

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 26, 2013
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Two 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 Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman, and Trustee Ray Robertson. **ABSENT:** Trustee Lisa Purcell.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – November 12, 2013.

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

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – November 26, 2013 in the amount of \$466,364.98. There were no questions.

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

RE-APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Kataras and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the re-appointments of Julius Davenport to the Fire and Police Commission for a term ending 10/1/2016 and Anthony Brown to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending 8/31/2016.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Washington read the following items “A” through “C” for the Board’s consideration. Item “C” was considered separately:

- A. BUDGET AMENDMENT / HOLIDAY LIGHTS: A budget amendment to increase the Holiday Lights event line item from \$10,000 to \$30,000.
- B. REJECTION OF BIDS / STREET LIGHTING AND POLES PROJECT – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT: To reject the bids for Bid No. 13-07PW, Street Lighting & Poles Project, due to insufficient project funding at this time.
- C. FIRE UNION CONTRACT: The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Homewood Professional Fire Fighters Local 3656 Union for three years beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2016.

There were no questions or comments for items “A” or “B”. A motion was made by Trustee Kataras and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote items “A” and “B”.

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

For item “C”, Trustee Kataras thanked Village administration and the fire union negotiators for their efforts in an agreement. However, he mentioned that he had a problem with giving the firefighters a 3% raise when the Village only had 1.7% in the budget. Trustee Dawkins thanked Village Manager Jim Marino and Assistant Manager Michael Marzal for their work on the union contract.

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote item “C”.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

There were no old/new business items.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Village Manager Jim Marino informed everyone about the Spirit of Thornton Township event that would take place on Saturday – November 30, 2013 at 333 E. 162nd Street in South Holland. Doors would open at 5:30 p.m. and the Tree Lighting activity would begin at 6:00 p.m. He also encouraged listeners to participate in the Shop Local Campaign starting Saturday – November 30th and continuing through the holidays.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Dawkins encouraged everyone to attend the Holiday Lights Village activity. Trustee Colton complimented the staff on the way the new snowflakes look. All Board members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Last, President

Hofeld noted that a gift certificate for either an egg roll at Eat Rice Restaurant or a cup of chili or soup at Twisted Q Restaurant will be given to the first 50 people who stop by on a Saturday morning and identify the location of the one snowflake that is different from all the rest.

STOP REGULAR SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to stop the Regular Meeting at 7:42 p.m. so that an Executive Session could begin.

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

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Washington
Village Clerk