a lot of different discussion involved. We went through different permit fees. Trustee Volpe and Building Commissioner JoAnn Krupa will be putting together a spreadsheet of the different municipalities and how we compare to them on our fees for our next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 1:00pm. Merry Christmas everyone and welcome to Harwood Heights to our new Officer.

Forestry & Green Initiative

Trustee Lewandowski

I'm in touch and working with the Morton Arboretum to secure grants for planting trees next year and I will be communicating with the board as soon as I have more information. Welcome to Officer Hernandez, say goodbye and good luck to our Attorney Rob Bush and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Clerk's Report

I want to wish Attorney Rob Bush good luck and hope he has a long and happy retirement. Congratulations to our new Officer and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Healthy & Happy New Year.

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Attorney Rob Bush

Looking forward, I certainly want to join the rest of the board in welcoming the new Police Officer. Adding officers and other staff to the village is always a positive thing; it's always good to be moving forward. I want to join the board in wishing everyone a Happy Holiday's as well. Six years ago I mentioned to the board that I was working on a 5-year retirement plan that took a little bit longer than I thought it was going to, but after 46 years of practicing law it was time to figure out something else to do. I can't tell you all enough how pleased and happy I have been in working with Harwood Heights, from the Mayor, the Trustees and staff to everyone. Some will remember the times when I would be sitting in the back of the room serving as legislative counsel to a very fractious board, and now then, even after the new administration came into office meetings would often last a long time, close to midnight. There was a lot of yelling and screaming, a lot of debate, a lot of contentiousness; even with all of that this administration was able to produce a number of successes, a number of progressive movements for the village, a lot of economic development to where Harwood Heights became more than just that "sleepy" little town next to O'Hare Airport and I know that's somewhat of a conflict in that there's a fair amount of noise depending on the runway status, but you put yourselves on the map in more ways than one. It is a pleasure to see the success and development and strength that has come from leadership of this administration and from the support to the community and of the community. There have been a number of wonderful people, there are still a number of wonderful people and I maybe retiring from active practice but as I have told the board and the Mayor, the Mayor insists on this, I'm not moving away, we're sticking around, we've been in Evanston for over almost 40 years and we're staying there. I'm still available for phone calls, for consulting; I suspect I'll be the third in a series of people who are available to attend meetings; Mark & Margaret who have been here on a number of occasions, and you are all very familiar with them, they'll be carrying the lion's share but if they can't make it I suspect periodically you may see my face.

Again, I can't say "thank you" enough and I know the village will be successful. I know that you will continue to work together. I hope you all appreciate how important it is for you all to work together, you may not always agree about every issue and every matter but when the time comes to make a final decision, that you all support that. Just take a look through the local paper to see how a fractious board can disturb and really harm a community; that hasn't happened here, I don't expect it will and it comes from the quality of leadership and the quality of character of the people who are sitting here and who have supported this group all these years.

So, Mayor & Board "thank you" very much for allowing me to participate with you and I look forward to the continuing success of Harwood Heights.

Chief John DeVries

Rob, that's the most I ever heard you speak as long as I've known you!

I want to congratulate you Officer Hernandez for coming here, we look forward to having you, we're hoping to have more officers, but, welcome aboard to our family with open arms and whatever you need, we're here for you.

Second of all, Rob congratulations! I'm going to personally miss you because every time I screw up you're always yelling at me about something. Policemen and lawyers they just don't get along; but I like you and I wish you very well in your endeavors.

On behalf of the Police Department I want to wish the community and everybody a "Happy Healthy Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" from all of us.

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

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G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: The next meeting will be in January.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo – WSSRA Update: We had our final meeting for the year this past Tuesday where we finalized things on the budget. WSSRA Director Maryanne Birko would like to schedule a time to give us the recap for 2023 in a January or February Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber Christmas meeting was held this past Tuesday at Cucina Biagio's; it was very well attended and we received a lot of unwrapped gifts for the Salvation Army. Our next Chamber meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Café Di Maggio for breakfast.

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: There has been no meeting since my last report. Next Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for January.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–52:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held November 9, 2023.
2. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$389.76, payable to Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for FY 2024 Local contribution expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-7027.00 – General Administration.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,994.00, payable to Stitchworks Apparel for the purchase of Public Works uniforms for all the PW crew expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-06-5716 - \$4,000.00 – Public Works & 22-00-5716.00 - \$994.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$2,724.89, payable to Core & Main for the purchase of Omni+ 1-1/2 Meter expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6018.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,366.00, payable to Core & Main for the purchase of sleeves/clamps expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6014.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,236.00, payable to Core & Main for the purchase of Hydrant and parts expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6015.00 – Water & Sewer Fund. (To be reimbursed by Mollarkey Company in the amount of \$8,513.05 for cost of hydrant, parts & supplies plus overtime/15 tons of stones/dirt haul away/fuel & water loss/parkway restoration).
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$3,478.00, payable to A&E Landscaping, Inc. for walkway, driveway & curb concrete removal/repair for address listed on invoice expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7036.06 – Water & Sewer Fund.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,251.87, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water breaks on 11-3-23 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$4,646.48, payable to David Torres Trucking Co. for limestone/dirt out for water breaks on 11-7-23 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7056.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
10. To approve an emergency expenditure, not to exceed \$7,650.00, payable to Rango Sewer and Water Inc. for emergency watermain repair/backfill & cleanup at 6764 W. Forest Preserve Dr. expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
11. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,272.00, payable to Associated Technical Services, LTD. for emergency leak location for the main water break at 6764 W. Forest Preserve Dr. expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-7045.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.

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12. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,771.07, payable to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works vehicles ordered in the month of November 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 22-00-6005.00 – Water & Sewer Fund.
13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$8,474.85, payable to Standard Equipment Company for the repairs on the 2017 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper expensed to FY 23/24 line items 11-06-7038.00 - \$4,237.42 – Public Works & 22-00-7038.00 - \$4,237.43 – Water & Sewer Fund.
14. To approve a Professional Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for the Flood Storage Facilities Project – Supplement # 1 for Plans, Specifications and Estimate, IEPA Water Main Permit and Construction Observation for an amount not to exceed \$10,580.00.
15. To approve a Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz for 3 site plan concept drawings for the proposed Public Works Facility expansion project for an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.
16. To approve a Professional Engineering Service Agreement with Robinson Engineering for the Lake Michigan Water Allocation (LMO-2) Reporting Federal Budget Year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.
17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,150.90, payable to Regional Truck Equipment Co. Inc. for the purchase of plow blades expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-06-7038.00 – Public Works.
18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,440.00, payable to Law Enforcement Training, LLC for access to monthly CourtSmart publications for the Harwood Heights Police officers expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7065.00 – Police.
19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$5,304.50, payable to Everbridge for the renewal agreement 12-15-23 to 12-14-24 for the Village's Mass Notification System expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7023.00 – Police.
20. Motion to approve the reimbursement of \$375.00 to Dennis LaPorta for IFPCA registration for 2023 Fall Seminar expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-16-7065.00 – Police & Fire Commission.
21. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$1,798.00, payable to The Printing Station II for the 2024 Resident/Truck Mirror Hangers & Case # Cards & Envelopes expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-05-7022.00 – Police.
22. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$262.50, payable to Taylor McFall for coaching the Basketball Program 11/13 – 12/13 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
23. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$300.00, payable to Adam Prestigiacomo for coaching the Basketball Program 11/13 – 12/13 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
24. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$300.00, payable to Shawn Loutos for coaching the Basketball Program 11/13 – 12/13 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
25. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$200.00, payable to Rocco Vino for pizzas for the Basketball Awards Party on December 20, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
26. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$100.00, payable to Costco for water & juice for the Basketball Awards Party on December 20, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
27. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$300.00, payable to World's Oldest Sports for awards for the Basketball Awards Party on December 20, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.
28. To approve expenditure, not to exceed \$180.00, payable to Stephanie Ramirez for coaching the Soccer Program 11/14 – 12/2 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7036.04 – Recreation.

