

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – January 14, 2014
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Thirty-nine 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 Jay Heiferman, and Trustee Ray Robertson. **ABSENT**: Trustee Tom Kataras.

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 Public Works John Schaefer, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Police Chief Larry Burnson, and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – December 10, 2013.

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

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – January 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,085,606.87. 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.

PRESENTATION: Village Clerk Washington administered the oath of office to Kayvon Karimi as Police Officer for the Village of Homewood.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one came forward.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Washington read the following items “A” through “H”, excluding item “F”, for the Board’s consideration.

- A. 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 effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- B. POLICE UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT / MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 621 to amend the collective bargaining agreement to increase the employee contribution rate to their Retirement Health Savings Account from 2% of their salary to 3%.
- C. BUDGET AMENDMENT / WELL #13 REPAIRS: A budget amendment to create a line item in the Capital Improvement Project budget of \$9,741.50 for repairs to Well #13.
- D. BUDGET AMENDMENT / VILLAGE HALL LOBBY HAND RAILINGS: A budget amendment to create a line item in the 1998 Bond budget of \$4,650.00 for Village Hall Lobby Hand Railings.
- E. BUDGET AMENDMENT / PART-TIME SALARY: A budget amendment to transfer \$7,500.00 from Advisory Boards and Committees to Manager's Office Part Time.
- F. BUDGET AMENDMENT / FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM: A budget amendment to transfer \$8,000.00 from the General Fund TIF Surplus Revenue Account to Fire Department Equipment.
- G. ORDINANCE M-1911 / SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: An ordinance providing for the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- H. PARKING LOT AGREEMENT / BLACKTHORN HALL CONDOMINIUMS – 3358 & 3360 WEST 184TH STREET: Authorize the Village President to enter into a parking lot agreement with Blackthorn Hall Condominium Association to allow the Homewood Police Department to enforce parking and traffic laws in the parking lots located at 3358 & 3360 West 184th Street.

President Hofeld explained that Item C is not to repair a well for drinking water. Instead, it is a well from Izaak Walton.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote items "A" through "H" **excluding Item "F"**.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE M-1912 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT – FINANCIAL INSTITUTION / 18230 HALSTED STREET

Director of Community Development Wallrich presented information about a request from Springleaf Financial Services of Illinois for a special use permit for a financial institution to be located at 18230 Halsted Street.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to Springleaf Financial Services of Illinois to allow a financial institution at 18230 Halsted Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

ORDINANCE M-1913 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT – DAYCARE CENTER / 3355 WEST 183RD STREET:

Director of Community Development Wallrich discussed a request from Verinda Magee Dawson for a special use permit for a daycare center to be located at 3355 West 183rd Street.

Trustee Dawkins asked if staff would verify that there was DCFS approval of the daycare school. She also asked if there was direct access to the play area. She received a response of “yes” to both questions.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to Verinda Magee Dawson for Little Hearts Learning Academy to allow a child care center at 3355 183rd Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

FAÇADE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM / BILL FRANK / 18033 DIXIE HIGHWAY:

Director of Community Development Wallrich discussed a request from Bill Frank, owner of property located at 18033 Dixie Highway, for financial assistance through the Façade and Property Improvement Program for the following improvements: upgrading the plumbing and electrical service, construction of an ADA compliant restroom, tuck pointing, and fire alarm upgrade.

President Hofeld asked about the amount of square feet in the building to be repaired. Bill Frank informed him that there are 1,507 square feet. Afterwards, all of the Trustees expressed support for the Village helping to finance the project.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Bill Frank, owner of property located at 18033 Dixie Highway, under the Façade & Property Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed \$15,976.00.

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

PRESENTATION – PUBLIC OPEN SPACE :

Director of Community Development Wallrich presented information about the proposed Public Open Space areas. Afterwards, she introduced a representative from the Lakota Group. The representative showed multiple design plans through a PowerPoint presentation. The Public Open Space is an attempt to bring people downtown, shop and remain for a while. A survey was provided to people who were business owners and to other stakeholders regarding their opinions and preferences.

President Hofeld asked the department leadership about their thoughts and/or concerns on the proposal. Nobody from management had concerns. The public also received the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Multiple business owners suggested that the proposed space would take parking spots away from their customers. Other business owners were thrilled with the concept.

Trustees Dawkins and Purcell supported the idea. Trustee Colton was uncomfortable with investing in the Public Open Space for now. This was due to the Village investing a large amount of money into the new hotel that is being built. Trustee Heiferman mentioned placing temporary hardscape in the area in order to exam the functionality of the project. Trustee Robertson liked the idea of closing a section of the road. However, he asked how the Village would manage fire pits and tables.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Village Manager Marino informed everyone that the water meter replacement project would be starting and that the public could find information regarding the project on www.homesweethomewood.com.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, and Robertson complimented the Public Works Department for doing a great job with the snow removal. Trustee Heiferman followed the compliments by mentioning that walking across Ridge Road at Highland is a safety issue. Manager Marino updated the Board on the situation.

Last, President Hofeld mentioned that Village Hall would be closed for Dr. Martin Luther King’s holiday. He also publicly recognized Ryan and Tews Funeral Homes and the Wally Burns VFW Post 8077 for sponsoring the installation of TAPS at Veterans Memorial Park.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:48 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