

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY—JANUARY 12, 2016  
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 Karen Washington, Trustee Anne Colton, and Trustee Ray Robertson. Trustee Jay Heiferman 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, Acting Police Chief Bill Alcott, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, 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 December 8, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 regular board meeting.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$1,302,895.70 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the January 12, 2016 Claims List in the amount of \$1,302,895.70.

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

President Hofeld outlined the major costs that totaled more than three-quarters of the Claims List: \$67,808.89 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District; \$177,858.95 for employees group health insurance for January; \$643,474 for the Village's risk management insurance issued through Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA); and \$108,510.30 to FH Paschen for work on the Martin Avenue Green Space project.

APPOINTMENTS: The Board was asked to appoint Robert Pascarella to the Community Relations Commission serving through August 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the appointment of Robert Pascarella to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending 8/31/2017.

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

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Mr. Pascarella, newly appointed member of the Community Relations Commission.

PRESENTATIONS:

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER: Acting Police Chief Bill Alcott presented Officer Michael Chmielewski, the newest member of the Homewood Police Department. He grew up in Homewood, attended Homewood-Flossmoor High School and received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at the University of Illinois at Springfield. He is now in training through the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Officer Chmielewski.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Students from St. Joseph School presented information on the St. Joseph Parish Winter Picnic planned for Saturday, January 30, at the school.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. PARKING LOT AGREEMENT / MENARD, INC. – 17545 HALSTED STREET: Authorize the Village President to enter into a parking lot agreement with Menard, Inc. to allow the Homewood Police Department to enforce parking and traffic laws in the parking lot located at 17545 Halsted Street.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2236 / MFT SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION – ROCK SALT: Pass a supplemental resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$128,000 to cover the cost of rock salt for the period of May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.
- C. RESOLUTION R-2237 / APPOINTMENT OF E-COM PUBLIC SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE AND 911 OPERATING COMMITTEE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE: Pass a resolution amending Resolution No. R-1884 to appoint Robert Grabowski as the Village of Homewood's Public Safety Representative to the E-COM Board of Directors and William Alcott as Police Representative to the E-COM 911 Operating Committee.
- D. BID AWARD / SECTIONAL TREE TRIMMING: Award the bid for the

sectional tree trimming program to The Davey Tree Expert Company of Mokena, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$71,500.

- E. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) INCENTIVE REQUEST AMENDMENT: Amend the TIF incentive agreements executed with William Lau and Toyia Stephens in October 2013 and amended in August 2015, to allow an additional \$2,750.50 to William A. Lau & Co., and \$2,600.00 to Tres Chic Salon and Spa for the paving of a shared parking lot at 18825 / 18831 Dixie Highway in the Southgate TIF District.
- F. EAST HAZEL CREST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – GAMING DEVELOPMENT: Approve an extension of the intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Village of East Hazel Crest to jointly develop property within the Villages of East Hazel Crest and Homewood.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE MC-942 / ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT – CRAFT BREWERY AS SPECIAL USE IN B AND M DISTRICTS: Director Vander Woude asked the Board to consider amending the zoning ordinance to allow for craft breweries as a special use in the Business District and the Limited Manufacturing District. He told Trustees two craft brewery businesses have approached the Village in the past six months. Craft brewing is a growing industry, yet Homewood doesn't have a permitted use for it.

He recommended the special use designation because it would allow the Village Board to make a decision on license issuance on a case-by-case basis.

There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Zoning Ordinance creating a definition for craft brewery and designating craft breweries as a special use in the Limited Manufacturing District and all Business Districts.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Marino had nothing to report.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Dawkins applauded staff for their work on the New Year's Family Celebration December 31, 2015. Her comments were seconded by Trustee Washington.

Trustee Purcell invited the community to come out and enjoy the St. Joseph Parish Winter Picnic on January 30, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to move into Executive Session to discuss the semi-annual review of Closed Session minutes, the purchase or lease of real property, and probable litigation. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk