

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There were eight 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: Acting Village Manager Jim Marino, Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, and Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton and Heiferman NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Robertson. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, July 12, 2011, in the amount of \$552,040.28. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the appointment of Dierdre Robinson to the Economic Development Committee for a term ending July 13, 2013. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Village Clerk Campbell swore in Dierdre Robinson, who was welcomed by the Board.

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: No one came forward.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Barbara Gordon, 19104 Pierce Avenue, expressed her concerns of the condition of the streets that are being repaired by her home. Village President Hofeld stated the Village would look into this matter.

Marty Mitchell, President of the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked the volunteers who helped during Homewood Days. He also thanked the Village for their assistance with the three day event. Anyone who has questions or wants to express their concerns should contact the Chamber. He also invited everyone to visit their website at [www.homewoodareachamber.com](http://www.homewoodareachamber.com).

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-2102 / DAVID C. OWENS / 25 YEARS OF SERVICE / POLICE DEPARTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Robertson, seconded by Trustee Colton to pass a resolution honoring David C. Owens for twenty-five years of service to the Village of Homewood. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

RETAIL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM – 2057 RIDGE ROAD: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Boris and Cassandra Seawood, business owners of Good Life Cafe located at 2057 Ridge Road, for financial assistance through the Retail Enhancement TIF Program to replace the floor, renovate the restrooms, remove the existing food bar area, and install new lighting and ceiling tiles.

The Retail Enhancement Incentive Program is limited to a 50/50 match up to a total project cost of \$20,000, with the maximum contribution from Village of \$10,000. All of the estimates received for this program were greater than \$20,000 therefore the expenses would be eligible for the maximum of \$10,000.

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – 2057 RIDGE ROAD: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Boris and Cassandra Seawood, business owners of Good Life Cafe located at 2057 Ridge Road, for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program to erect a sign on the front of the building. The three estimates have been provided, with the lowest estimate received of \$3,800. The Village's contribution would be limited to \$1,900.

Cassandra Seawood, co-owner of Good Life Café, was present to address questions and concerns from the Board. She explained they would be open for breakfast, lunch and carry out, offering a variety of food and refreshments in a good, fun and healthy environment.

Following comments from the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve an application by Boris and Cassandra Seawood for Good Life Café as part of the Retail Enhancement Program for the property located at 2057 Ridge Road in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and direct staff to draft an incentive

agreement with the business owner. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve an application by Boris and Cassandra Seawood as part of the Façade and Property Improvement Program for the property located at 2057 Ridge Road in an amount not to exceed \$1,900 and direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the business owner. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

MANAGER’S REPORT: Acting Village Manager Marino had nothing further to report.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Trustee Heiferman encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. for the H-F Bike Fun Strike Force eight mile ride. For more information, visit their page at [facebook.com/hfbikefun](http://facebook.com/hfbikefun).

Village President Hofeld informed the Board and audience of the Shred-a-Thon taking place on Saturday, July 23, 2011 in the Village Hall parking lot from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. A prize for the oldest document presented will be given out again this year.

Barbara Gordon questioned the purpose of the TIF money and how it benefits the residents. The Board answered it is an incentive to stimulate business, generates sales taxes and real estate taxes. A TIF District encourages and helps people to establish businesses in the Village and is a good investment for the residents. The money is generated by the businesses in the TIF District.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Purcell. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Village Clerk