

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 22, 2013
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Twenty 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: In the absence of Village Clerk Karen Washington, Village Manager Jim Marino recorded the Roll Call. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman, and Trustee Ray Robertson. **ABSENT:** Trustee Tom Kataras and Village Clerk Karen Washington.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, and Director of Public Works John Schaefer.

MINUTES: Trustee Colton requested an addition to the minutes, regarding the William Lau incentive, reflecting the fact that the Southgate TIF has recently generated no increment, the balance in the TIF is nearly depleted and that a larger incentive amount would have limited the Board's ability to grant money to other businesses in the future. 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 Monday – October 8, 2013 as corrected.

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 Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – October 22, 2013 in the amount of \$613,636.28. 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.

APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the re-appointment of Elaine Egdorf to the Heritage Committee for a term ending 10/13/2016.

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

PRESENTATION:

- A. President Hofeld issued a proclamation proclaiming the week of November 5-11, 2013 as French Week in the Village of Homewood.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Manager Jim Marino read the following items “A” through “D” for the Board’s consideration:

- A. BID AWARD / STICKER-FREE LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM 2013: Award the bid for the 2013 Sticker-free Leaf Pickup Program to Homewood Disposal, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$20,000.00.
- B. ORDINANCE MC-897 / INCREASE OF CLASS 13 LIQUOR LICENSES: An ordinance amending Section 10-58 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, to increase the number of permitted Class 13 Public Golf Course Liquor Licenses from one to two.
- C. ORDINANCE M-1904 / AT&T BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT: An ordinance granting a utility easement to AT&T on Village-owned property at 18033-35 S. Halsted Street.
- D. ORDINANCE M-1905 / SIGN VARIANCE – BURDYKE INVESTMENT, 18243 HARWOOD AVENUE: An ordinance granting a variance from the permitted maximum height and area restrictions for a free-standing sign in the downtown overlay district for a sign to be located at 18243 Harwood Avenue, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

Trustee Heiferman asked if the Village gets paid for the easement mentioned in Item C. Attorney Cummings said that the easement was not a burden on the Village but if it had been more intrusive, the Village may have charged for it. Director of Public Works John Schaefer added that the Village does not get paid for the easement but that AT&T made a substantial improvement in the area around Isaac Walton above and beyond what they would normally perform.

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

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

After the vote, President Hofeld mentioned that the Sticker-Free Leaf Pickup Program will begin on November 13th and will continue for two additional Wednesdays: November 20th and November 27th. The public must simply place the leaves in the brown yard bags. No sticker is needed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / DR. DAVID MAYER, DDS / 18114 GOTTSCHALK: Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich presented information regarding the request from Dr. David Mayer, DDS, for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program for repairs to the roof on his building located at 18114 Gottschalk.

After Director Wallrich spoke, Dr. Mayer presented information regarding the reason for his request and how he plans to improve the property. Last, Steve Anderson asked if there is a surplus in the East CBD. Village Manager Marino stated that he believes what Mr. Anderson is referring to is whether there are funds in the TIF, not a surplus. President Hofeld told him that there weren't funds available which is why the incentive must be paid from the adjacent CBD TIF. The Trustees stated that they believe that the requested amount is reasonable and that the project is needed.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to enter into an agreement with Dr. Dave Mayer for the property located at 18114 Gottschalk Avenue for financial assistance under the Façade & Property Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$12,362.50.

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

RESOLUTION R-2159 / CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) FUND TRANSFER: A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass a resolution authorizing the utilization of revenues from the Central Business Redevelopment Project Area for eligible costs for the property located at 18114 Gottschalk Avenue within the East Central Business District Redevelopment Project Area.

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

PLANNING CONSULTANT – URBAN PLAZA DESIGN STUDY: Director Wallrich provided information regarding entering into an agreement for professional services to evaluate and design a downtown Homewood urban plaza.

After Director Wallrich spoke, a representative from The Lakota Group spoke about services that the company successfully provided to other villages that are similar to Homewood (Oak Park, Elmhurst, and Plainfield). He invited the Board of Trustees to visit the towns in order to see the improvements. President Hofeld complimented The Lakota Group on their work in Plainfield, Illinois.

A member from the audience asked about the specific area to be studied and improved. Director Wallrich stated that it was in the downtown business district but that there are currently no further specifications. Another person from the public asked if the budget would allow for this.

President Hofeld affirmed that it would. Trustee Dawkins and Trustee Purcell noted that they believe that the services would be an asset to the downtown area and they support the project. Trustee Colton was concerned about the timing of the project. She stated she could not support it until she sees the impact that the hotel will have on the downtown area. Trustee Heiferman won't predict how he will feel about the project but he is interested in conducting the study and will reserve his comments until the study is completed. Trustees Heiferman and Robertson asked if all services are included in the request for \$15,750.00. The company representative said that all services are included.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to authorize the Village President to enter into a professional services agreement with The Lakota Group to provide professional services for the Professional Planning and Design of the Downtown Plaza in an amount not to exceed \$15,750.00.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to stop the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. so that an Executive Session could begin to discuss potential litigation and the semi-annual review of Closed Session Minutes.

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

The Executive Session began at 8:13 p.m. and ended at 8:28 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Washington
Village Clerk