

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY—MARCH 8, 2016  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 50 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, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Ray Robertson.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Incoming Police Chief Bill Alcott, Outgoing Police Chief Larry Burnson, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Public Works John Schaefer and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of February 23, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016, regular Board meeting.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$509,093.95 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the Claims List as presented.

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

President Hofeld said two claims made up 76 percent of the Claims List. The Village distributed \$210,000 to Gendreau Homewood Holdings for improvements to LaBanque Hotel, and \$177,858.95 for employee health insurance for March.

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to appoint Anita Cochrane to the Fire and Police Commission serving through October 1, 2017, and Rev. Robert Kyfes to the Ethics Commission serving through April 30, 2019, and the reappointments of Rebecca Calomino to the Cable Commission serving

through January 1, 2019, and A.J. Tiller to the Stormwater Resource Committee serving through January 1, 2019.

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

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Rev. Robert Kyfes, pastor of St. Joseph Church, as a new member of the Ethics Commission.

RESOLUTION R-2244 / LAWRENCE BURNSON / RETIREMENT / POLICE DEPARTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve Resolution R-2244 honoring Lawrence C. Burnson on his retirement as Police Chief for the Village after having served for 14 years.

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

The resolution was read by Village Manager Jim Marino who added his personal thanks to Chief Burnson for his many years of dedicated service. Manager Marino noted that it was Chief Burnson who worked on the establishment of E-Com, the joint 911 Center, and on numerous projects within the Police Department. His leadership was essential to the Department. Manager Marino also thanked Chief Burnson for the last task he took on serving on the organizing committee for the Homewood Community Science Center.

Chief Burnson thanked President Hofeld and the Trustees for their years of support. He also recognized the tremendous support the citizens of Homewood have for the Police Department, and he thanked the officers who worked under him for the job they do.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE CHIEF: Manager Marino introduced William Alcott, the incoming Police Chief who has worked as a Homewood police officer for 18 years. Interim/Deputy Chief Alcott has taken on numerous responsibilities. Manager Marino said because Interim/Deputy Chief Alcott has been mentored by Chief Burnson, the transition to him stepping up to Chief of the Department will be seamless.

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to William Alcott as the new Police Chief for the Village of Homewood.

Chief Alcott thanked the dozens of supporters from other police departments who were present for his swearing-in. He thanked the Trustees, Village President and Manager for their vote of confidence and recognized fellow officers and colleagues during his 25 years as a police officer.

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: Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. BID AWARD / 2016 SIDEWALK/CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Award the bid for the 2016 Sidewalk/Curb Replacement Project to Davis Concrete, Alsip, IL the lowest responsible bidder, at a contract amount of \$29,455.25 and a total amount not to exceed \$33,685.00.
- B. ROOF REPLACEMENT / WATER PLANT 2 AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CANOPIES:
- i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: Approve a budget amendment increasing Water Plant No. 2 Roof Replacement Fund (line item 133337558431) by \$53,000.00.
  - ii. BID AWARD / WATER PLANT 2 AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CANOPIES ROOF REPLACEMENT: Award the bid for the Water Plant 2 and Fire Department Canopies Roof Replacement Project to National Roofing Corporation, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$63,440.00.
- C. BID AWARD / SKID STEER: Award the bid for the purchase of one 2016 New Holland skid steer loader to Martin Implement Sales, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$39,443.00.
- D. CONTRACT RENEWAL / STREET SWEEPING: Authorize the Village Manager to renew the contract with Illinois Central Sweeping, Blue Island, IL, for sweeping services for 5 residential and 15 commercial sweeps between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$7,455.55 per residential sweep and \$772.86 per commercial sweep.
- E. ORDINANCE M-1990 / SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Pass an ordinance providing for the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- F. ANNUAL REPORT / HERITAGE COMMITTEE: Accept the 2015 Annual Report for the Heritage Committee.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass, approve, accept, or award Items A through F as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Marino reported that the Homewood Community Science Center Board has hired Edith M. Dobrez of Flossmoor to serve as the Center's Executive Director. He said she has an excellent background both working in the educational field and in the area of fundraising. She most recently served as Executive Director of the Science of Philanthropy Initiative-SPI at the University of Chicago. She started in the position today, March 8.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: President Hofeld offered condolences to the family of Cyrus Elion who recently passed away. He had served on the Police and Fire Commission.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk