

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY – November 25, 2014  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 15 people from the public were present. One press representative was in the audience.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, 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 November 11, 2014. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of November 11, 2014.

***Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Colton and Heiferman. NAYS – None. ABSTAIN – Trustee Robertson. Motion carried.***

CLAIMS LIST: President Hofeld said \$334,889.51 or 61 percent of the Claims List of \$551,217.88 will be paid to the City of Harvey for water. He asked Village Attorney Cummings for an update on legal action against the City of Harvey.

Attorney Cummings said two weeks ago in the Circuit Court of Cook County the City of Chicago had another hearing on its suit against Harvey for its default on an estimated \$26 million water bill. Of that, \$19 million is for water, and \$6.5 million is penalties for nonpayment. Chicago provides Lake Michigan water to Homewood, Flossmoor, East Hazel Crest, Hazel Crest, Dixmoor and Posen through the City of Harvey. Homewood pays for water directly to Harvey. Chicago is asking that it receive future payments, but the judge did not agree to that. Harvey has taken water payments from the surrounding communities and used the money to pay debt on \$81 million in municipal bonds.

The judge suggests a monitor be appointed to make sure the bills are paid. Attorney Cummings said he would rather a receiver be appointed. The parties will be back before the judge in January 2015 for further discussion, and Attorney Cummings hopes a final outcome on how and to which city Homewood will make payments for water.

Village Manager Marino said the representatives from the Village of Homewood and Baxter & Woodman Engineering will be meeting with City of Harvey representatives on December 2, 2014. At that meeting he expects a timetable will be set so that Baxter & Woodman can proceed with its work inspecting Harvey's water plant and supply network for the Village of Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Claims List of November 25, 2014 in the amount of \$551,217.88.

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

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to reappoint Maureen Guger and Regina Zohfeld to the Tree Committee. They will serve until November 13, 2017.

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

PRESENTATION: Village Clerk Marilyn Thomas administered the oath of office to Harry Hammock who was sworn in as the Utility Supervisor in the Public Works Utility Supervisor Hammock joined the staff in 1983 as a mechanic. He transferred to the utilities department in 2001. During his 31 years with the Village, Mr. Hammock has taken numerous training courses, helped the Village file for grants, and most recently has been working on the water meter replacement project.

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) RESOLUTION R-2199 / LED UPGRADE - TRAFFIC SIGNALS: Pass a resolution for improvement by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for traffic signal upgrade with Light Emitting Diode (LED) modules, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) and countdown pedestrian signals at various intersections throughout the Village.

B) RAFFLE LICENSE / PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to the Parish of St. Joseph for a single raffle to be held on January 24, 2015, waive the fidelity bond requirement, and allow for the sale of raffle tickets at \$25.00 each, subject to an approved background check. (A St. Joseph School student spoke on behalf of the organizing committee inviting the community to the event.)

C) ORDINANCE M-1943 / CAL SAG ENTERPRISE ZONE: Pass an ordinance for the establishment of an enterprise zone subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois.

D) ORDINANCE M-1944 / SIGN VARIANCE / 18228 HALSTED / TOUCH BY ANGELS: Pass an ordinance granting a variation from Section 86-7 of the Homewood Municipal Code to allow signage exceeding the maximum permitted amount on property located at 18222-18234 Halsted Street, Homewood, Illinois.

E) BUDGET AMENDMENT – 2014 G.O. BOND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS: Approve budget amendments and transfers related to the 2014 G.O. Bond & General Capital Projects.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton that Omnibus Items A-E be approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CLASS 12 LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST / PAINTERTAINING LLC – 2049 RIDGE ROAD: Finance Director Dennis Bubenik asked the Board to consider increasing the number of Class 12 Liquor Licenses. He said upon a recommendation from former Village Attorney Walt Cummings, the Village created a Class 12 license—BYOB (Bring Your Own Booze); however, a Class 12 license has not been issued. At the request of a new business, Paintertaining LLC at 2049 Ridge Road, Director Bubenik asked the Board to create a Class 12 license. The business will be open for parties for all ages, but it is asking that for adult parties it have a Class 12 license.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell for staff to prepare an ordinance to increase the number of Class 12 liquor licenses from 0 to 1.

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

The Board will vote on awarding the license to Paintertaining LLC once the business is established and ready to open in early 2015.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Village Manager Marino reminded the audience of the Holiday Lights celebration December 5, 2014, and that Pop-Up businesses throughout downtown will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through December 21, 2014.

Trustee Heiferman asked if Manager Marino had heard from the Village of Flossmoor on its request to share costs on the Baxter & Woodman Engineering inspection of the Harvey water system. Homewood serves as the conduit to Flossmoor for Lake Michigan water. Manager Marino said Flossmoor doesn't intend to help pay for the inspection. He is hoping that after discussions at an upcoming meeting with Flossmoor's Village Manager and Attorney, Flossmoor may make a different decision.

Attorney Cummings said Homewood is in a unique situation in that its agreement with Harvey allows for an inspection of the facility. He had hoped Flossmoor would be willing to help cover a portion of the expense. Homewood is contracted with Harvey and Flossmoor through 2021.

Trustee Robertson asked if Homewood could recoup costs from the other villages (Hazel Crest, East Hazel Crest, Posen and Dixmoor). Attorney Cummings said he has been in discussion with attorneys representing those villages, but that they are not in a financial position to offer any payment. He added that Posen and Dixmoor have different water supply lines from Harvey.

President Hofeld said Homewood is going to be conducting the inspection of the Harvey water facility to know the condition of the lines so that Homewood residents know they will have safe, potable water.

President Hofeld told the audience that he will be giving gift cards from Twisted Q and Eat Rice to the residents who can tell him (during his Saturday morning information sessions at Village Hall) the location of the snowflake decoration that is different from the rest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property.

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

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk