

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There were thirteen 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 present and responding were Trustees Tom Kataras, Lisa Purcell, Anne Colton, Jay Heiferman, Ray Robertson, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustee Barbara Dawkins was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, 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 Kataras, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Purcell, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Colton. ABSENT: Trustee Dawkins. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, October 25, 2011, in the amount of \$92,441.56. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Dawkins. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the appointment of Thomas Hamilton to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending 8/31/2014 and the reappointment of Maureen Guger to the Tree Committee for a term ending 11/13/2014. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Dawkins. Motion carried.**

Village Clerk Campbell swore in Thomas Hamilton, who was then welcomed by the Board.

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: No one came forward.

PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATION/FRENCH WEEK: Village Clerk Campbell read a proclamation issued by Village President Hofeld proclaiming the week of November 8 – 14, 2011 as National French Week in the Village of Homewood.

Village President Hofeld presented the proclamation to members of the French Club.

RESOLUTION R-2108 / RICHARD PRALLE / 20 YEARS OF SERVICE / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton to pass a resolution honoring Richard Pralle for 20 years of service to the Village of Homewood. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Trustee Dawkins. Motion carried.***

Public Works Director Schaefer read the resolution honoring and commending Richard Pralle for his years of dedication and commitment to the Village of Homewood. The Board extended congratulations to Mr. Pralle for his years of service to the Village.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. COOK COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES RENEWAL: Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Environmental Health Inspectional Services with Cook County, for the period from December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012.
- B. CONTRACT RENEWAL/WINTER TREE TRIMMING: Renewal of the contract with Winkler's Tree & Landscaping, LaGrange Park, for the winter sectional tree trimming program at a cost of \$48.37 per tree, not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- C. LIMITED SCAVENGER LICENSE/K. HOVING RECYCLING & DISPOSAL: Approval of a Limited Scavenger License to K. Hoving Recycling & Disposal, West Chicago, IL.
- D. ORDINANCE MC-857/WATER-SEWER ORDINANCE/SECTION 110-37: An ordinance amending Section 110-37 of the Homewood Municipal Code authorizing discontinuation of water service to any building heated with natural gas or electricity that is without gas or electric service between December 1 and March 31.
- E. ORDINANCE MC-858/WATER-SEWER ORDINANCE/SECTION 110-201: An ordinance amending Section 110-201 of the Homewood Municipal Code to

identify all persons responsible for payment of water and sewer charges and authorizing waiver of late payment penalty in limited circumstances.

- F. ORDINANCE MC-859/WATER-SEWER ORDINANCE/SECTION 110-204 AND 110-238: An ordinance amending Section 110-204 and 110-238 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning requirements to reinstate water and sewer service.
- G. ORDINANCE MC-860/WATER-SEWER ORDINANCE/SECTION 110-209: An ordinance amending Section 110-209 of the Homewood Municipal Code authorizing discontinuation of water service to any building where the Village has been unable to gain access to read, repair, or replace the water meter, touch pad, or radio read.
- H. ORDINANCE MC-861/WATER-SEWER ORDINANCE/SECTION 110-212 AND 110-213: An ordinance amending Section 110-212 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning water and sewer accounts to allow “cash only” customers to pay by debit or credit card, and adding Section 110-213 assessing a \$5 convenience fee for payments made by telephone.
- I. ORDINANCE MC-862/WATER-SEWER ORDINANCE/SECTION 110-214: An ordinance amending Section 110-214 of the Homewood Municipal Code requiring all new water and sewer customers to promptly apply for service and imposing a \$60 administrative fee for new accounts.
- J. ORDINANCE MC-863/WATER-SEWER ORDINANCE/CHAPTER 110 - VARIOUS SECTIONS: An ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 110 of the Homewood Municipal Code to update references to Village staff.

Village President Hofeld stated the water/sewer ordinances had been addressed by the Trustees at a Board meeting held on September 7, 2011

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

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / GO GREEN REWARD PROGRAM – 18243 HARWOOD AVENUE: Director Wallrich presented a request from Burdyke Investment & Management, owner of property located at 18243 Harwood Avenue, for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program and the Go Green Reward Program for significant remodeling improvements to the building.

Raymond and John Jenson, owners of Burdyke Investment & Management, were present to address questions and comments from the Board.

The subject property is located in the Southwest Central Business TIF District. The TIF programs provide a fifty percent reimbursement; therefore the Village's obligation would not exceed \$129,394.

Director Wallrich then highlighted the breakdown of the qualified bids.

Trustee Dawkins joined the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Heiferman, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve an application by Burdyke Construction for the Façade and Property Improvement Program and the Go Green Reward Program for the property located at 18243 Harwood with direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the property owner in an amount not to exceed \$129,394.00. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Kataras. Motion carried.**

2011 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY: Finance Director Bubenik began the discussion of the yearly real estate tax levy with a Power Point presentation.

The State has mandated property tax restrictions since 1995. These tax cap restrictions go by the more commonly know name of Tax Cap Laws. These tax cap laws are mathematical in nature because they are designed as "one size fits all".

The end result of the tax caps is real estate taxes growing each year at a level equivalent to the growth in the Consumer Price Index plus a factor for new construction. This tax caps formula allows the Village to grow the \$4,847,629 by 3.5%, which represents the known increase in the CPI for the past year of 1.5% and the estimated new construction EAV growth factor of 2%.

Village President Hofeld added both the Police and Fire pensions are being funded as recommended by the actuary.

The Board thanked Director Bubenik for his presentation.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Several Trustees expressed concerns regarding the release of the Washington Park TIF funds to the other taxing bodies.

Trustee Kataras requested language be put in place where those receiving TIF incentives are prohibited from appealing their taxes and also have them provide the Village with their tax bill to verify this.

Village Attorney Cummings stated this request can be looked at if the Board so directs. The leverage is at the beginning when the Village is actually paying out the incentives.

Also, these funds are not considered a surplus until the Village Board decides it is a surplus.

Trustee Robertson stated tax appeals that are made are the Village's responsibility to reimburse, not the other taxing bodies. The Board must take care of this responsibility as a Board and be careful to not release the TIF money too quickly.

The three weeks of free leaf pick-up will be on November 16, 23 and 30. No stickers are needed during these weeks and this program is for leaves only.

Trick or Treat hours will be 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.*** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Village Clerk