

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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 Barbara Dawkins, Lisa Purcell, Anne Colton, Jay Heiferman, Ray Robertson, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustee Tom Kataras was absent.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: Following questions from the Board, which were answered by staff, a motion was made by Trustee Robertson, seconded by Trustee Colton, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, August 9, 2011, in the amount of \$797,913.13. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the appointment of Jim Wright to the Appearance Commission for a term ending 7/31/2014 and Maureen Kelly to the Beautification Committee for a term ending 4/30/2014, and the reappointments of Terry Keigher, Pam Lau, Marcia Nicholson and Tom Tomaszewski to the Economic Development Committee for terms ending 7/13/2013. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.**

These new appointees will be sworn in at a later date.

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: Allisa Opyd, from the Economic Development Committee, stated another one of the top reasons to shop local businesses is that it creates local character unique to Homewood. She then introduced the following businesses:

Tracy Lewis, owner of The Skate Shop, 2026 Ridge Road, informed the Board and audience she has been in business for thirty-four years, offering ice skates, skate board and specialize in custom roller skates. For more information and store hours visit their website at: www.thehomewoodskateshop.com.

Yohan Fernando, a representative from Comcast, 17700 Hoffman Way, announced a new program Comcast is launching. Any household that has a child participating in the National Free Lunch Program is eligible to receive high speed internet service for \$9.95 per month as long as the child remains in the lunch program throughout their school career. Comcast is also offering the child a low cost computer for \$149.95. Contact Comcast for more information.

In cooperation with Governor State University and the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Comcast will be hosting a breakfast on August 23, 2011 at the Idlewild Country Club and encouraged local school representatives to attend.

Mrs. Opyd reminded everyone the next event is Dog Days of Summer on August 20, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Irwin Park. This great family event will start with a flea market, followed by the Annual Pooch Parade, with the "Best in Show" receiving a grill, which was donated by Ebel's Ace Hardware. A variety of activities and attractions will be offered.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: A resident commented on the diner mural located at 187th Street and Dixie Highway.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING: Public Works Director Schaefer led in the discussion of the replacement of the HVAC system in the Public Safety Building, 17950 Dixie Highway.

For several years repairs have been made to the aging HVAC system. Recently, a compressor was lost so the unit is now functioning on one compressor. If this one fails there will not be any air conditioning in the Police and Fire Departments.

A request for proposal was sent to vendors for the replacement of this system. The request was for replacing the current system with the same type or geothermal, a new technology that is now available. The geothermal system uses the temperature of the ground to provide the heating and air conditioning to the building.

A geothermal system requires less maintenance than a conventional system. The maintenance it does require can, for the most part, be done by staff.

Though the geothermal system is more costly up front, the life expectancy is much greater than a typical conventional system. This system would also save on energy.

Director Bubenik gave a presentation which reviewed the funding sources for the geothermal system option, highlighting the pros and cons.

If the Board chooses to proceed with the geothermal system other budgeted items would have to be postponed. The Village would have another opportunity to issue another bond in 2014.

Director Schaefer introduced one of the vendors proposing the geothermal system, Control Technology and Solutions (CTS). Present were Michelle James, Account Executive, Scott Ririe, Managing Partner and Chris Thorn, Project Engineer.

Ms. James gave a presentation regarding their qualifications, references, experience with geothermal systems and an explanation of geothermal technology, as a system using natural thermal properties of the Earth to dissipate or capture heat to condition the building environment.

Currently, the Village has received a \$90,000 grant for this type of system, but it must be used by next summer. There is also another grant available that the Village can apply for. CTS will pursue additional grants as they become available.

According to CTS's life cycle analysis, there would be an approximate savings of \$600,000 over a 30 year period.

Village President Hofeld reiterated there is a 2010 Bond Issue balance of \$1.1 million. If the Board were to approve the geothermal system at an approximate cost of \$1.6 million, it would leave a \$500,000 short fall.

Director Bubenik stated potential funding sources could make up most of the shortfall, but all other projects under the 2010 Bond Issue would have to be stopped.

The representatives from CTS addressed questions and concerns from the Board.

The Board was in agreement the HVAC system must be replaced. The decision is which direction to go.

Trustee Robertson expressed his concerns for delaying the other projects that were identified in the 2010 Bond Issue, putting a well field in the parking lot for a geothermal system and issuing additional bonds in the future.

The Board thanked CTS for their presentation.

After more discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to begin negotiations for the geothermal system with CTS.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

The Board encouraged everyone to come to the Dog Days event on August 20, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell, seconded by Trustee Colton, to enter into Executive Session for the review of executive session minutes and to discuss potential litigation, personnel, collective bargaining and employment of a specific employee at 9:08 p.m. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.***

The Board took a short recess at 9:08 p.m. prior to entering into Executive Session and returned to open session at 9:36 p.m.

AFSCME COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve a five year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village and AFSCME Local 2891 covering the period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2015. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried***

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Robertson, seconded by Trustee Purcell. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. There was no one in the audience.

Village Clerk