

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—MARCH 10, 2015
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 40 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 Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman 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, Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal and Fire Chief Bob Grabowski.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of February 24, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$2,090,604.77 was reviewed. President Hofeld said four items totaled nearly 88 percent of the expenses: \$68,609 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District; \$1,439,694.64 to Motorola Solutions for Fire Department radios (paid through a grant); \$184,706.54 for employee health insurance; and \$62,092.08 for new Police Department vehicles. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell for the Board to approve the March 10, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$2,090,604.77.

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

PRESENTATIONS: Fire Chief Grabowski made certificate presentations to Fire Department members who were honored for their outstanding actions by Dr. Bernard Heilicser, EMS Medical Director for South Cook County EMS.

Firefighter Paramedics Ryan Tracy, Jason Presnak and Sean Sullivan were recognized for their work in July 2014 helping a 48-year-old woman who had no pulse when they

arrived. They successfully used CPR and defibrillations with the ALS drug to revive her and transport her to the hospital.

Firefighter Paramedics Kevin Wake, John Elashik, and Ryan Schneiter; part-time firefighter Joseph Malik; and Firefighter EMT David Vitolka were recognized for their work in September 2014 helping revive an unresponsive 72-year-old woman who was in cardiopulmonary arrest. The crew took various steps and administered medication to resuscitate her and transport her to the hospital.

Deputy Fire Chief Steven DeJong, Firefighter Paramedics Christopher Kieta and Kevin Wake and Lt. William Wright were recognized for their outstanding work in September 2013 reviving an unresponsive 32-year-old male. Their rapid assessment and administration of drugs helped bring the man to where he was stable with good vital signs and transported him to the hospital.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited members of the audience to address any issues not on the agenda.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 342 based at Isaac Walton invited the community to its annual pancake breakfast from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Paul Community Church.

Mr. Charles Daringer of Chicago Heights came to inform the Board about proposals from the Army Corps of Engineers to make changes to regional dams. His concern was on Sauk Trail Lake and the actions that may drain the lake. He said the Corps could rebuild the dam at that point and that that would help move silt downstream.

He also mentioned a meeting March 20 at St. Mark Church in Chicago Heights to discuss the possibility of joint services between Chicago Heights and Ford Heights.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. RESOLUTION R-2212 / ZONING MAP: Pass a resolution adopting the official zoning map of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois for calendar year 2014.
- B. ORDINANCE MC-920 / CLASS 7A LIQUOR LICENSE – CHAPTER 10: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- C. ANNUAL REPORT / BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Accept the Annual Report for the Beautification Committee.
- D. ANNUAL REPORT / HERITAGE COMMITTEE: Accept the Annual Report for the Heritage Committee.
- E. ANNUAL REPORT / COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION: Accept the Annual Report for the Community Relations Commission.

- F. CONTRACT RENEWAL / PAVEMENT MARKING: Renew the contract for pavement marking for 2015 with AC Pavement Striping in an amount not to exceed \$155,000.
- G. RESOLUTION R-2213 / REDUCED STATE INCOME TAX REVENUE: Pass a resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of Local Government Distributive Fund revenues.
- H. REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT / BUDGET AMENDMENT / RESOLUTION R-2214 - 183RD STREET RESURFACING:
- i. REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: Authorize the Village President to enter into a revised Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Village of Hazel Crest for the resurfacing of 183rd Street from Crawford Avenue/Pulaski Road to Kedzie Avenue.
 - ii. BUDGET AMENDMENT: A budget amendment adding \$112,600 to the 183rd Street & Kedzie Local Agency Functional Overlay (LAFO) account.
 - iii. RESOLUTION R- 2214 / 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 Crawford Avenue/Pulaski Road.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the Omnibus Report as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE M-1958 / SPECIAL USE – LEARNING CENTER / 17803 BRETZ DRIVE: Village Manager Marino presented to the Board a request for a special use permit from Louis Clayton who proposes to open The Facility, a fitness center, at 17803 Bretz Drive in the Homewood Business Park. The space requires certain “build outs” before Mr. Clayton can open, including an ADA bathroom, a mop sink and operating fire alarm and fire suppression systems.

This business is classified as a learning center and requires a special use permit to open in a Limited Manufacturing District. This proposal has been approved by the Plan Commission and Zone Board of Appeals.

Mr. Clayton said he is anxious to open and has several clients ready to start training. His emphasis will be on youth and their needs. He wants to get kids active.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to Louis Clayton to allow a learning center at 17803 Bretz Drive, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

ORDINANCE M-1959 /PUD AMENDMENT – PORTILLO’S RESTAURANT / 17500

HALSTED STREET: Richard Pozzi, project manager for Portillo’s Homewood location, came before the Board with plans for the restaurant within the Mother Tucker’s Food Experience Restaurant Planned Unit Development plat. Portillo’s has 38 restaurants and has been in business for 51 years. The firm is opening its first diner concept in Rockford.

Portillo’s proposes to build an 8,900 square foot building. The plan provides for adequate off-street parking, with improved ingress/egress by widening the entrances on the west and north sides to include dedicated turn lanes. The property will be designed with an underground detention system so that the water runoff doesn’t go into the sewer system.

The one-story building will have the entrance on the west. Mr. Pozzi said Portillo’s is unique for its two-lane drive-thru and has proposed to have drivers go east to the drive-thru lanes that will swing north around the building and then have drivers exit from the west. He estimates that between 40 and 45 percent of the business is done as drive-thru. The restaurant will have seating for 190 indoor and 42 on an outdoor patio. The restaurant will have a staff of between 80 and 100 people. Hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday.

Portillo’s is accepting bids for the construction work and hopes to start on the project this month. Demolition of the old Shooter’s Restaurant will start this week. The schedule calls for an opening in September.

Jeffery Atkins, who has been designing Portillo’s Restaurants for more than 20 years, said this site will be one floor—no basement as some stores have. The storage and freezers will be at the back. This restaurant also will have a private party room. The bulk of the building will have ceilings at 24 feet with 31.9 feet at the front. The building is designed for earth tones on the exterior. Portillo’s tries to do interesting imaging with its signage and has been in touch with Jim Wright of the Homewood Historical Society who has shared a photo of the old Washington Park Racetrack for use. Mr. Atkins said that offers a nice tie-in to the community and he will incorporate it into the site. Signage “Welcome to Homewood” will also be incorporated into the building.

The restaurant will have LED lamps every 6 feet. It helps with the presentation and is important for staff working in the drive-through lanes. There will be red accent lighting on the building.

Portillo’s will be improving the landscaping around the building. Mr. Pozzi said founder Dick Portillo is very concerned about appearance to the point that he puts flowers on top of the holding pens for the garbage bins.

Trustees applauded the proposal and said they know the community is excited to have Portillo's coming to Homewood.

Trustee Ray Robertson asked about the signage noting Homewood's restrictions on painting signs on buildings. Mr. Atkins said the images on the building will be 50 percent screened images. Attorney Chris Cummings said this would not be considered signage, but decorative work.

Village Manager Marino pointed out that Portillo's will be doing upgrades to the landscaping along Halsted Street.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to pass an ordinance amending the Washington Park Plaza Planned Unit Development permitting construction of a Portillo's Restaurant at the southwest corner of 175th Street and Halsted Street in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Marino said construction will begin April 6 on remodeling the second floor of the Village Hall. The staff will be working from the former Ryan Funeral Home. The move of the Manager's Office, Accounting Office, Community Development Office and Building Department will begin March 23.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to move to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Village.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk