

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. There were nine 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 responding were Trustees Tom Kataras, Barbara Dawkins, Joe Casella, Anne Colton, Ray Robertson, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustee Glenn Tienstra was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Manager Mark Franz, Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Deputy Police Chief Dale Gustafson, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, and Director of Public Works John Schaefer.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Kataras to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Robertson, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, October 26, 2010, in the amount of \$150,065.30. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Kataras. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Casella to approve the appointment of Lora Johnson to the Beautification Committee to fill an unexpired term ending October 1, 2012. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

Village Clerk Campbell swore in Lora Johnson, who was then welcomed by the Board.

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: No one came forward.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

PUBLIC HEARING/SOUTHGATE TIF AMENDMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton to convene the Public Hearing on the Southgate TIF amendment. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

Village President Hofeld called the public hearing to order at 7:37 p.m.

Village Manager Franz stated the Southgate TIF was established in 2000 and is a relatively small TIF consisting of approximately twenty properties in the area of Dixie Highway between 186th Place and Terrace Road. The proposed expanded area consists of the properties south of Terrace Road on the east side of the street.

On August 24, 2010, the Village Board passed an ordinance authorizing a study to be conducted to consider amending this TIF District. This process included a Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting with the other taxing bodies, which was conducted on September 15, 2010. They reviewed the reports and information and unanimously voted to pass a resolution in support of the Southgate TIF expansion. It should be noted that the Homewood Library abstained from the vote initially, but later sent a letter of support.

Tax Increment Financing is the most powerful economic development tool available to local governments and is widely used nationally and in almost four hundred municipalities around the State of Illinois. TIF Districts offer local governments a way to revitalize their communities by improving and/or expanding their tax base by redeveloping blighted properties and older neighborhoods in commercial areas.

Robert Rychlicki, Executive Vice President of Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc., gave a presentation on the process needed to proceed as required by State statutes. He highlighted the history of the Southgate TIF, factors qualifying the proposed area as a TIF District, the economic development strategy and the proposed amendment to the TIF plan.

Village President Hofeld stated no written comments were received prior to this Public Hearing.

No public comments were received from the audience or Village Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Casella to close the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

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

- A. MURAL RESTORATION AND NEW MURAL PROJECT: A change order to the agreement with Richard Haas (artist) and Thomas Melvin (painter) to allow a fourth new mural on the west side of Dixie Highway in the Southgate commercial area at a cost not to exceed \$19,000.
- B. WASHINGTON PARK TIF DISTRICT - NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION/ TERMINATION: A notice to taxing districts of dissolution of Special Tax Allocation Fund and termination of Washington Park Redevelopment Project Area.
- C. BID AWARD/SANITARY SEWER LINING 2010/2011: Reject the bid from American Pipeliners, the lowest bidder, for failure to meet specifications, and award the bid for the lining of approximately 7,000 feet of existing sanitary sewer to Insituform Technologies, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$228,339.60.

D. CHANGE ORDER/SANITARY SEWER LINING 2010/2011 CONTRACT: A change order to the Sanitary Sewer Lining 2010/2011 contract to include an additional 565 linear feet of 18" sewer in an amount not to exceed \$58,760.

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

BANKING SERVICES/GREAT LAKES BANK: Village President Hofeld stated this item had been deferred to a later date.

FISCAL YEAR END APRIL 30, 2010 AUDIT PRESENTATION/ACCEPTANCE: Finance Director Bubenik led in the discussion of the April 30, 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), often referred to as the audit.

Todd Buikema, from the auditing firm of Crowe Horwath LLP, reviewed the audit, highlighting the financial and statistical sections of the report.

Director Bubenik stated the pensions are being funded at seventy percent. He then commented on the revenues and expenses exhibits, the principal property taxpayers schedule, and the taxable sales of the audit.

A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to accept the April 30, 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

MANAGER'S REPORT: Village Manager Franz announced trick or treat hours in the Village will be 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2010.

Director Schaefer reminded everyone of the free leaf pickup beginning on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 and continuing through Wednesday, December 1, 2010. He also reminded residents of the branch chipping to be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Public Works Municipal Center.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Trustee Casella invited all veterans in the Village to the Veteran's Breakfast being held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Marie Irwin Center beginning at 8:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Casella, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property at 8:11 p.m. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

The Board took a short recess at 8:11 p.m. prior to entering into Executive Session, and returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Robertson, seconded by Trustee Casella.
Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. There was no one in the audience.

Village Clerk