

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – JANUARY 13, 2015
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 10 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, Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal and Police Chief Larry Burnson.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of December 23, 2014. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of December 23, 2014.

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

There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of the special meeting of December 30, 2014. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to accept the minutes of the special meeting of December 30, 2014.

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

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Claims List of January 13, 2015, in the amount of \$1,377,624.92. President Hofeld said the major expenses were \$144,207.90 to E-COM (dispatcher services); \$184,706.54 for employee health insurance premiums; \$639,886 to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency for Homewood's insurance for property/casualty/workers' compensation claims; and \$77,700.10 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District. These bills totaled more than 75 percent of the payments on the Claims List. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the appointments of Marvin Austin to the Ethics Commission for a term ending April 30, 2018; and the reappointments of Michael Matthys to the Appearance Commission for a term ending July 31, 2017; Irwin Friedman and Holly Campbell to the Cable Commission for terms ending January 8, 2018; Anthony Dauginas and Patrick McAneney to the Storm Water Resource Committee for terms ending January 22, 2018; and David Rebec and Robert Silverman to the Veterans Committee for terms ending January 23, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION R-2205 / CRAIG SLINE / 20 YEARS OF SERVICE / HOMEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass a resolution honoring Craig Sline for 20 years of service to the Village of Homewood.

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

Police Chief Burnson applauded Sergeant. Sline for his outstanding service to the Department. Chief Burnson read the resolution recognizing Sgt. Sline who during his 20 years with the Department has served as a tactical officer, detective, DARE officer, juvenile officer, bicycle officer, firearms instructor, field training officer and tactical ground fighting instructor. He has received letters of commendation from the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and numerous letters of appreciation and special recognition from citizens and local business owners.

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) BID AWARD / CARGO VAN: Award the bid for one current year and model ¾ ton cargo van to Dralle Chevrolet of Peotone, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$22,598.31.
- B) BUDGET AMENDMENT – BID AWARD / TOWABLE TRASH PUMP:
 - i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: A budget amendment transferring \$5,790.00 from Building Inspector Pick-up Replacement to Towable Trash Pump Replacement.

- ii. BID AWARD / TOWABLE TRASH PUMP: Award the bid for one current year towable trash pump to Thompson Pump Manufacturer, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$25,790.00.

C) BUDGET AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION R-2206 / 183RD STREET RESURFACING:

- i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: A budget amendment adding \$66,000 to the 183rd Street & Kedzie Local Agency Functional Overlay (LAFO) account.
- ii. RESOLUTION R-2206 / 183RD STREET RESURFACING: Pass a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for the resurfacing of 183rd Street from Sacramento Avenue to Brentwood Drive.

There were no comments from the Trustees. President Hofeld asked Public Works Director Schaefer if either of Homewood’s two car dealers bid on the cargo van; Director Schaefer said neither had.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY – 18138 DIXIE HIGHWAY / BUDGET AMENDMENT: Village Manager Marino asked Trustees to consider the purchase of the former Savoia’s Carry-Out Restaurant at 18138 Dixie Highway. The property has been vacant and for sale. The property is adjacent to the Village’s Independence Park and is ideally located for commercial development. Purchasing the property will give the Village control over how the parcel is developed.

The Village has negotiated a price of \$150,000 with owners Rudy and Barbara Bamonti, and agreed to waive an outstanding water bill of \$1,700. The funding source for this purchase would be the Village’s General Fund.

Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington and Colton said approving the purchase would be another step the Village will take to guarantee downtown Homewood’s integrity. Trustee Colton added that land-banking is a technique other communities are using successfully and she believed it would help the Village in the long run.

Trustee Heiferman said he hopes the Village will think about future plans for the site.

Trustee Robertson said he could not support the purchase. He said there is no long-term interest in the property and believed the Village would be “stuck” with this parcel. He also pointed out the Village was allocating money for this purchase that could be used for other projects.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Colton to amend the Village’s budget to increase the New Business account (01-6-512-54-7000) by \$151,700.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Colton and Heiferman. NAYS –Trustee Robertson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell authoring Manager Marino to enter into a contract for the purchase of the property at 18138 Dixie Highway, Homewood, for \$151,700 plus customary closing costs, and for Manager Marino and Attorney Cummings to execute customary documents necessary to close on the sale of this property.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Colton and Heiferman. NAYS –Trustee Robertson. Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Dawkins thanked the Public Works staff for their outstanding work clearing Homewood’s first major snowfall. Other Trustees seconded her comments.

President Hofeld also thanked Public Works for the outstanding work the crews did repairing a water main break. He recognized how difficult it is to work in the extreme cold temperatures, and knows the team gave 100 percent effort on the job.

It was moved by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk