MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS HELD ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pawel Kinel, 6420 W. Gunnison Ave: Is the petitioner for the construction of the 3-flat at 6420 W. Gunnison.

Mayor Jezierny: The motion is on tonight's agenda for board approval.

E. REPORTS OF MAYOR, TRUSTEES, CLERK AND ATTORNEY

Mayor's Report

Work continues on our construction projects in the Village along Montrose from Sayre to FPD, the blocks on Leland from Oketo to Harlem, 5 alley projects and paving project for 4600 & 4700 blocks of New England and 4700 block of Newcastle. Residents will be notified as projects continue.

The façade in front of the Village Hall has been upgraded with a new retaining wall and new bushes to give a presentable look to our Village.

Shredding & Recycling will take place at the Village Hall this Saturday Sept 26th from 9:00am – Noon.

The Harwood Heights Car Show is on Sunday, Sept 27th with registration for cars beginning at 8:30am and will conclude at 2:00 pm. All residents are invited to view the cars and enjoy.

The Craft Fair begins Saturday, Oct 3rd form 10-4:00pm and Sunday Oct 4th from 10-3:00 pm. Admission is $1 and includes a raffle ticket.

An error occurred in our last Newsletter indicating that the Youth Halloween party is Sunday. The correct date is Saturday Oct 24th from 1-3:00 pm.

Ivana DiPiero Hair Salon celebrated their 35th anniversary in the Village; so we congratulate them.

Yes! Panda is moving along only awaiting one final approval from City of Chicago. They plan to begin construction this year.

Finance
Trustee Brutto
The August Financial are in process and should be completed and distributed next week for the board's review; we are now in approximately 4-months into the village's fiscal year. Also, the Annual Audit is nearing completion and is on schedule to be wrapped up in the next few weeks. And just a quick insurance update from the Insurance Committee, we met earlier this week, and we have narrowed it down to 2 brokers, IBBC has been eliminated from consideration. We have a meeting again next week and part of the team is doing some work with one of the brokers to follow-up on village's that they are currently servicing so we hope to have a decision next week on which broker we want to choose, and once that happens, then we will be working on getting quotes for next year's insurance.

Ordinance & License
Trustee Steiner
On tonight's agenda, I 24 is an Ordinance for the construction of a Multi-Family residence at 6420 W. Gunnison.

Police/Public Safety
Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe
"Operation Safe Return" was conducted on September 17th without any issues. Saturday, the Police Department had their annual "Plane Pull" at O'Hare Airport at 9:00am. The Sergeant's Promotional Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. There is a seat reserved for a new hire for training in DuPage County starting January 4, 2027, so hopefully we will have a candidate by then. We received a grant through the Attorney General's Office for a retail theft enforcement list starting today and it will be run on a quarterly basis over the next year.

Public Works/Public Health
Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki

No Report

Building
Trustee Zerillo
Trustee Steiner already commented on agenda item I 24 for the Multi-Family residence at 6420 W. Gunnison; I'm looking forward to seeing that go up.

Forestry & Green Initiative
Trustee Lewandowski

No Report

Clerk's Report

No Report

Attorney Mark Heinle

No Report

Chief John DeVries

No Report - Absent

Deputy Chief Sam Palazzo:

No Report

F. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

G. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe – MCD Update: Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki/Zerillo: Next Meeting is in October.

Trustee Steiner – Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce: We had our meeting at Las Palmas last week and the next one won't be until December 8, 2026, the "Christmas Toy Shower."

Trustee Zerillo – O'Hare Technical Committee: We met this last Tuesday and reviewed the Fly Quiet Report from the second quarter. From the review of that I noticed that the "Fly Quiet Times" from 10:00pm to 7:00am were really not being adhered by the towers. A lot of days they were at 40% to 50% adherence with one day in particular only being at 7% adherence. There was a lot of finger pointing going on between the different representatives, so I pretty much stated that we need to find out who is in charge of the adherence. Who was telling the tower to shut it down, and I said I wanted some representative at our next meeting to explain these percentages.

H. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/HIRES

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Brzezniak-Volpe, seconded by Trustee Brutto on Consent Agenda items I 1–27:

1. To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held September 8, 2026.
2. Motion to approve the Christopher B. Burke Proposal for Professional Engineering Design Services for Phase III Engineering for the Montrose Avenue Resurfacing Project for a cost not to exceed $75,000.00.
3. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$7,675.00**, payable to Rose Paving, LLC. for sealcoating and lot marking the village parking lot expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-14-8711.00 – General – Streetscape.
4. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$4,000.00**, payable to Major Case Assistance Team 2026-2027 MCAT Annual Membership Dues expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-05-7025.00 – Police.
5. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$6,138.95**, payable to Everbridge for the renewal agreement 12-15-26 to 12-14-27 for the Village's Mass Notification System expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-05-7023.00 – Police.
6. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$3,360.00**, payable to Pace Systems, Inc. for annual software update 11-7-26 – 11-6-27 for Police Department payroll scheduler expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-14-9508-00 – General – IT-Licenses.
7. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$1,062.16**, payable to A-1 Professional Automotive to replace alternator on Squad #498 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-05-7044.00 – Police.
8. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$1,509.42**, payable to INVISIO for purchase of NIPAS Communication Devices expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-05-7060.01 – Police.

9. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$152,050.75**, payable to Municipal Consolidated Dispatch for installment payment 2 of 4 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-05-9527.01 – Police.

10. Motion to rehire John Karamitsos to Referee and Coach Basketball Program at $15.00 an hour.

11. Motion to rehire Adam Prestigiacomo to Referee and Coach Basketball Program at $15.00 an hour.

12. Motion to hire Tressa Horvath for Referee and Coach for Basketball Program at $15.00 an hour. (Background check completed, with no issues).

13. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$44.91**, payable to Scholl Health for the purchase of basketballs for the Basketball Program expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-08-7031.01 – Recreation.

14. Motion to rehire Stephanie Ramiez as an Assistant for the Soccer Program at $15.00 an hour.

15. Motion to rehire Taylor McFall as an Assistant for the Volleyball program at $15.00 an hour.

16. Motion to rehire Julia Szczepaniak as an Assistant for the Volleyball Program at $15.00 an hour.

17. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$200.00**, payable to Lisa Mignogna for Goodie Bags for the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 24, 2026 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.

18. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$200.00**, payable to ary Pelarenos for Arts & Crafts Supplies for the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 24, 2026 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-08-7038.02 – Recreation.

19. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$4,272.00**, payable to Ancel Glink P.C. for billing through August 31, 2026 expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-02-7051.00 – Legal.

20. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$13,525.00**, payable to West Suburban Special Recreation Association for the 4th Quarter 2026 Share Payment and Inclusion Payment expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-08-7037.01 – Recreation.

21. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$2,500.00**, payable to the Harwood Heights Senior Club for the Village's Annual Donation expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-08-7053.02 – Recreation.

22. To approve expenditure, not to exceed **$1,275.00**, payable to the Italian American Police Association for the board's attendance to the 61st Annual Awards Dinner and a full-page ad on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Chateau Ritz expensed to FY 26/27 line item 11-01-7040.00 – Administration.

23. Motion to allow alcohol consumption for a "Baby Shower" on **Sunday, December 6, 2026** in the Village Recreation Center from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

24. To Adopt **Ordinance 26-08**, An Ordinance Approving Bulk and Setback Variances for the Construction of a Multi-Family Residence at 6420 W. Gunnison.

25. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **$379,536.05** as they appear on the September 24, 2026 check register **#77617** thru **#77688.**

26. Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the estimated amount of **$190,000.00** to Parkway Bank Payroll Account. (September 25, 2026).

27. Electronic Transfer from Parkway General Savings Account in the amount of **$234,459.15** as they appear on the EFT Register thru September 22, 2026.

A roll call vote on Consent Agenda items I 1 – 27 resulted as follows:
A YES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Lewandowski: Stated that the Norwood Park Fire District will have flu shots available on October 3, 2026 and October 6, 2026; October 3rd is walk-in at the firehouse "Open House" and October 6th is a drive-thru.

Trustee Brzozowski-Wegrecki: October 3, 2026 is the Norwood Park Fire District's Open House from 12pm to 3:00pm.

K. OLD BUSINESS

None

L. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Pollowy: Read a letter from a resident thanking all the village staff for everything that they do for the resident's. Also, send some homemade cookies.

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Steiner: Stated that he brings communion every week to this resident and she always tells me how much she loves living in Harwood Heights.

Trustee Zerillo: Stated that the Senior Club had a wonderful anniversary luncheon last week, and while that was going on our Officer Bridgett was on Fox 32 News regarding the "Snoopy Cups" from Starbucks.

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, September 24, 2026 at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk