

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were five 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.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Acting Village Manager Jim Marino, 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 Colton, seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton and Heiferman. NAYS: None. ABSTENTIONS: Trustees Kataras and Robertson. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS LIST: Trustees Kataras and Robertson expressed their concerns regarding items on the Claims List and stated they were led to believe the changing of a position last year would market and promote Homewood without outsourcing these expenses. They would like to discuss this further. Village President Hofeld stated this was money well spent as it promoted Homewood with a publicist that had connections to television and the media.

Following questions and comments from the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to approve the Claims List of Tuesday, June 12, 2012, in the amount of \$798,948.83. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: Kate Duff informed the Board and audience a cash mob is a group of people who assemble at a local business to support the business. The purpose of these mobs is to support both the local businesses and the overall community.

The next Homewood Cash Mob will take place on June 27, 2012 at a location to be announced at a later date. For more information on the next Cash Mob, visit [www.facebook.com/homewoodcashmob](http://www.facebook.com/homewoodcashmob).

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

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

- A. BID WAIVER/CHEVY TAHOE: Waive the competitive bidding requirements and purchase one (1) Chevrolet Tahoe through the Illinois State Purchase Contract from Miles Chevrolet, Decatur, Illinois at a total purchase price of \$26,524.85.
- B. BID WAIVER/FORD F350 4X2 CAB CHASSIS: Waive the competitive bidding requirements and purchase one (1) Ford F350 4x2 Cab Chassis through the Illinois State Purchase Contract from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., Greenfield, Illinois at a total purchase price of \$18,985.00.
- C. RESOLUTION R-2120 / MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDS APPROPRIATION: A resolution for improvements by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$134,000.00 of MFT funds for improvements to Willow Road from Harwood Avenue to Riegel Road.
- D. RESOLUTION R-2121 / MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDS APPROPRIATION: A resolution for improvements by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$385,000.00 of MFT funds for improvements to 183<sup>rd</sup> Street from Sacramento Avenue to Riegel Road.
- E. HARVEY WATER AGREEMENT: Extension agreements between Harvey and Homewood and Homewood and Flossmoor for a 10 year extension of the original agreement to receive Lake Michigan water from Chicago through Harvey.
  - i. ORDINANCE M-1869 / HARVEY WATER EXTENSION AGREEMENT: An ordinance approving an extension agreement for the purchase of water by the Village of Homewood from the City of Harvey.
  - ii. ORDINANCE M-1870 / WATER EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR: An ordinance approving an extension agreement for the purchase of water by the Village of Flossmoor from the Village of Homewood.

There was discussion concern staff pursuing another water source and language in the ordinance with regards to item "E".

Public Works Director Schaefer stated finding another water source is a long process and certain steps must be taken.

Attorney Cummings added the first step in the process is to put the agreement in place with the language to have an option to pursue another water source. Staff has worked very hard to negotiating this agreement, which extends the contract already in place.

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

CLASS 5 LIQUOR LICENSE / CHIPOTLE – 17700 HALSTED STREET: Finance Director Bubenik presented a request from Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. for a Class 5 Liquor License for their proposed location at 17700 Halsted Street.

Although Chipotle Mexican Grill will only be service beer and margaritas, the Class 5 liquor license best matches their request. A Class 5 liquor license is available only to establishments having a seating capacity for service of meals at tables or counters, which primarily serve meals prepared in the kitchen. This license permits the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption only and having no bar.

Attorney Irene Bahr addressed the Board regarding this request. Chipotle is a national specialty restaurant chain and, in most location, they sell beer and margaritas. Alcohol sales are less than five percent of their overall sales, but an important component for their operation. Construction has begun and they will also have an outdoor patio area. The opening target date is September 25, 2012.

There was discussion regarding this request at this time as representatives from Chipotle's had stated in past meetings they did not want a liquor license.

At this time they are not requesting an outdoor liquor license but may come back before the Board at a later date to do so.

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Dawkins, seconded by Trustee Purcell directing staff to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code to increase the number of Class 5 Liquor Licenses from 1 to 2. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS / GRAPES AND GRAIN / 18031 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Community Development Director Wallrich presented a request from Ron Khalaf, on behalf of The Grapes & Grain Company, for financial assistance through the Retail Enhancement, Façade and Property Improvement and the Go Green Rewards program for property improvements at 18031 Dixie Highway.

As directed by the Board, Mr. Khalaf has made significant effort to obtain bids from Homewood contractors. Many of the local contractors were unresponsive to his requests,

however he was able to obtain a bid from CTT Electric of Homewood. It is at the business owner's discretion to use the local contractors.

The total low bid for the three TIF programs is \$95,258.00. The TIF program provides a fifty percent reimbursement; therefore the Village's obligation would be \$47,629.00.

Mr. Khalaf was present to address questions and concerns from the Board. When asked about the security cameras, Mr. Khalaf answered there will be sixteen exterior and interior cameras installed. He further stated he hopes to open late July, 2012.

A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, seconded by Trustee Colton to approve an application by Ron Khalaf, on behalf of Grapes and Grain, for the Retail Enhancement, Façade and Property Improvement and the Go Green Reward programs for the property located at 18031 Dixie Highway, with direction to staff to draft an incentive agreement with the applicant in an amount not to exceed \$47,629.00. **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 Dawkins stated the Art & Garden Street Fair was a nice event. She thanked Rachael Jones and Allisa Opyd, along with the Community Relations Committee and the Downtown Homewood Business Association for their hard work making the event a success.

Trustee Heiferman and Community Development Director Wallrich thanked Kate Duff for attending this meeting to talk to the Board and audience about Homewood's Cash Mob and the amazing job she is doing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton, seconded by Trustee Purcell, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the discipline, employment, performance and compensation of particular employees. **Roll Call: AYES: Trustees Kataras, Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Robertson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

The Board took a short recess at 8:30 p.m. prior to entering into Executive Session and returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras, 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 9:04 p.m. There was no one in the audience.

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Village Clerk