

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2012  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Thirty-seven people from the public were present. Three members of the press attended.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Karen Washington recorded the Roll Call. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Tom Kataras, Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Anne Colton, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. Trustee Ray Robertson was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Police Chief Larry Burnson, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, and Deputy Fire Chief Clint Johnson.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – October 9, 2012.

***Roll Call: AYES – Trustee Kataras, Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, and Trustee Heiferman NAYS – None ABSENT – Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – October 23, 2012 in the amount of \$542,269.18. There were no questions.

***Roll Call: AYES – Trustee Kataras, Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, Trustee Heiferman NAYS – None ABSENT - Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the appointment of Carolyn Bury to the Tree Committee for a term ending 11/13/2015.

***Roll Call: AYES – Trustee Kataras, Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, and Trustee Heiferman NAYS – None ABSENT - Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: Paula Wallrich announced that the fifth cash mob was held at Global Fusion as well as at Grape and Grain. She thanked those who were instrumental in making the event a success. She also reminded everyone about the business training seminar that

Bridgette Lane would conduct for the area businesses from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on October 25, 2012.

Darryl Miles presented information regarding his business, World Financial Group, which is a financial services marketing company located at 930 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. President Hofeld issued a proclamation proclaiming the week of November 4-14, 2012 as French Week in the Village of Homewood.
- B. The Village Clerk swore in Denise McGrath as Deputy Chief of Police for the Village of Homewood.
- C. The Village Clerk swore in Richard Sewell as Police Sergeant for the Village of Homewood.
- D. Pamela Blaylock, a field organizer, presented information about Energy Impact Illinois. Energy Impact Illinois is a not-for-profit organization that helps homeowners to lower their energy costs and become more efficient with the usage of energy.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

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

- A. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT: To reject the bid from HD Supply Water Works in response to Public Works RFP 12-01PW for replacement of water meters due to lack of sufficient bid responses.
- B. ORDINANCE MC-878 / COLLECTION FEE CHARGES: An ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Homewood Municipal Code assessing the cost of collecting unpaid fines or costs to the offender.
- C. COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD: Award the collection services contract for Police Department parking and MOVE tickets as well as building code violation citations to Municipal Collection Services Inc. of Palos Heights.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote items “A” and “B” as presented.

***Roll Call: AYES: Trustee Kataras, Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, and Trustee Heiferman NAYS: None ABSENT: Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote item “C” as presented. Trustee Kataras had a concern about litigation issues regarding the two competing companies. One of the companies was attempting to sue the other.

***Roll Call: AYES: Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, and Trustee Heiferman NAYS: Trustee Kataras ABSENT: Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS REVISIONS:

Following Board discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have staff incorporate the following changes into the proposed program modifications: establish a \$25,000 cap on the amount of incentive a business can receive, do not establish a minimum fund balance (floor) that must be maintained in a TIF account, offer options to cover both “hard” and “soft” improvement costs, add remodeling as an eligible expense to the façade improvement program, establish a \$5,000 cap on the amount of incentive in the Go Green Reward Program, establish a staff application review committee, and allow businesses to receive incentives multiple times with some type of cap.

Staff will present a revised draft to the Board at a future meeting.

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / TRES CHIC SALON AND SPA / 18831 DIXIE HIGHWAY:

Paula Wallrich and Toyia Stephens presented information about the need for financial assistance for Toyia Stephens’ business called Tres Chic. The owner of the property and business located at 18831 Dixie Highway requested financial assistance through the Façade & Property Improvement Program to repair the roof.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the award of \$4,507 to Toyia Stephens for repair of the roof.

***Roll Call: AYES: Trustee Kataras, Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, Trustee Heiferman NAYS: None ABSENT: Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

ORDINANCE MC-879 / BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS:

Paula Wallrich presented information on amending the Municipal Code to update regulations pertaining to building construction and maintenance.

Trustee Kataras had concerns about updating the code. He felt that the Village would incur unnecessary expense. He indicated that he couldn't see much difference between our current code and the new one. The other trustees wanted to update the code since the current code is from 2003.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to pass an ordinance amending Chapters 22, 46, 90, 94, and 110 of the Homewood Municipal Code pertaining to regulations for building construction and maintenance.

***Roll Call: AYES: Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, and Trustee Heiferman  
NAYS: Trustee Kataras ABSENT: Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

ORDINANCE MC-880 / 2012 FIRE CODE UPDATES:

Deputy Fire Chief Clint Johnson provided information about amending the Municipal Code to update Chapter 42 by adopting the 2012 editions of the ICC Fire Code and the NFPA Life Safety Code with amendments.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning fire prevention and protection.

***Roll Call: AYES: Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, and Trustee Heiferman  
NAYS: Trustee Kataras ABSENT: Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

2012 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY:

Dennis Bubenik presented information about the real estate tax levy that is to be voted upon in December. The tax levy is based upon the following formula:  $EAV \times Rate = Real\ Estate\ Taxes\ Levied$ . Based on the formula, the levy is expected to be 4.9%.

MANAGER'S REPORT: A verbal report was not given at the meeting. However, Public Works Director John Schaefer announced that Public Works received a \$90,000 grant.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Kataras mentioned that he was glad that 183<sup>rd</sup> Street is now paved. Trustee Colton noted that Homewood is featured in the Home Section of the Tribune. Trustee Heiferman congratulated Trustee Kataras on his family being accepted into the Homewood Hall of Fame.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

***Roll Call: AYES: Trustee Kataras, Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Purcell, Trustee Colton, and Trustee Heiferman NAYS: None ABSENT: Trustee Robertson The motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Washington  
Village Clerk