

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – July 9, 2013
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Fourteen people from the public were present. One member 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, and Police Chief Larry Burnson.

MINUTES: There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – June 25, 2013.

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

CLAIMS LIST: There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Kataras and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – July 9, 2013 in the amount of \$320,604.03.

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

APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the appointment of Karen Wahlers to the Beautification Committee for a term ending 10/26/2016.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Denise Roster asked about the process for removing a diseased raccoon. Chief Burnson stated that residents should contact a private animal removal service.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Washington read items “A” through “C” for the Board’s approval.

- A. ORDINANCE MC-892 / REDUCTION OF CLASS 4 LIQUOR LICENSES: An ordinance amending Section 10-58 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, to decrease the number of permitted Class 4 Restaurant with Bar Liquor Licenses from seven to six.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2153 / 183RD STREET RESURFACING PROJECT: A resolution for improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating the sum of \$134,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 183rd Street resurfacing project.
- C. RAFFLE LICENSE – HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to Homewood-Flossmoor High School Foundation for a single raffle to be held on September 20, 2013, waive the fidelity bond requirement and license fee of \$5.00, and allow for the sale of raffle tickets at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Kataras to pass, approve, accept, or award items “A” through “C”.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE MC-893 / ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN: Village Manager Marino informed everyone about the new law containing a provision of a ten day window for banning the sale or possession of assault weapons in the Village of Homewood. Attorney Cummings noted that the Board can vote and amend later after passing the ordinance in an effort not to miss the ten day window.

A resident vocalized concern about the short timeframe regarding notification to the public. Some members of the audience voiced concerns and others voiced support of a possible ban.

After the audience spoke, trustees responded. Trustee Kataras supported the ban but was concerned about the short notice. Trustee Dawkins noted that the Village complied with the law which requires a 48 hour timeframe. She also indicated that she supported the ban. Trustee Purcell agreed with residents’ rights to protect themselves but didn’t see the purpose of using assault weapons. Trustee Colton indicated her concern about the notification timeframe but mentioned that she supports the ban. Trustee Heiferman made no comments. Last, President Hofeld indicated his support for the ban.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the Homewood Municipal Code banning the sale or possession of assault weapons within the Village of Homewood.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Kataras requested that further discussion surrounding the weapons ban be placed on a future meeting agenda. President Hofeld asked the audience to contact the Village Manager with comments and mentioned that the Board wants residents’ feedback. Trustee Heiferman agreed with Trustee Kataras and mentioned the possibility of change based upon residents’ feedback.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Colton to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:27 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