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29. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$177.56**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for goodie bags for the Pizza with Santa/Singing with the Clerk Party on December 16, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
30. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$108.37**, payable to Mary Pelarenos for arts & crafts supplies for the Pizza with Santa/Singing with the Clerk Party on December 16, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
31. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Nia Giolas for prizes for the coloring contest for the Pizza with Santa/Singing with the Clerk Party on December 16, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
32. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$450.00**, payable to Rocco Vino for pizzas for the Pizza with Santa/Singing with the Clerk Party on December 16, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
33. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$100.00**, payable to Costco for water & Juice for the Pizza with Santa/Singing with the Clerk Party on December 16, 2023 at the Village Hall expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.
34. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,188.24**, payable to State Graphics for Village of Harwood Heights 9 X 12 envelopes for the village's 2024 Calendar mailing expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-01-6000.00 – General Administration.
35. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$1,487.11**, payable to Third Millennium for the vehicle sticker software annual maintenance fee from 1-13-24 to 1-12-25 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-03-7030.00 – Finance.
36. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$12,417.00**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through October 31, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
37. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **\$6,619.68**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through November 30, 2023 expensed to FY 23/24 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.
38. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for the Harwood Heights Police Department Lodge Christmas Party to be held on **Saturday, December 16, 2023** in the Village Recreation Center from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
39. To approve the **removal of Handicap Parking Sign #04-06** at the address commonly known as **6845 W. Leland** and to direct Public Works to **remove** the sign in a timely manner.
40. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign #03-08** at the address commonly known as **4704 N Newcastle** and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner.
41. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign #03-09** at the address commonly known as **6507 W. Sunnyside Ave.** and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner.
42. To approve **Handicap Parking Sign #03-10** at the address commonly known as **4732 N. Sayre Ave.** and to direct Public Works to install the sign in a timely manner.
43. To Adopt **Ordinance 23-18**, An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the General Corporate and Other Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024 for the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.
44. To Adopt **Ordinance 23-19**, An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Tax Levy Year 2023 to Pay the Interest and Principal on \$11,170,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 of the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.

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45. To Adopt **Ordinance 23-20**, An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Tax Levy Year 2023 to Pay the Interest and Principal on \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 of the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.
46. To Adopt **Ordinance 23-21**, A Revised Ordinance Authorizing Lateral Appointment of Certified Police Officers by Mayor.
47. To Adopt **Resolution 23-07**, A Resolution Approving the Content of Certain Executive Session Minutes, Authorizing the Release and Continued Retention, Respectively, of Certain Executive Session Minutes and Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Certain Village Board Executive Sessions.
48. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$120,596.91** as they appear on the November 21, 2023 check register **#73523** thru **#73583**.
49. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$1,223,460.58** as they appear on the December 12, 2023 check register **#73584** thru **#73662**.
50. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **\$210,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (December 15, 2023).
51. Electronic transfer from Parkway General Savings Account on the amount of **\$14,563.67** for November 2023 IMRF Pension Fund.
52. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **\$1,590,055.77** as they appear on the EFT Register thru December 12, 2023.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1-52 resulted as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe: Stated that Schaumburg, Oak Park and Orland Park are doing some sort of ordinance regarding the influx of migrants to their towns.

Mayor Jezierny: Stated that she and the Chief have discussed this and the board will be seeing an ordinance come forward on this shortly.

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki: Commented on the board's participation in the Norridge/Harwood Heights Salvation Army Ring Off and hope they have the same event next year. Preliminary word from Salvation Army is that "Harwood Heights" is the winner!

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H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

Motion by Trustee Brutto, seconded by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe on Appointments/Reappointments/Hires item H 1:

1. Motion to hire new Police Candidate Hulises Chavez Hernandez as a Harwood Heights Police Officer effective January 2, 2024 with attendance at the Cook County Police Academy at Triton College.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

N. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

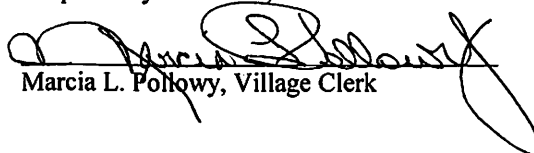
O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Zerillo, 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 Jeziorny, on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcia L. Polowy, Village Clerk