

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There were twenty people in the audience and one member of the press in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Gayle Campbell recorded the Roll Call. Those present and responding were Trustees Tom Kataras, Barbara Dawkins, Lisa Purcell, Anne Colton, Jay Heiferman, Ray Robertson, and Village President Richard Hofeld.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Police Chief Larry Burnson, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, and Assistant Village Manager Jim Marino.

He stated Village Manager Mark Franz and Fire Chief Bob Grabowski would be arriving later in the meeting.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, and Colton. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustees Heiferman and Robertson. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: Following questions from the Board, which were answered by staff, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Dawkins, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in the amount of \$807,901.24. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the appointments of Deneen Sanders to the Economic Development Committee for a term ending 7/13/2013 and Carron Flagler to the Appearance Commission for a term ending 4/30/2013 and the reappointments of Emmet Cassidy and Greg Knoll to the Police Pension Board for terms ending 4/30/2013, Chris Cummings to

the Fire Pension Board for a term ending 4/30/2013, Ellen Dreyfus to the Ethics Commission for a term ending 4/30/2014, and Carrie Stultz, Lee Reid, Jr. and Maureen Alfonso to the Plan Commission for terms ending 4/30/2014. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Village Clerk Campbell sworn in Deneen Sanders and Carron Flagler, who were then welcomed by the Board.

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: Community Development Director Wallrich informed the Board of the success of the recently held Annual Economic Development Committee Breakfast. One of the initiatives of the Committee is the “Shop Homewood” program whereby residents are encouraged to support local businesses. The Meet Your Merchants portion of the Board Meeting is one aspect of this local program.

She then introduced Pam Dennis, co-owner of Bella Vita Home Accents, located at 18111 Dixie Highway. Ms. Dennis explained they offer many unique things for inside and outside the home, along with jewelry and food items. For more information visit their website at www.bellavitahomeaccents.com.

Director Wallrich presented the co-owner of Bella Vita Home Accents with a Certificate of Recognition for participating in this portion of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK 2011: Village Clerk Campbell read a Proclamation issued by Village President Hofeld proclaiming the week of May 15-21, 2011 as Public Works Week in the Village of Homewood.

Village President Hofeld presented the Proclamation to Public Works Director Schaefer.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Shelly Marks, President of Homewood School District 153 School Board, Alex Bosch and Tom Dockweiler, Co-Chairs of Citizens for Homewood Schools thanked the Board for supporting the recently approved referendum asking for approval of a \$7.5 million bond sale, which voters passed by 80% in every precinct.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Campbell read the following for the Board’s consideration:

- A. BIKE PLAN ENGINEERING PHASE II/CONTRACT APPROVAL:
Authorizing the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with TY Lin International for Phase II engineering of the Village of Homewood’s Bike Plan in an amount not to exceed \$15,531.00.

B. ANNUAL REPORT/POLICE PENSION BOARD: The 2010 Annual Report for the Police Pension Board.

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-2097 / MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUND APPROPRIATION: A resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating the sum of \$184,075.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds to cover the cost of rock salt, street milling and hot mix, and guardrail.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Heiferman to pass, approve, accept or award the Omnibus Vote items "A" through "C" as presented. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / GO GREEN REWARD PROGRAM – 1940 RIDGE ROAD: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Mr. Charles Commerford, owner of property located at 1940 Ridge Road, for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program and the Go Green Reward Program to make improvements to bring the building up to code and make it more energy efficient.

The total of the lowest bids submitted by Mr. Commerford for the Façade and Property Improvement Program is \$30,010.50. The incentive program provides a 50/50 match of eligible expenses; therefore, the Village's contribution for this program would be \$15,005.25.

He also requested a total of \$5,053 in funds from the Go Green Reward Program; therefore, the total request for both programs is \$20,058.25.

Charles Commerford was present to answer questions from the Board.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve an application for the Façade and Property Improvement Program and the Go Green Reward Program for Mr. Charles Commerford for the property located at 1940 Ridge Road with direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the tenant in an amount not to exceed \$20,058.25. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. R-2098 / RENEWAL OF CLASS 6B STATUS / 17730 HOFFMAN WAY: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Tad A. Lagestee of Lagestee-Mulder Realty & Investment Corp. on behalf of Fiber Solutions, Inc., Prairie Properties LLC, for renewal of a Class 6b designation which provided a property tax reduction for Fiber Solution's building at 17730 Hoffman Way.

This program is designed to encourage industrial development throughout Cook County by stimulating expansion, retaining existing industry and increasing employment opportunities. If the property qualifies, it would be assessed at 10% during the first 10 years and for any subsequent 10 year renewal period. If the incentive is not renewed, it would be assessed at 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12 and 25% thereafter.

In 2000, the Village Board passed a resolution approving Fiber Solutions' request for a Class 6b designation as part of their incentives to locate in Prairie Lakes Business Park. In order to maintain their reduced property tax rate, they are requesting support of the Class 6b renewal request.

Fiber Solutions employs ten people, and Walgreens DTR employs twenty people. They have been a great business partner in the Prairie Lakes Business Park and the community.

Requestor Tad Lagestee was present to address questions and comments from the Board.

The Board stated these incentives have become necessary as they allow local businesses to compete with those across the state line and outside Cook County.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Robertson to pass a resolution determining the appropriateness for renewal of Class 6b status pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance as amended May 15, 2007 for certain real estate located at 17730 Hoffman Way, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

LIQUOR LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS– CLASS 4A: Finance Director Bubenik led in the discussion of the creation of a new Class 4A Liquor License classification – 75/25 restaurant with bar, which emphasizes that the establishment is primarily for the service of meals prepared in a kitchen of the establishment. The creation of this license is to accommodate a request from Homewood Wings, Inc., d/b/a Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, 17510 Halsted Street, to serve liquor in conjunction with food.

Concerns have been shared that an approved liquor license transforms into something different than what was originally approved. Sometimes this is a function of the market but more often it seems to occur when ownership sells the location to somebody else. The liquor license follows this transfer of ownership.

The last year or so has seen discussion and debate on a liquor license category where total sales could not be dominated by the sale of alcohol. An idea was floated that the license holder would have no more than 25% of its sales revenue from the sale of alcohol. This was based on discussions the local Liquor Commissioner had with long time license holders in town. The option is referred to as 75/25 where the dominate 75% or more is from food sales. The present Class 4 restaurant with bar is close but does not detail this 75/25 split.

The language in the Class 4A emphasizes that the establishment is primarily for the service of meals prepared in a kitchen of the establishment, which shall have at least fifty seats but none of the seats at their bar will be counted in the “at least fifty” figure. Also emphasized is no more than 25% of gross receipts for a twelve month period will be from the sale of alcohol. License holders will be obligated, upon request, to produce records substantiating this 25% maximum.

Since this is a new category, there is zero approved Class 4A liquor licenses. Homewood Wings will be the first approved Class 4A liquor license holder.

A spokesman for Homewood Wings thanked the Board for their consideration in this matter and stated they are looking forward to being part of the Village.

Trustee Kataras expressed concerns of the per seat charge and asked for clarification as to the charges of Class 4 and Class 4A.

Attorney Cummings stated the language is the same in both with the exception of the 75/25 split wording. If the Board wants to entertain a flat fee rate it can be done.

Trustee Dawkins asked what the remedy would be if the business goes beyond the 75/25 requirements.

Attorney Cummings answered if this becomes an issue their records would be requested for the twelve month period of time.

Trustee Robertson asked if alcohol would be served in the outdoor patio. The representative from Homewood Wings answered alcohol would be served in that area. Village President Hofeld stated they would also have to apply for an outdoor liquor license.

ORDINANCE NO. MC-844/CLASS 4A LIQUOR LICENSE: A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Colton to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in restaurants with bars thereby creating one (1) Class 4A – 75/25 restaurant with bar license. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Trustee Kataras added these businesses must supply their insurance companies with a break down of how much food and liquor is sold. This information might be helpful to the Village.

MODIFICATION - CLASS 11: Finance Director Bubenik led in the discussion of the modification of the Class 11 Liquor License from a Martini Bar Liquor License to a Market License for Village sponsored events such as the French Farmers Market.

A request was received from the Manager’s Office to allow vendors to sell bottles of wine at the newly approved French Market. After discussing this matter with the Village

Attorney, re-writing the current Class 11 Martini Bar section of the codebook for the French Market seemed the best alternative. The Martini Bar was written many years ago and has never had an approved license holder. Also, recent State anti-smoking laws make the current Martini Bar language void.

The language in the re-written Class 11 liquor license is narrow in scope and would be closely monitored. It allows for vendors of wine for off premised consumption at events like the French Market.

ORDINANCE NO. MC-845/CLASS 11 LIQUOR LICENSE: After more discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Heiferman to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article 11 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages at a seasonal open air market. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

BID AWARD/FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION: Public Works Director Schaefer led the discussion to award the bid for the renovation of the Fire Department Locker Room.

Public Works recently let this project out for bid, with six vendors picking up the bid specifications and attending the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Three bids were received on April 1, 2011 when they were publicly opened and read.

The low bid from TLC Plumbing would not be considered because their proposal was strictly for plumbing work only, not the entire renovation as required in the bid specifications. The next lowest bid was from Rickoff Remodeling in the amount of \$32,945.

Trustee Kataras asked why Foreign Fire Tax funds were not being used for this project. Fire Chief Grabowski replied those funds will be used for other items.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Robertson to reject the lowest bid from TLC Plumbing for failure to meet specifications and award the bid for the Fire Department Locker Room Renovation to Rickhoff Remodeling, Homewood, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$32,945.00. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Heiferman, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

MANAGER'S REPORT: Public Works Director Schaefer informed the Board and audience that, as part of the Public Works Week, an Open House will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Rail Fest is scheduled on May 14 and 15. On Sunday, May 15, the event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., with displays at the Fire Station, Village Hall Board Room and the Auditorium.

On May 21, the Homewood Veterans Committee is hosting the Homewood Canteen, featuring a 1940's motif along with music and food. This event will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Tickets are available at Tom's Family Restaurant, Suzie's Hallmark and Lassen's. The \$15.00 per ticket proceeds will be sent to military families in need of financial assistance.

Also on May 21, the French Farmers Market will open for the season at 8:00 a.m. and will be located at the Village Hall parking lot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to enter into Executive Session to discuss compensation of a specific employee or employees and employment of a specific employee or employees at 8:29 p.m. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

The Board took a short recess at 8:29 p.m. prior to entering into Executive Session and returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Purcell, seconded by Trustee Dawkins. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m. There was no one in the audience.

Village Clerk