

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were twenty people in the audience and two members 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 Glenn Tienstra, Tom Kataras, Barbara Dawkins, Joe Casella, Anne Colton, Ray Robertson, and Village President Richard Hofeld.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Manager Mark Franz, Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Police Chief Larry Burnson, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Assistant Director of Public Works Joe Jakubowski and Assistant Village Manager Jim Marino.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Robertson, seconded by Trustee Casella to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: Village President Hofeld announced item number 166 in the amount of \$160.00 had been removed from the Claims List. Following questions from the Board, which were answered by staff, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Casella, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, March 9, 2010, in the amount of \$587,537.31. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Tienstra, Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: Allisa Opyd, member of the Economic Development Committee introduced two representatives from Cold Stone Creamery, located at 18717 Dixie Highway, Homewood. Along with ice cream, they offer cakes, cookie sandwiches and cup cakes.

PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTION R-2058/DANA ROBINSON/RETIREMENT: Police Chief Burnson read the Resolution honoring Dana Robinson on his retirement from the Homewood Police Department and for his thirty years of service to the Village of Homewood. Officer Robinson was congratulated by the Board and audience.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

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

- A. RESOLUTION R-2059 / JODY APPEGATE / RETIREMENT - FIRE DEPARTMENT: A resolution honoring Jody Applegate upon his retirement from the Homewood Fire Department.
- B. ANNUAL REPORT/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: The 2009 Annual Report for the Beautification Committee.
- C. ANNUAL REPORT / COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION: The Annual Report for the Community Relations Commission.
- D. BID AWARD / 2010 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Award the bid for the 2010 MFT Road Improvement Program contract to Alpha Construction, Hazel Crest, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$456,515.70.
- E. ORDINANCE M-1809 / FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: An ordinance setting forth provisions for compliance by the Village of Homewood with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.
- F. ORDINANCE MC-828 / HUMAN RELATIONS-FAIR HOUSING: An ordinance amending Chapter 58, Human Relations, of the Homewood Municipal Code.

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

The Board thanked the volunteers for their time serving on a committee or commission for the Village of Homewood.

NEW BUSINESS

2010/2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET: Director of Public Works Schaefer led the discussion of the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the Community Development Department during the past year, the goals for the next fiscal year and also reviewed the proposed budget.

Questions and comments from the Board members were addressed by staff.

The Board thanked Director Schaefer for serving as acting Community Development Director at this time.

Director Schaefer continued the Budget discussion highlighting the accomplishments of the Public Works Department during the past year. He then reviewed the goals and proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Questions and comments from the Board were addressed by staff.

Assistant to the Manager Marino presented the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget of Manager's Office, which includes Information Technology and Legal Services. He started the discussion by highlighting their accomplishments during the past year, reviewing the goals of the Manager's Office and then reviewed their proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The service/function analysis worksheets presented reviewed the Senior Transportation program, several community events, Employees Recognition Luncheon, Appreciation Dinner and the Hall of Fame Luncheon.

Phil Kosanovich, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission, thanked the volunteers who donate their time to serve on this commission and their dedication to the Village.

Questions and comments from the Board were addressed by staff.

A resident expressed his concerns of the deficit in the Village's budget. Finance Director Bubenik addressed his concerns.

The Board thanked the volunteers and expressed the need for Village sponsored events which keep Homewood the village that it is.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Village Manager Franz reminded residents of the 2010 Census and urged them to please take time to complete the information and return it. All information is confidential.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Trustee Tienstra expressed his concern of the over time in the Police and Fire Departments.

Trustee Robertson stated residents will soon be receiving the Census forms. Monies received by the Village are based on the Census count and he encouraged all residents to please fill out the forms.

Village President Hofeld reminded everyone of the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Casella. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Tienstra, Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Village Clerk