

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY—MAY 12, 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. Two press representatives were 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: Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Police Chief Larry Burnson and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$761,648.63 was reviewed. President Hofeld said four payments made up 65 percent of the list: \$193,219.89 for E-COM; \$53,280 to Frontier Construction Inc. for the remodeling work on the second floor of Village Hall; \$184,706.54 to IPBC for employee health insurance; and \$65,081 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Washington for the Board to approve the April 28, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$761,648.63.

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

ADJOURN SINE DIE: President Hofeld asked if the Board had any further discussion. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting *Sine Die*.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Following the municipal election of April 7, 2015, elected officers were sworn in to office.

Assistant Village Manager Marzal, acting as deputy clerk, administered the oath of office

to newly elected Clerk Marilyn Thomas. She in turn administered the oath to re-elected Trustees Lisa Purcell and Jay Heiferman, and newly elected Trustee Karen Washington.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Thomas called the roll for the newly installed Board. 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.

APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to reappoint David Speerbrecker to the Ethics Commission. He will serve through April 30, 2018.

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

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

RESOLUTION R-2219 HONORING DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF McGRATH, 20 YEARS OF SERVICE: Police Chief Larry Burnson read a proclamation honoring Denise J. McGrath for her outstanding service to the Police Department. She started with the department May 1, 1995 after having served as a police officer in South Holland, Illinois. She has worked in Homewood as a Field Training Officer, Detective, Accident Investigator, Field Training Coordinator, Detective Sergeant and Range Master. She has received numerous honors and commendations, and is held in high esteem by her friends, professional peers and members of the community.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Purcell to accept Resolution R-2219 and offer congratulations to Deputy Police Chief Denise McGrath.

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

PROCLAMATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS WEEK: Clerk Thomas read a proclamation declaring the week of May 17, 2015 as Public Works Week as an acknowledgement for all the Public Works Department does to maintain the infrastructure, facilities and services in the Village of Homewood. This Public Works Week is in conjunction with the 55<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Works Week celebration sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. ANNUAL REPORT / FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD: Accept the 2014 Annual Report for the Firefighters Pension Board.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2220 / MFT STREET MILLING/HMA SURFACE MIX: Pass a resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the

Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$30,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund for the purpose of maintaining streets.

- C. ORDINANCE M-1964 / PROPOSED DESIGNATION – NORTHEAST TIF: An ordinance of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, proposing the designation of a Redevelopment Plan and Project for the designation of the Northeast TIF Redevelopment Project Area Plan, the designation of the Northeast TIF Redevelopment Project Area, and the adoption of tax increment allocation financing therefor, convening a joint review board on June 4, 2015 and calling a public hearing on the new TIF district at 7:30 p.m. on July 14, 2015 at village hall.
- D. DOWNTOWN BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM / WELLNESS INTEGRATIVE CENTER / 18036-38 GOTTSCHALK AVENUE: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Dr. Rushia Butler under the Downtown Business Incentive Program for expanding the fire alarm system for the property at 18036-38 Gottschalk Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$833.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Assistant Village Manager Marzal invited the public to the second annual Public Works Department Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Dawkins told of a friend who took her children to the San Francisco Science Center and enjoyed it immensely. Trustee Dawkins said she is looking forward to the development of the Science Center in Homewood for the same enjoyment and learning by children in our community.

She also reminded the public about Rail Fest on Saturday, May 16, in the village.

Trustee Purcell said she was looking forward to the Open House at the Public Works garage on Saturday.

Trustee Heiferman congratulated the newly elected Board members and said he is looking forward to another four years on the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk