

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – February 11, 2014
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Thirty-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 Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Anne Colton, and Trustee Ray Robertson. **ABSENT**: Trustee Tom Kataras and Trustee Jay Heiferman.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Fire Chief Robert Grabowski, 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 Purcell to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – January 28, 2014.

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

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – February 11, 2014 in the amount of \$442,658.72. There were no questions.

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

RE-APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve the reappointment of Joseph Krol to the Rail Committee for a term ending 1/8/2017.

PRESENTATION: Fire Chief Grabowski gave an overview on the grant for a 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor. After the overview, he introduced a St. James representative who provided extensive information about the 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Nobody came forward.

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

- A. ANNUAL REPORT / PLAN COMMISSION: The 2013 Annual Report for the Plan Commission.
- B. ANNUAL REPORT / ETHICS COMMISSION: The 2013 Annual Report for the Ethics Commission.
- C. ANNUAL REPORT / RAIL COMMITTEE: The 2013 Annual Report for the Rail Committee.
- D. RESOLUTION R-2165 / APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AND AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN AUDIO RECORDINGS: A resolution approving Executive Session minutes from July through December 2013 and authorizing the destruction of Executive Session audio recordings from June 12, 2012 through July 19, 2012.
- E. RESOLUTION R-2166 / RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: A resolution determining which minutes or portions thereof from Executive Sessions no longer require confidential treatment.
- F. ORDINANCE M-1914 / LOT CONSOLIDATION – 3362 184TH STREET: An ordinance approving a lot consolidation for the property at 3362 184th Street in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- G. RESOLUTION R-2167 / 2014 MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) BULK ROCK SALT/LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE PURCHASE: A resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$121,000.00 for the additional purchase of rock salt and liquid calcium chloride for the period of May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014.
- H. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES AGREEMENTS.:
 - i. BARNES & THORNBURG, LLP: An agreement between the Village of Homewood and Barnes & Thornburg, LLP relating to providing of government relations services in connection with the development of property located partly in Homewood and partly in East Hazel Crest and generally southwest of the cloverleaf intersection of Halsted Street and Interstate 80, not to exceed \$27,000.
 - ii. WILLIAM F. MAHAR, INC.: An agreement between the Village of Homewood and William F. Mahar, Inc. relating to providing of government relations services in connection with the development of property located partly in Homewood and partly in East Hazel Crest and

generally southwest of the cloverleaf intersection of Halsted Street and Interstate 80, not to exceed \$10,000.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE M-1915 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT – LEARNING CENTER / 18400 GOVERNORS HIGHWAY:

Community Development Director Wallrich reported on a request from Sherri Thompson, owner of Reconstructed Fitness, for a special use permit for a personal fitness center to be located on 18400 Governors Highway. After Director Wallrich’s report, there were no comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass an Ordinance granting a special use permit to Sherri Thompson to allow a learning center at 18400 Governors Highway in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

ORDINANCE M-1916 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT – SALON/SPA - 2024 RIDGE ROAD:

Director Wallrich presented a request from Mary Mireles for a special use permit for a salon/spa to be located at 2024 Ridge Road. After the presentation, there were no questions or comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass an Ordinance granting a special use permit to Mary Mireles on behalf of Mary’s Health Hut to allow a salon/spa at 2024 Ridge Road in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

ORDINANCE M-1917 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT – BARBER SHOP (SALON/SPA) / 17540 DIXIE HIGHWAY:

Director Wallrich presented a request from Emmanuel Ascencio for a special use permit for a barber shop (salon/spa) to be located at 17540 Dixie Highway. After the presentation, President Hofeld reminded Mr. Ascencio about his promise to provide free “Back to School” haircuts. Mr. Ascencio confirmed.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass an Ordinance granting a special use permit to Emmanuel Ascencio to allow a salon/spa at 17540 Dixie Highway in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

1998 GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BONDS / BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Director of Finance Bubenik provided information on the capital projects to be funded by the 1998 General Obligation Bonds. After Director Bubenik's presentation, Trustee Robertson indicated his approval of the amendment.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve a budget amendment transferring \$376,129 from the 1998 Bond Debt Service Fund into Capital Projects.

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

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE: Director Wallrich gave an overview about the updates to the public space proposal for Martin Avenue. Next, she asked the representative from Lakota to give a presentation. He gave a PowerPoint presentation that showed the changes that were made to the designs based upon the Board's requests. After the presentation, people from the public made comments. Many asked the Board to delay the vote until more of the public could hear the proposal. They also asked for the Board to post meetings in a more visible place than the Patch. One person from the public indicated his approval of the plans.

When the public finished speaking, President Hofeld called on Trustees to comment. Trustee Colton thanked the community for giving input, agreed that communications needed to improve and thanked the Lakota representative for his work. Next, Trustee Colton referenced the amount of money that the Village had already spent on the hotel that is to open in downtown Homewood and noted that she would like to see a return on that investment before spending money on this project. Trustee Colton indicated that she wanted to wait for more data showing that the project would be successful before casting a vote of approval.

Trustee Robertson stated that the money spent on the hotel and the money that could be spent on the public space project are separate. He then noted his support for the project.

Trustee Dawkins agreed with Trustee Robertson by reiterating that the money spent on the hotel was separate from the money that could be allocated to the public space project. She then indicated her support for the project.

Trustee Purcell stated that she agrees that the project has no correlation to the money spent on the hotel and she believes that the project is something for the Village to pursue. However, she would like to have the chance to hear more from the residents before voting.

President Hofeld thanked the audience for their comments as well as the respectful manner in which they presented their input. He then asked if a Trustee would like to make a motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the final design and scope of work for a public space on Martin Avenue.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustee Dawkins, Trustee Robertson, and President Hofeld. NAYS – Trustee Purcell and Trustee Colton. ABSENT – Trustee Kataras and Trustee Heiferman. The motion did not carry.

AMENDMENT TO CONSENT AGENDA / BUDGET AMENDMENT: President Hofeld stated that although the Board had approved the government relations services agreements on consent agenda item H, the previous motion did not include mention of the budget amendment necessary to expend these funds. President Hofeld then asked for a motion to amend the budget by increasing the Manager’s Office consulting line item from \$62,000 to \$89,000 to cover the expenditures previously approved.

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Purcell to increase the Manager’s Office consulting line item from \$62,000 to \$89,000.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT: No verbal report was provided.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees Dawkins and Purcell urged everyone to attend Chocolate Fest.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Washington
Village Clerk