

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. There were thirty-seven people in the audience and no member from the press.

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 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, Police Chief Larry Burnson, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, and Assistant Village Manager Jim Marino.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Casella to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Kataras. ABSENT: Trustees Tienstra. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Colton, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, February 8, 2011, in the amount of \$883,800.89. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: No one came forward.

PRESENTATIONS:

HOLIDAY GIVING TREE 2010 PARTICIPATION: Lynn Calhoun from District 153 thanked all for their contributions to the needy families in our community. Public Works Secretary Lisa Syren created the Giving Tree in the Village Hall, and it has been very successful.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: Chief Burnson presented awards to the Police Officers who aided in the arrest of bank robbers at US Bank in Homewood. Hazel Crest Officer Adam Grant, Homewood Officer Vincent Starks, and Homewood Officer David Tobin accepted the awards. The audience gave the Officers a standing ovation.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

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

- A. ANNUAL REPORT / ETHICS COMMISSION: The 2010 Annual Report for the Ethics Commission.
- B. ANNUAL REPORT / FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION BOARD: The 2010 Annual Report for the Firefighters' Pension Board.
- C. RESOLUTION R-2087 / APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AND AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN AUDIO RECORDINGS: A resolution approving Executive Session minutes from July through December 2010 and authorizing the destruction of Executive Session audio recordings from January 13, 2009 through June 9, 2009.
- D. RESOLUTION R-2088 / RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: A resolution determining which minutes or portions thereof from Executive Sessions no longer require confidential treatment.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

RETAIL ENHANCEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM / 18217 DIXIE HIGHWAY / J. T. SAUSAGE COMPANY: Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich led the discussion for the request from Mike Tieri and Jim Flamini of J. T. Sausage Company for financial assistance through the Retail Enhancement Incentive Program to purchase equipment for the operation of their business at 18217 Dixie Highway.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Kataras and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve an application by J. T. Sausage as part of the Retail Enhancement Program for the property located at 18217 Dixie Highway in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and direct staff to draft an incentive agreement with the property owner. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / 2045 RIDGE ROAD / TOKYO JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR: Director Wallrich led the discussion for the request from Mr. Bruce Wei for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program to improve the façade for his new Tokyo Japanese Hibachi Grill and Sushi Bar located at 2045 Ridge Road.

Following discussion, a motion was made Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve an application by Bruce Wei as part of the Façade and Property Improvement Program for the property located at 2045 Ridge Road in an amount not to exceed \$15,393 except for the

additional cost related to signage and direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the property owner. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / 2045 RIDGE ROAD / JOSEPHINE TRIUMPH: Director Wallrich continued the next discussion for a request from Josephine Triumph for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program to remedy several code and property maintenance issues related to her building located at 2045 Ridge Road.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Kataras and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve an application by Josephine Triumph as part of the Façade and Property Improvement Program for the property located at 2045 Ridge Road and direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the property owner. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.**

2011/2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET: Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik led a presentation and discussion on the Draft 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget. He discussed the recession, State funding, and pension funding that has affected the budget. He also discussed the budget manual. The Board members expressed their desire for more of a budget history going forward and expressed concern for the State's budget.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Director of Public Works John Schaefer stated that the Village received 20 inches of snow during the last storm. John thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their assistance. All departments worked well together.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Compliments to the staff on snow removal and appreciation of their good work.

Trustee Dawkins announced that Chocolate Fest will be held on Saturday, February 19, and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Casella, Colton and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Tienstra. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Village Clerk