

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—OCTOBER 28, 2014
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Richard Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 20 people from the public were present. One press representative was in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Village Clerk Marilyn Thomas recorded the roll call. Those present were President Richard Hofeld and Trustees Barbara Dawkins, Lisa Purcell, Karen Washington, Jay Heiferman and Ray Robertson. Trustee Anne Colton was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Manager Jim Marino, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of October 14, 2014. A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014.

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

CLAIMS LIST: President Hofeld pointed out that of the \$503,209.34 Claims List, two of the major expenses were \$145,391.03 to E-COM (emergency communications), and \$194,192.17 to the City of Harvey for potable water.

President Hofeld asked for an update on the lawsuit the City of Chicago brought against the City of Harvey for unpaid water bills. Attorney Cummings said the next hearing in Cook County Circuit Court will be November 17, 2014. Chicago is asking the court to agree that Homewood payments for supplied Lake Michigan water be paid directly to Chicago. (Harvey, the conduit for Lake Michigan water, has collected payments from Homewood for the water. Chicago argues it is owed \$20 million for water supplied to Harvey.) Attorney Cummings said Homewood's position is that the Village has no problem paying directly to the City of Chicago, but Homewood raises the concern of how Harvey will maintain the water system if it is left with no funds.

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Claims List of October 28, 2014 in the amount of \$503,209.34.

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

APPOINTMENTS: It was moved by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell that Janet Hernandez be appointed to the Tree Committee for a term ending November 13, 2016, and Priscilla Cordero be appointed to the Economic Development Committee for a term ending July 13, 2016.

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

Clerk Thomas administered the Oath of Office to Janet Hernandez and Priscilla Cordero.

PRESENTATION: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve Resolution R-1295 honoring Robert LaChapelle on his retirement as utility supervisor in the Public Works Department after 35 years of service. His last day of work will be October 31, 2014.

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

Public Works Director John Schaefer thanked Mr. LaChapelle for his dedicated service and leadership that Public Works staff as relied on over many years. In addition, Mr. LaChapelle had been a volunteer with the Homewood Fire Department. Mr. LaChapelle received a standing ovation.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited members of the audience to address any issues not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. **ORDINANCE M-1939 / AMENDMENT TO MABAS AGREEMENT:** Pass an ordinance authorizing an addendum to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement.
- B. **ORDINANCE M-1940 / SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** Pass an ordinance providing for the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- C. **PARKING LOT AGREEMENT / LA BANQUE HOTEL – 2034 RIDGE ROAD:** Authorize the Village President to enter into a parking lot agreement with LaBanque Hotel to allow the Homewood Police Department to enforce parking and traffic laws in the parking lot located at 2034 Ridge Road.
- D. **ORDINANCE MC-914 / HEALTH INSPECTION COSTS:** Pass an ordinance amending Section 26-37 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, concerning Business Licensing fees.
- E. **COOK COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – HEALTH**

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES RENEWAL: Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of environmental health inspectional services for the period from December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the Omnibus List.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: Trustee Purcell moved and Trustee Heiferman seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk