

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY – January 28, 2014  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Twelve 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 Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman, and Trustee Robertson. **ABSENT:** Trustee Tom Kataras and 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, Director of Community Development Paula Wallrich, and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the minutes of the Community of the Whole Session held on Tuesday-December 3, 2013.

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

MINUTES: There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – January 14, 2014.

***Roll Call: AYES – Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Colton, Trustee Heiferman, and Trustee Robertson. NAYS – None. ABSENT – Trustee Kataras and 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 – January 28, 2014 in the amount of \$664,914.30. There were no questions.

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

REAPPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve the reappointments of Megan Tipton to the Cable Commission for a term ending 1/8/2017; Wally Hein and Tricia Jaggard to the Rail Committee for terms ending 1/8/2017; and Barbara Ferrari to the Storm Water Resource Committee for a term ending 1/22/2017.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Rachel Middleton asked the Board to consider allowing residents to raise chickens on their property.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Washington read the following items “A” through “G” for the Board’s consideration.

- A. ANNUAL REPORT / BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: The 2013 Annual Report for the Beautification Committee.
- B. ANNUAL REPORT / COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION: The 2013 Annual Report for the Community Relations Commission.
- C. ANNUAL REPORT / STORM WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE: The 2013 Annual Report for the Storm Water Resource Committee.
- D. ANNUAL REPORT / TREE COMMITTEE: The 2013 Annual Report for the TREE Committee.
- E. RESOLUTION R-2163 / NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COLLABORATIVE (NIMEC) POOL – ELECTRICITY PURCHASE: A resolution authorizing the Village Manager or Finance Director to contract for the purchase of electricity.
- F. ORDINANCE MC-902 / REDUCTION OF CLASS 4A 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 4A 75/25 restaurant with bar liquor licenses from three to two.
- G. RESOLUTION R-2164 / 2014 MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM: A resolution for improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$400,000.00 for street resurfacing.

Trustee Colton thanked volunteers for being involved in the Village. She indicated that she liked seeing all of the annual reports.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE MC-903 / PLACES FOR EATING TAX:

Village Manager Jim Marino presented information by giving statistics regarding the decline in revenue and the increase in expenditures. He recommended setting an eating tax of 2%. He added that if the Board had concerns with the 2%, they could impose a 2% now with a graduated decrease down to 1.5%.

After Manager Marino finished speaking, Finance Director Dennis Bubenik talked about how the funds from the eating tax would be used. President Hofeld noted that many towns already have an eating tax and some towns charge a higher tax rate than what was proposed.

Next, Mr. Dudley Elvery, one of the owners of The Cottage, asked if research had been performed on the regressive nature of the eating tax. President Hofeld responded by mentioning that an eating tax had not negatively affected Orland Park or Tinley Park. He then said that the tax would be instituted on May 1st.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to impose an eating tax of 2%.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to pass an ordinance amending Chapter 102 of the Homewood Municipal Code by adding Article VIII imposing a tax on places for eating.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT: Village Manager Jim Marino said that due to a limited salt supply, Public Works will be salting less and not on side streets.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees Colton and Heiferman complimented the Public Works Department for doing a great job with the snow removal. President Hofeld reminded everyone about the Chocolate Fest taking place on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Robertson to stop the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m. so that an Executive Session could begin to

discuss setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Village and the semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes.

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

The Executive Session ended at 8:14 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Washington  
Village Clerk