

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY – December 11, 2012  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Twenty-three people from the public were present. Two 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 Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Anne Colton, Trustee Ray Robertson, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. ABSENT: Trustee Tom Kataras

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 Fire Chief Bob Grabowski.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – November 27, 2012.

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

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – December 11, 2012 in the amount of \$521,456.07. There were no questions.

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

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS: None

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

OMNIBUS VOTE: After Trustee Heiferman requested for Item D to be read separately, Village Clerk Washington read the following items for the Board's consideration:

A. 2012 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCES:

- i. ORDINANCE M-1876: An ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes and for special funds for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of May, 2013 and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 2014 for the Village of Homewood, Illinois.
  - ii. ORDINANCE M-1877: An ordinance increasing the 2012 Street and Bridge Tax Levy in the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
  - iii. ORDINANCE M-1878: An ordinance directing the Cook County Clerk to reduce the Village of Homewood's 2012 Levy, if necessary, to comply with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.
- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD: Accept Arbitrator Steven Bierig's interest arbitration award to maintain the current staffing level in the Fire Department.
- C. LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT / ALFRED G. RONAN, LTD.: Authorize the Village President to execute a Lobbying Services Agreement with Alfred G. Ronan, Ltd. for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2013 at a rate of \$3,000 per month.

There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote items A – C as presented.

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

Village Clerk Washington read the following item for the Board's consideration:

- D. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES AGREEMENT / WILLIAM F. MAHAR, INC.: Authorize the Village President to execute a Local Government Relations Services Agreement with William F. Mahar, Inc. to represent the Village in connection with the development of a casino.

There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote item D as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-2136 / SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL SELF-INSURANCE POOLING:

Dennis Bubenik introduced IRMA representative Susan Garvey, who provided information through a Powerpoint presentation about IRMA and the benefits of self-insurance pooling versus commercial insurance.

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass Resolution R-2136 supporting governmental self-insurance pooling and in opposition to non-productive legislative restraints.

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

2034 RIDGE ROAD / CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX DESIGNATION AND TIF INCENTIVE:

Paula Wallrich spoke about the reasons why Dr. Gendreau should be given a Class 8 property tax designation for the property located at 2034 Ridge Road to redevelop the property for a boutique hotel. She also spoke on the reasons for awarding a TIF incentive of \$900,000 to Gendreau Homewood Holdings. After Ms. Wallrich spoke, Dr. Gendreau spoke on the benefits that Homewood would receive through the Board granting his requests.

After Dr. Gendreau finished speaking, members of the audience asked questions and made comments. One resident asked about the return on investment for Homewood if Dr. Gendreau's requests were granted. Four members of the Homewood School Board (Shelly Marks, Thomas Brabec, Gregory Lawrence, and Alex Bosch) stood before the Board while Shelly Marks spoke on behalf of the school board urging the Homewood Village Board of Trustees to grant all stakeholders a complete discussion before granting the TIF request. She provided a document from Homewood School District 153, H-F School District 233, the Homewood Flossmoor Park District and the Library requesting that all governmental parties be included in discussion before granting the TIF.

Comments from the Board regarding Items 11 B & C include the following: Trustee Dawkins mentioned that the Village is fortunate to find someone who wanted to invest in the building. She said that \$900,000 is a lot of money but that the investment in excess of \$5 million is far more. Trustee Dawkins continued by noting that everyone can benefit from the hotel (residents and businesses). She recommended supporting the hotel by granting a TIF and being proactive.

Trustee Purcell said that the Village is fortunate to have Dr. Gendreau as an investor. She indicated that she supports granting the TIF.

Trustee Colton began with indicating that better communication needs to happen. She complimented Dr. Gendreau and said that she can support the Class 8 status or the TIF but not both.

Trustee Heiferman mentioned that granting the Class 8 and the TIF are appropriate uses of the money. He stated that the TIF can be discussed after the designations are written-up.

Trustee Robertson supports granting the Class 8 status but he didn't see a benefit to granting the TIF. He also defended the communication method by noting that the Board had done nothing differently in notifying the public about the items.

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to pass a resolution determining the appropriateness for Class 8 status pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification ordinance as amended April 9, 2002, for certain real estate located at 2034 Ridge Road, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois to be conveyed to Gendreau Homewood Holdings, LLC.

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

TIF INCENTIVE APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to direct staff to draft a TIF incentive agreement with Gendreau Homewood Holdings in the amount of \$900,000 for property located at 2034 Ridge Road.

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

WORK MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROGRAM PURCHASE:

John Schaefer presented information about the need to purchase Work Order Management Software. Jim Marino added that there has been a lengthy discussion regarding the purchase of the software. He noted that the Public Works Department doesn't have all of the necessary resources for complying with EPA and other public entities. Mr. Marino then recommended the purchase. Last, John Schaefer recommended granting the request for transferring money from various funds and transferring it to funds where the money is needed.

After the presentation, Trustee Heiferman asked what other municipalities were doing regarding the software. After Trustee Heiferman's question was answered, Trustee Robertson asked if the purchase was scalable.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to authorize the Village Manager to execute a software and services agreement with Cartegraph Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$43,580.00 for the acquisition and implementation of a centralized maintenance management system for the Public Works Department.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve a budget amendment transferring \$9,100 from CIP Stormwater Collection, \$3,000 from L & M Consulting, \$3,500 from Wastewater Collection, \$1,000 from Vehicle Maintenance Shop Tools, \$1,000 from Engineering Operating Equipment, and \$25,980 from Water & Sewer D.I.E. Fund to the Hardware/Software Account in the Information Technology Program.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: A verbal report was not given at the meeting.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Trustee Dawkins wished everyone Happy Holidays. Trustee Purcell encouraged everyone to utilize the ice skating rink. Trustee Colton urged everyone to attend the Open House for Cindy Rauch's retirement from the Homewood Public Library as the Administrative Librarian. Trustee Heiferman commended the Beautification Committee on their hours of work in the effort of making things look nice. Village President Hofeld wished everyone Happy Holidays.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to enter into executive session to discuss probable litigation and collective negotiation matters.

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

Executive Session: The Executive Session began at 9:29 p.m. and ended at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:52 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Washington

Village Clerk