

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—FEBRUARY 9, 2016
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 11 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: Village 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 Jay Heiferman. Trustee Ray Robertson was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Economic & Community Development Director Tom Vander Woude, Finance Director Dennis Bubenik and Assistant Village Manager Mike Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$437,220.23 was reviewed. President Hofeld reported just two items -- \$177,858.95 for employees' health insurance and \$75,032.43 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District -- equaled 58 percent of the claims list. There were no comments from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the claims list as presented.

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

APPOINTMENTS: President Hofeld asked for approval for the reappointment of Char Dyer to the Veterans Committee serving through January 23, 2019.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the reappointment of Char Dyer to the Veterans Committee.

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

OMNIBUS VOTE: Village Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. RESOLUTION R-2240 / CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX DESIGNATION / 17855 BRETZ DRIVE: Pass a resolution supporting Class 8 status pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance as amended April 9, 2002, for property at 17855 Bretz Drive, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois owned by Cremation Society of Illinois, Inc.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2241 / INDUCEMENT - NORTHEAST TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF): Pass a resolution concerning proposed development in the Northeast Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area in the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- C. RESOLUTION R-2242 / SCOTT MORAN / 25 YEARS OF SERVICE / FIRE DEPARTMENT: Pass a resolution honoring Scott Moran for 25 years of service to the Village of Homewood
- D. ANNUAL REPORT / BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Beautification Committee.
- E. ANNUAL REPORT / COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Community Relations Commission.
- F. ANNUAL REPORT / ETHICS COMMISSION: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Ethics Commission.
- G. ANNUAL REPORT / FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Firefighters Pension Board.
- H. ANNUAL REPORT / RAIL COMMITTEE: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Rail Committee.
- I. ANNUAL REPORT / POLICE PENSION BOARD: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Police Pension Board.
- J. ANNUAL REPORT / SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Senior Advisory Committee.
- K. ANNUAL REPORT / STORMWATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Stormwater Resource Committee.

L. ANNUAL REPORT / TREE COMMITTEE: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for TREE Committee.

Trustee Dawkins asked for additional information on R-2241 Tax Inducement. Attorney Cummings said Weglarz Group initiated the request as it attempts to buy seven lots at the 175th and Halsted Street location designated for a casino. The partners hope this language will be an added inducement. The property may be tax increment financing eligible, but that will be up to the Village at a later date. This resolution is non-binding to the Village.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Colton for the Board to pass and accept the items as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE M-1989 / SPECIAL USE – LEARNING CENTER – 17851 BRETZ DRIVE: Director Vander Woude brought before the Board a petition from Power Source Martial Arts for a special use permit at 17851 Bretz Drive. The space is the farthest east and south on Bretz Drive. There were concerns raised at a public hearing about limits to the parking, but Director Vander Woude said they have been addressed. Most of the business will be late afternoon and evening, so office staff at other Bretz Drive businesses should not be impacted. The business will be moving from Flossmoor to Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to pass Ordinance M-1989 granting a special use permit to Andre Campos to operate a martial arts school at 17851 Bretz Drive, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Marino said the Homewood Community Science Center Board has met five times and has narrowed its search for an executive director of the Center. They will be conducting interviews and hope to have a director in place soon. A law firm is working for free to establish the Center as a 501c3 for tax purposes. The Center also has a webpage at www.homewoodsciencecenter.org

PRESENTATION – HOMEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 153 REFERENDUM: Representatives of Citizens for Homewood Schools made a presentation to the Board on the upcoming District 153 tax referendum on the March 15, 2016 ballot. Residents will be asked to approve a bond issue for up to \$9 million over eight years to help with budget shortfalls. An informational video was aired, and it was stressed that schools are an integral part of the community.

President Hofeld and Board members were supportive of the committee's efforts and encouraged residents to vote yes for the referendum to help maintain one of the central pillars of the community. President Hofeld said Homewood, as a thriving community, must have strong schools.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Dawkins offered her condolences to the family of retired Fire Department Lt. Joe Casella who died Feb. 4, 2016.

Trustee Purcell reminded the community of St. Joseph Parish's fish fry Fridays through March 18.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk