

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—OCTOBER 13, 2015
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 15 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 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, Director of Economic and Community Development Tom Vander Woude, 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 September 21, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$1,493,051.15 was reviewed.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington for the Board to approve the October 13, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$1,493,051.15.

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

President Hofeld said five items total 80 percent of the claims list: \$177,858.95 for employee insurance for the month of October; \$130,330.78 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District; \$148,640.24 and \$149,766.87 to the City of Harvey for water; \$147,057.31 to E-COM; and \$267,603.66 and \$163,560.90 to F.H. Paschen for work on the Martin Avenue Green Space project.

APPOINTMENTS: Village Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to new police officers Dennis Leaks and Kevin Radkte.

Police Chief Burnson said Officer Leaks comes to Homewood after having been an officer in South Holland, Illinois. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in urban development from Northern Illinois University. He is a member of the Army Reserves. Officer Radtke has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Northern Illinois University. He has served with the Cook County Department of Corrections. He is undergoing his 400 hours of police department training.

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. ORDINANCE M-1977 / AT&T AGREEMENT - FIRST AMENDMENT / 18355 PIERCE AVENUE: 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.
- B. COOK COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - HEALTH INSPECTIONAL SERVICES RENEWAL: Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of environmental health inspectional services for the period from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016.
- C. BUDGET AMENDMENT / WATER METER SOFTWARE FEE: Approve a budget amendment transferring \$21,175 from Water Meter Change Out account 13-3-335-53-1800 to Programming Service account 12-3-335-53-1800 to cover the cost of the yearly water meter software maintenance charge.
- D. AGREEMENT / ST. JAMES HEALTH - ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC PHYSICALS: Authorize the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with St. James Health to provide annual firefighter/paramedic physicals.
- E. AGREEMENT / SOUTHGATE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: Authorize the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. for landscape design engineering services for improvements in the Southgate Business District TIF in the amount of \$13,715.00.
- F. BID AWARD / POLICE GARAGE APRON REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Award the bid for the Police Garage Apron Replacement Project to Davis Concrete Construction Company, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$13,910.00.
- G. CONTRACT RENEWAL / CARTEGRAPH SYSTEMS:
 - i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: Approve a budget amendment transferring \$6,100 from Water/Sewer Energy (line item 123334535100) to

Information Technology Service (line item 011123539400).

- ii. CONTRACT RENEWAL / CARTEGRAPH SYSTEMS: Authorize the Village Manager to renew the contract with Cartegraph Systems for an additional two years in the amount of \$23,500.57 for the first year and \$24,392.25 for the second year.

H. HOMWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2 - PURCHASING AUTHORITY, BIDDING, BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- i. ORDINANCE MC-935 / SECTION 2-167: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, concerning the Village Manager's purchasing authority.
- ii. ORDINANCE MC-936 / SECTION 2-517: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, concerning Bidding.
- iii. ORDINANCE MC-937 / SECTION 2-544: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, delegating authority to make budgetary amendments in limited circumstances.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins for the Board to accept, award, approve or pass the Omnibus Report as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE M-1978 / PUD AMENDMENT – WALMART STORES, INC. / 17550 HALSTED STREET: The Board was asked to pass Ordinance M-1978 amending the PUD agreement the Village originally issued in 1992 for the K-Mart/Builder's Square Planned Unit Development. Director of Economic and Community Development Vander Woude said the site at 17550 Halsted Street has been approve for Walmart Stores and modifications are required.

Walmart is asking for a fuel center facing Halsted Street. The number of required parking spaces is being reduced from 773 to 748 spaces because Walmart has agreed to additional landscaping. The company has asked for modifications to signage restrictions so that the store name can be seen from Halsted Street. The store is set back from the street. The changes were approved by both the Plan Commission and Zone Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to pass Ordinance M-1978 amending the K-Mart/Builder's Square Planned Unit Development permitting the modification of a former K-Mart into a Walmart Supercenter and for

construction of a fuel center on site at 17550 Halsted Street in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

Mayor Hofeld asked Walmart representative Dan Miletic of Manhard Consulting if he could give a target day for the store to open. Mr. Miletic said work would be ongoing during the winter months. He anticipated an opening in summer 2016.

RESOLUTION M-2234 / 17550 HALSTED STREET / CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX DESIGNATION: The Board was asked to pass Resolution R-2234 supporting Walmart Stores' efforts to get a Class 8 property tax designation for its store at 17550 Halsted St. from Cook County. The Village set the incentives cap at \$4.8 million.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Robertson to pass Resolution R-2234 supporting and consenting to a Class 8 Cook County tax classification for the property located at 17550 Halsted Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, on behalf of Walmart Stores, Inc.

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

2015 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY: Finance Director Bubenik presented a levy of \$6,176,984 to be submitted to Cook County. Under State law, the Village cannot raise revenue more than the consumer price index (CPI) or 5 percent, whichever is less. CPI is around one percent.

Director Bubenik told the Board that real estate taxes are an important revenue stream for the Village helping cover day-to-day expenses, as well as pension costs and debt service. However, a typical homeowner is only paying 10 percent of the real estate bill to the Village. That is down from a 15 percent Village share paid in 2000.

The majority of property taxes benefit elementary schools and high schools.

All taxing bodies have been affected by a decline in the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) because of the downturn in housing values since the 2008 Recession. Director Bubenik believes Homewood and surrounding suburbs have hit bottom and things should be improving over the next few years.

The Village will pay more into pension funds in the coming year because of changes in actuarial requirements.

The Board thanked Director Bubenik for his continued excellent work on the budget and levy.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington for the Board to move to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiation matters.

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

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Robertson 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. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk