

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were seven 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, 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: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Police Chief Larry Burnson, Deputy Fire Chief Clint Johnson, 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 Kataras, seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. ABSTENTION: Trustee Colton. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: Following comments and questions from the Board, which were answered by staff, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Dawkins, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, May 8, 2012 in the amount of \$883,338.49. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

PRESENTATIONS: Village Clerk Campbell read a proclamation issued by President Hofeld celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Parish of Saint Joseph of Homewood.

Father Richard Kozak thanked the Village for all they have done in cooperation with Saint Joseph Parish and looks forward to the next century in continuing to work together to make Homewood an even better and stronger community.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward to address the Board.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. BID AWARD – 50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM & CONCRETE RESTORATION: Award the bid for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program and Concrete/Parkway Restoration Program to J&J Newell, Calumet City, the lowest responsible bidder, at an initial contract amount of \$38,149.40.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2117 / MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUND APPROPRIATION: A resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating the sum of \$85,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways.
- C. FLOSSWOOD STATION CONDOMINIUM/RENTAL CONVERSION – 2321 WEST 183RD STREET: Refer a request by BAM Central Park LLC to amend Ordinance M-1501 to the Plan Commission and Zone Board of Appeals for review and public hearing.

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 "C" as presented. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / 18141 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Jacob Grad of Allied Realty Corporation, owner of property located at 18141 Dixie Highway, for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program to make exterior improvements to the property and building including the fence, concrete curb, retaining wall, south façade and roof.

Several Board members expressed concerns regarding the lack of bids being submitted from local contractors.

Trustee Robertson stated the parking lot at this address had been identified in the Downtown Plan as possible parking after hours and asked about the possibility of an agreement with the owners to do so.

APPROVAL: After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve an application by Jacob Grad, Allied Realty Corporation, for participation in the Façade and Property Improvement Program for the property located at 18141 Dixie Highway with direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the property owner in an amount not to exceed \$20,116. ***Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

MANAGER'S REPORT: Assistant Village Manager Marino informed the Board IDOT has awarded the contract for the construction of the Bike Plan, which will begin in June.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Several Board members stated they would like to have the number of required bids in the TIF programs increased from three to four, with two bidders being Homewood contractors, when possible, to encourage local participation.

Village President Hofeld informed the Board and audience the Farmer's Market will begin on May 19 at the Village Hall parking lot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to enter into Executive Session to discuss probable litigation and employment of a specific employee or employees. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

The Board took a short recess at 7:52 p.m. prior to entering into Executive Session and returned to open session at 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. There was no one in the audience.

/s/ Gayle Campbell
Village Clerk