

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY – JANUARY 27, 2015
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President 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: 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, and Trustee Ray Robertson. Trustee Anne Colton was absent.

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 January 13, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Robertson to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015.

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

CLAIMS LIST: A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the Claims List of January 27, 2015, in the amount of \$487,644.98.

President Hofeld said that payments for two services totaled approximately 75 percent of the payments on the Claims List: two payments to the City of Harvey for water-- \$154,359.89 and \$165,944.45 and four payments to Morton Salt for the Public Works Department for winter street maintenance: \$27,531.18, \$6,526.86, \$5,876.31 and \$14,761.42. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

President Hofeld asked Attorney Cummings for an update on the City of Chicago's lawsuit against the City of Harvey for non-payment of its water bills. Homewood purchases its Lake Michigan water from Harvey and pays Harvey directly for the water purchases. A consent decree was reached in the Circuit Court of Cook County that forces

Harvey to pay its water bills on time, and to pay Chicago over the next 7 years the \$19 million it is owed for outstanding water bills, plus three percent interest. If Harvey fails to meet its obligations, Homewood will begin making payments of 88 percent for water directly to the City of Chicago holding back 12 percent to cover costs of maintaining the Harvey water system.

PRESENTATIONS

OATH OF OFFICE – WATER BILLING CLERK: Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Paulette Wysocki, the new water billing clerk. Finance Director Bubenik said an advertisement for the position drew 75 candidates, and after testing and interviews Ms. Wysocki was selected as the best candidate. She comes to Homewood with experience having worked for the Village of Minooka and the Village of Midlothian.

OATH OF OFFICE – STREET SUPERVISOR: Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Bob Pettigrew, the new Street Supervisor in the Department of Public Works. He has more than 20 years of experience in Public Works and has been with the Village of Homewood since 1992. Over that time, he has taken on various responsibilities and has training in a number of specialty areas.

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-2207 / THOMAS CHESTNUT / 25 YEARS OF SERVICE / FIRE DEPARTMENT: Pass a resolution congratulating Thomas Chestnut for 25 years of service to the Village of Homewood.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2208 / TERMINATION OF SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO. 1: Pass a resolution terminating Village of Homewood Special Service Area No. 1 established in 1988.
- C. ORDINANCE M-1952 / WASHINGTON PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) SURPLUS FUNDS: Pass an ordinance declaring surplus funds in the Washington Park Tax Increment Financing District and providing for the distribution of those funds.
- D. ORDINANCE MC-915 / REDUCTION OF CLASS 1 LIQUOR LICENSE: Pass an ordinance amending Section 10-58 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, to decrease the number of permitted Class 1 General Liquor Licenses from four to three.
- E. ORDINANCE MC-916 / CREATION OF CLASS 4B LIQUOR LICENSE: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in restaurants with bars.

- F. BUDGET AMENDMENT / PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM: Approve a budget amendment transferring \$5,000 from CIP FD Radios account to Building Maintenance Contracting/Consulting Services account for the purchase of new equipment for the fire alarm system at the Public Safety Building.
- G. ORDINANCE M-1954 / FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT – 2536 HICKORY ROAD: Pass an ordinance approving the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the Village of Homewood as Lessor and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC as Lessee.

There were no comments from the Trustees. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Robinson that Omnibus Items A-G be approved.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE M-1953 / SPECIAL USE – RESTAURANT / 17536 DIXIE HIGHWAY: A proposal was presented by Village Manager Marino for a special use permit for a restaurant at 17536 Dixie Highway. Future owner/operator Delsie Ascencio addressed the Board explaining that the Mexican restaurant will be in the strip mall in a vacant storefront that had previously had a restaurant. She estimated the business, Carnitas La Victoria, would have seating for approximately 40 diners and would have carry-out food service. The business would be open seven days a week. The proposal for the restaurant was approved by the Plan Commission.

Trustee Heiferman asked if there were any redevelopment plans for the building. Ms. Ascencio said she was not aware of any.

Trustee Robertson said the strip mall was a sorry introduction into Homewood (on its north border) and although he would hope something would be done, he didn't believe the landlord would do anything. Manager Marino said the Village has been in contact with the property owner about bringing the building up to code.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to grant a special use permit to Delsie and Manuel Ascencio to allow a restaurant at 17536 Dixie Highway.

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

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM / JONATHAN KANE SALON AND SPA / 18065 HARWOOD AVENUE: Manager Marino presented information on an application for funding from the Downtown Business Incentive Program.

Larry Kane, owner of Jonathan Kane Salon and Spa, moving into 18065 Harwood Avenue, asked for assistance for remodeling work on the space. The proposal was to offer Larry Kane financing of \$25,000 through the Façade and Property Improvement Program, \$10,000 through the Retail Enhancement Program and \$5,000 through the Go Green Reward Program.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins that the Village enter into an agreement with Larry Kane, on behalf of Jonathan Kane Salon and Spa to be located at 18065 Harwood Avenue, for Downtown Business Incentive Program funding under the Façade and Property Improvement Program, the Retail Enhancement Program and the Go Green Reward Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

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

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM / MARTIN ARRIVO – HOMEWOOD FLORIST / 18064 MARTIN AVENUE: Manager Marino presented to the Board a request from Marty Arrivo, owner of Homewood Florist, for assistance through the Go Green Reward Program for costs of a new heating/air conditioning system at the business at 18064 Martin Avenue. He presented a low bid of \$7,650. Through the Go Green 50/50 match, he could receive \$3,825.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Robertson to authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Martin Arrivo for Downtown Business Incentive Program funding under the Go Green Reward Program for the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system at 18064 Martin Avenue (Homewood Florist) in an amount not to exceed \$3,825.

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

GLOBAL STUDIOS PROPOSAL / COMMUNITY SCIENCE CENTER CONCEPTUAL PLAN: Manager Marino asked the Board to defer action items with Global Studios pending attorney review.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Marino reported that work will be beginning shortly on the Martin Avenue Project and that he will be working to notify the immediate businesses of the changes and street closings. He also announced the opening of bids on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, for remodeling at the Village Hall.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Heiferman invited the public to meet with him between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015, at the Starbuck's on Harwood Avenue to discuss any issues or concerns relating to the Village.

President Hofeld announced that Portillo's Hot Dogs would be locating a restaurant in Homewood at 175th and Halsted Street. Groundbreaking will be in March and the restaurant should be open in September. He welcomed the business to Homewood and complimented Manager Marino and Attorney Cummings for their ongoing efforts to bring the initiative to fruition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to move to Executive Session to discuss the semi-annual review of Closed Session Minutes.

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

The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk