

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 6 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, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 25, 2015 were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$493,570.57 was reviewed. President Hofeld said two items totaled more than 50 percent of the claims: \$177,858.95 for employee health insurance and \$74,118.76 for Thorn Creek Sanitary District.

A motion was made by Trustee Robertson and seconded by Trustee Purcell for the Board to approve the September 8, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$493,570.57.

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

APPOINTMENTS: The Board was asked to consider the reappointments of Aredell Roundtree II and Lauren Roman to the Community Relations Commission. Their terms will end August 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the reappointments of Aredell Roundtree II and Lauren Roman.

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

PRESENTATION:

RESOLUTION R-2231 / JERRY MAICACH / 20 YEARS OF SERVICE / FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Board was asked to approve Resolution R-2231 honoring Jerry Maicach for his 20 years of service with the Village of Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass a resolution honoring staff member Jerry Maicach.

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

Chief Grabowski, in reading the resolution, said Mr. Maicach had been a building inspector since 1995 and had an integral role in the commercial development process as a member of the Site Plan Review Committee. Mr. Maicach had been recognized for his work within the Village, and his work in code enforcement was delivered with fairness and integrity.

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. **PARKING LOT AGREEMENT / HOMEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT:** Authorize the Village President to enter into a parking lot agreement with the Homewood Public Library District to allow the Homewood Police Department to enforce parking and traffic laws in the parking lot located at 17917 Dixie Highway.
- B. **ORDINANCE MC-933 / CHAPTER 106 - TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:** Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning traffic regulations.
- C. **BUDGET AMENDMENT / VILLAGE HALL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM:** Approve a budget amendment adding \$3,900.00 to line item 01-3-342-53-4600 (Building Maintenance - Equipment Maintenance and Repair) to cover the cost of replacing the existing non-functioning fire alarm panel modules and remote annunciator.
- D. **RAFFLE LICENSE / HOMEWOOD FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE D/B/A FOUNDATION 153:** Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to Homewood Foundation for Educational Excellence d/b/a Foundation 153 for a single raffle to be held on September 20, 2015, waive the fidelity bond requirements, and allow for the sale of raffle tickets at \$5.00 each subject to an approved background check.
- E. **RESOLUTION R-2232 / CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX DESIGNATION / 3355 183RD STREET:** Pass a resolution supporting and consenting to a Class 8 Cook

County tax classification for the building located at 3355 183rd Street on behalf of Zenah Taher.

F. BID AWARD / FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS FLOOR RESURFACING:

- i. RESCIND BID AWARD: Rescind bid awarded on August 11, 2015 to Matrix Coating Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$30,854.40 for failure to meet specifications.
- ii. BID AWARD / FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS FLOOR RESURFACING: Award the bid for the resurfacing of the apparatus floor at the Fire Department to Continental Construction Co., Inc., the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$38,959.50.

Before the vote was called, Trustee Heiferman asked that Resolution R-2232 be pulled from the list.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington for the Board to pass, approve, accept, rescind and award items on the Omnibus Report with the exception of R-2232.

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

In further discussion, Trustee Heiferman said he would not support R-2232 because he didn't believe the property owner had met all the expectations set out in the original plan for the building brought before the Appearance Commission in 2007. He was a member of the Commission at that time.

Trustee Heiferman said he had been out earlier in the day to look at the building at 3355 183rd Street and said the property owner didn't have an adequate landscaping plan, and that the garbage dumpster pen was not in a good condition. He said he couldn't support the request because he didn't believe the property owner was being honest with the Village or respectful of its requirements.

Mayor Hofeld invited Zenah Taher, the property owner, to speak. She said she did not agree with Trustee Heiferman. She acknowledged that the property was not done on the timeframe she had originally proposed. The building was not completed until 2013 and she spent \$1 million on it. She has been paying property taxes on the building for four years, and she asked that the Board support her in her second bid for Class 8 tax relief. She said some of the problems at the building are being caused by construction in the area.

Fire Chief Grabowski was asked if he had any citations for the property. He said he had inspected the property just last week and found that lighting in the parking lot was insufficient and there are moderate concerns about the building.

Trustee Robertson suggested R-2232 be considered at the next Board meeting, which will

give the Building Inspector time to make a full inspection and give the property owner an opportunity to address the issues.

It was the consensus of the Board to consider the resolution again in two weeks.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

GENERAL BUSINESS: Trustees did not bring forward any outstanding or new business.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk