

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There were seventy-one 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: Deputy Village Clerk Sandy Ruhlander 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. Village Clerk Gayle Campbell 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, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, and Director of Public Works John Schaefer.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: Following questions from the Board, which were answered by staff, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, August 23, 2011, in the amount of \$195,739.16. **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 Kataras to approve the reappointment of Richard Lites to the Plan Commission for a term ending 4/30/2014 and the reappointments of William O'Brien and James Ogden to the Zone Board of Appeals for terms ending 7/31/2016. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: Pam Lau, from the Economic Development Committee, stated another one of the top reasons to shop local businesses is that it gives them an opportunity to employ local residents and support local economy. She then introduced Brian De Re from De Re Tire and Auto.

Mr. De Re informed the Board and audience their business has been family owned for thirty-seven years, offering a variety of auto repairs and maintenance, along with tires. For more information visit their website at [www.deretire.com](http://www.deretire.com).

Ms. Lau presented Brian De Re with a Certificate of Recognition for participating in this portion of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

RESOLUTION R-2105 / DAVID TOBIN / 20 YEARS OF SERVICE / POLICE DEPARTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to pass a resolution honoring David Tobin for 20 years of service to the Village of Homewood. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Police Chief Burnson read the resolution honoring and commending Officer Tobin for his years of dedication and commitment to the Village. The Board extended congratulations to Officer Tobin for his years of service.

SWEARING-IN/POLICE SERGEANT/DAVID TOBIN: Police Chief Burnson stated that, with the retirement of Sergeant MacDonald, the next eligible officer on the list was Officer David Tobin, who was approved at a previous meeting of the Police and Fire Commission.

Deputy Village Clerk Ruhlander swore in David Tobin as Police Sergeant for the Village of Homewood. Sergeant Tobin was then congratulated by the Board and audience.

PROCLAMATION: Village President Hofeld proclaimed the month of September, 2011 as National Preparedness Month in the Village of Homewood. Fire Chief Grabowski then gave a brief explanation of what National Preparedness Month entailed.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

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

- A. RESOLUTION R-2106 / APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AND AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN AUDIO RECORDINGS: A resolution approving Executive Session minutes from January through June 2011 and authorizing the destruction of Executive Session audio recordings from July 28, 2009 through November 20, 2009, with the exception of the audio recording of September 22, 2009.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2107 / RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: A resolution determining which minutes or portions thereof from Executive Sessions no longer require confidential treatment.
- C. ORDINANCE M-1837 / SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: An ordinance providing for the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

- D. CONTRACT RENEWAL / LEAF COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL 2011: Renew the contract for Leaf Collection and Disposal with Homewood Disposal for a three-week program in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.
- E. BID AWARD / TWO SNOW PLOWS: Award the bid for two 2011 Western Snow Plows to Regional Truck Equipment of Alsip, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$10,137.10.
- F. ORDINANCE MC-852 / DONATION BOXES: An ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Homewood Municipal Code regulating paper recycling boxes to eliminate the screening requirements for paper recycling boxes.
- G. ORDINANCE M-1838 / LOT VARIANCES – ABOVE-GROUND POOL / 1752 TERRACE ROAD: An ordinance granting variances for front yard encroachment and allowable rear yard lot coverage to permit construction of an above-ground swimming pool on the property located at 1752 Terrace Road, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- H. ORDINANCE MC-853 / CHAPTER 106 – NO PARKING AND LIMITED PARKING ZONES: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Homewood Municipal Code designating limited parking zones along the north side of Ridge Road between Highland and Gladville Avenues.

Public Works Director Schaefer announced the three weeks for the leaf collection program this year will be on November 16, November 23 and November 30, 2011. Also, on the first Saturday in October, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, residents may bring their tree branches to the Public Works to be chipped. No evergreen type branches will be accepted.

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

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

LOBBYING SERVICES: Village President Hofeld introduced Alfred Ronan and Cheryl Axley from Alfred G. Ronan, Ltd., a lobbying service, to the Board and audience.

Mr. Ronan highlighted their background, qualifications and reasons the Village should engage his bi-partisan team to provide lobbying services for the Village, adding towns and villages deserve to get their fair share in Springfield.

Though the Board had concerns of hiring someone to do the job the elected representatives should be doing in Springfield, they felt the Village needs to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible.

AGREEMENT/ALFRED RONAN, LTD.: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Purcell to authorize the Village President to execute a Lobbying Services Agreement with Alfred G. Ronan, Ltd. for a period of 18 months at a negotiated fee of \$2,500/month through April, 2012 and \$3,000/month for the remainder of 2012. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / 2049–2059 RIDGE ROAD: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Mr. Tim Ehlebracht, Mrs. Judy Riggs and Mr. Tom Fee, property owners of 2049-2059 Ridge Road, for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program to repave their parking lot and reconstruct their trash enclosure.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve an application by Mr. Tim Ehlebracht, Mrs. Judy Riggs and Mr. Tom Fee as property owners of 2049-2059 Ridge Road, for funding through the Façade and Property Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$4,300.00 and direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the property owners. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

GO GREEN REWARD PROGRAM/THAI RICKSHAW AND ALL ABOUT COLOR – 18100 AND 18102 MARTIN AVENUE: Director Wallrich presented a request from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrivo, owner of property located at 18100 and 18102 Martin Avenue, for financial assistance through the Go Green Reward Program for the installation of new energy efficient windows on both the first and second floors of the building.

A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve an application by Paul and Annabelle Arrivo, as part of the Go Green Reward Program for the property located at 18100 and 18102 Martin Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$3,512.50 and direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the property owner. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

RETAIL ENHANCEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM / GLOBAL FUSION – 1961 RIDGE ROAD: Director Wallrich presented a request from Diana Dills, tenant of property located at 1961 Ridge Road, for financial assistance through the Retail Enhancement Incentive Program for rent and display shelving.

Trustee Kataras expressed concerns of investing tax payers' dollars by giving rent monies to new businesses.

Several Trustees stated they were pleased to finally have a business in this location, and though they also had concerns, helping new businesses in these difficult economic times was needed.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve an application by Diana Dills, as part of the Retail Enhancement Incentive Program for the property located at 1961 Ridge Road in an amount not to exceed \$4,983.69 and direction to staff to draft

an incentive agreement with the tenant. **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:

Public Works Director Schaefer reviewed the progress on Ridge Road, stating it should be completed in the next three weeks.

Trustee Robertson asked if the Village should re-visit possible ownership of Ridge Road now that the road has been resurfaced. Director Schaefer answered the purchase of Ridge Road is not in the budget and that the resurfacing of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, which the Village does own, is next.

Trustee Kataras expressed concerns of the "No Parking" signs in downtown Homewood on Ridge Road when the contractor is working at the other end of the road. Director Schaefer stated there have been some difficulties with the contractor of this job.

Fire Chief Grabowski updated the Board on the combined inspections of the Homewood Hotel with the Fire and Building Departments. Improperly stored pool chemicals were discovered creating a hazardous materials situation. The occupants from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor were evacuated. Work is still being preformed at the location, which is vacant at this time.

Trustee Dawkins thanked the volunteers and those who attended the Dog Days event. She also thanked Rachael Jones and Allisa Opyd.

Trustee Robertson asked about the condition of the "Welcome to Homewood" sign at Park Avenue and Dixie Highway. Director Schaefer stated the sign has been hit twice and the contractor is going to repair it again. A light is to be installed on the sign to help alleviate the problem in the future.

Village President Hofeld announced the next upcoming event is electronic waste recycling on Saturday, August 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., benefiting a non-profit organization. No TVs will be accepted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 8:26 p.m. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Dawkins. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.