

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

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 20 people from the public present. Two press representatives were in attendance.

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 Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Ray Robertson. Trustee Karen Washington 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, Police Chief Larry Burnson, Director of Economic and Community Development Tom Vander Woude and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$439,233.24 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton for the Board to approve the December 8, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$439,233.24.

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

President Hofeld said three items totaled two-thirds of the Claims List: \$68,974.10 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District; \$177,858.95 for employee health insurance for December; and \$44,190 for bond repayment for work done on the Public Works building roof.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited members of the audience to address any issues not on the agenda. Elaine Egdorf of the Homewood Heritage Committee shared information on the Village being recognized with a Tourism Award

from the Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau in honor of Dixie Highway's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Governor Bruce Rauner signed a proclamation for the Illinois Centennial Highway Corridor, and Dixie Highway is the first to be recognized.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. RAFFLE LICENSE / PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to the Parish of St. Joseph for a single raffle to be held on January 30, 2016, waive the fidelity bond requirement, and allow for the sale of raffle tickets at \$20.00 each, subject to an approved background check.
  
- B. 2015 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCES:
  - i. ORDINANCE M-1984: An ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes and for special funds for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of May 2016 and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 2017 for the Village of Homewood, Illinois.
  - ii. ORDINANCE M-1985: An ordinance increasing the 2015 Street and Bridge Tax Levy in the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
  - iii. ORDINANCE M-1986: An ordinance directing the Cook County Clerk to reduce the Village of Homewood's 2015 Levy, if necessary, to comply with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.
  
- C. POLICE UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 621 for the period covering 2015 to 2020.
  
- D. PUBLIC WORKS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Homewood and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 31, Local 2891 for the period covering 2015 to 2020.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

LASSEN'S TAP: Economic and Community Development Director Vander Woude presented a proposal for financial assistance for Chris Rieckermann of Lassen's Tap from the Southwest Central Business District Tax Increment Financing District. Mr.

Rieckermann, who has operated the business for 13 years, wants to purchase the building Lassen's is in at 2131 183rd Street. He also plans major upgrades to the building and exterior beer garden to add seating and make the space useable for extended periods of the year, rather than just the summer months. The lower level of Lassen's will be remodeled and the parking lot will be redesigned.

Mr. Rieckermann asked for \$203,500 or 50 percent of the building purchase cost. Director Vander Woude said the Village expects to see an increase in sales taxes once the renovations are complete.

Trustees thanked Mr. Rieckermann for his interest in maintaining and improving a business on Homewood's major thoroughfare. Trustee Colton questioned the amount of the TIF distribution saying she wanted to leave some money for future improvements. Village Manager Marino said there is only seven years left to the TIF and there would still be approximately \$169,000 in funding available should any other projects be brought to the Board's attention.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Purcell to authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Chris Rieckermann, President of Tack & Jibe, Inc., to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$203,500 for the acquisition of 2131 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to be disbursed at a level of \$142,450 upon closing on the property purchase and completion of the proposed improvements, \$30,525 after one year after the initial incentive date and \$30,525 after two years after the initial incentive date.

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

**PRESENTATION / HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Village Manager Marino introduced Trustees to the new members of the Board of Directors of the Homewood Community Science Center: John Bailey, Amy Crump, Paige Dague, Betsy Soehren Jones, Aimee Mattys, Patricia Messersmith, Michelle Svetlic Nelson. They were selected from 28 candidates. Also serving on the Board of Directors will be Trustee Jay Heiferman, Manager Marino and marketing consultant Rachael Jones.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT / SCIENCE CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

The Board's first order of business will be to select an executive director for the Center. Manager Marino said he hopes the new director can be named by March 1. He suggested the salary be set between \$60,000 and \$80,000, and he asked Trustees to approve an additional \$13,000 to the budget to cover the salary for March and April. When the new fiscal year begins May 1, 2016, the executive director position will be included in the Village budget.

Trustee Robertson voiced his opposition to the budget increase saying he recalled discussions in which the Village Board was told the Science Center would not be a

burden on the taxpayers. The Science Center was to be a separate entity with its own funding.

President Hofeld said the Science Center is a farsighted idea that will be directed by a visionary board. The Science Center will be self-funded in the future.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve a budget amendment to increase the Manager's Office budget by \$13,000.

***Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman, and President Hofeld. NAYS – Trustee Robertson. ABSENT – Trustee Washington. Motion carried.***

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked staff for their outstanding work in putting on the Holiday Lights program on Friday, December 4, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to move into executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property.

The Board moved to executive session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins for the Board to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk