

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – September 23, 2014
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Six people from the public were present. Two people from 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 Jay Heiferman. Trustee Ray Robertson was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced the present staff members: Village Manager Jim Marino, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Chief of Police Lawrence Burnson, Fire Chief Robert Grabowski, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: The minutes were reviewed with no corrections. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday – September 9, 2014.

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

CLAIMS LIST: Village Attorney Cummings provided an update on the lawsuit between the City of Chicago and the City of Harvey regarding water. No other questions were asked. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Claims List of Tuesday – September 23, 2014 in the amount of \$1,207,792.21.

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

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the re-appointments of Kelly Feminella, Thomas Hamilton, and Kathi Knight to the Community Relations Commission for terms ending 8/31/2017 and Marjory Dalton and Alene Rutzky to the Senior Advisory Committee for terms ending 9/23/17.

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

APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICE: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to accept the resignation of Village Clerk Karen Washington and appoint Karen Washington to the office of Trustee for the Village of Homewood. Karen Washington's term will end with the installation of newly elected officials following the spring election in 2015.

Karen Washington was administered the Oath of Office for the position of Village Trustee. Assistant Village Manager Marzal assumed the duties of Deputy Village Clerk.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No comments were made by members of the audience.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Consider a motion to pass, approve, accept, or award the following items “A” through “D”:

- A. ORDINANCE MC-912 / AMUSEMENT TAX: Pass an ordinance amending Section 102-91 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, decreasing the Amusement Tax rate to two percent.
- B. ORDINANCE MC-913 / ZONING ORDINANCE AND CHAPTER 86-CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SIGNS: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Zoning Ordinance regulations for learning centers, financial institutions, exterior lighting and signs and Chapter 86 of the Homewood Municipal Code for signs in the Central Business District.
- C. RESOLUTION R-2191 / ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) PENSIONABLE INCOME: Pass a resolution to include compensation directed into a Retirement Health Savings Plan as IMRF earnings.
- D. RESOLUTION R-2192 / IMRF - VILLAGE CLERK POSITION: Pass a resolution terminating participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for the Village Clerk position.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE M-1937 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT / MASSAGE THERAPY FACILITY: Village Manager Marino provided background information regarding Sacred Therapy Spa. Sacred Therapy Spa is seeking to locate at 1818 Ridge Road. This use requires a special use permit to operate in the Village. Discussion ensued and Trustee Colton made a motion to grant a special use permit to Marguerite Write on behalf of Sacred Therapy Spa to be located at 1818 Ridge Road. Trustee Heiferman seconded the motion.

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

VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION / PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: Village Manager Marino provided background information regarding entering into an agreement with

Kluber Architects and Engineers for Phase 2 of the design, construction, and preparation of bid documents for the Village Hall renovations. Discussion ensued and Trustee Colton made a motion to enter into an agreement with Kluber to prepare plans and documents for Village Hall renovations in an amount not to exceed \$53,750. Trustee Purcell seconded the motion.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT: Village Manager Marino stated that Fall Fest will be held this weekend.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Heiferman requested Village staff to research removing a fence at 183rd and Gottschalk. Attorney Cummings stated he will research means to accomplish this.

Trustee Heiferman stated that Public Works will host a branch chipping event on October 11, 2014.

Village President Hofeld congratulated Mary Cantway for having her 100 birthday.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Marzal
Deputy Village Clerk