

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY—APRIL 26, 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 Karen Washington, Trustee Lisa Purcell, 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, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2016-17 budget held on April 12, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing.

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

There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of April 12, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016, regular Board meeting.

***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 \$183,944.62 was reviewed. Trustee Heiferman questioned a bill from Bluestone Environmental Inc. for \$2,375 for asbestos abatement. President Hofeld said the bill related to work at the former Savoia's To-Go Restaurant property. The Village owns the site and wants to tear down the building, but remediation is necessary first.

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. ABSENT - Trustee Robertson. Motion carried.***

President Hofeld told the audience the two largest bills were \$19,289.49 paid in four installments to Cargill, Inc. for road salt for the 2015-16 winter, and \$28,875 to Davey Tree Expert Co. for tree trimming.

PROCLAMATION: Clerk Thomas read a proclamation honoring the H-F Steppers, an extracurricular group that took honors at local and regional competitions and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NSA National Championships.

The group's coach, Catherine Cook, introduced the H-F Steppers members and saluted them and their parents for their dedication to the organization.

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 presented the following items:

- A. BID AWARD / CONCRETE FLATWORK: Award the cooperative bid for concrete flatwork to Whiteline Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$348,347.00, with Homewood's portion not to exceed \$154,210.00 using the unit prices and base bid as submitted in the bid document.
- B. WOW! FIBER OPTIC CABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT: Authorize the Village President to enter into a license agreement between the Village of Homewood and Sigecom LLC, d/b/a/ WOW! Internet Cable for use of public rights-of-way.
- C. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES AGREEMENTS:
  - i. BARNES & THORNBURG, LLP: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Barnes & Thornburg, LLP relating to providing of government relations services for the period beginning February 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in connection with the development of property located partly in Homewood and partly in East Hazel Crest and generally southwest of the cloverleaf intersection of Halsted Street and Interstate 80, not to exceed \$2,500.
  - ii. WILLIAM F. MAHAR, INC.: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with William F. Mahar, Inc. relating to providing of government relations services for the period beginning February 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in connection with the development of property located partly in Homewood and partly in East Hazel Crest and generally southwest of the cloverleaf intersection of Halsted Street and Interstate 80, not to exceed \$2,500.
- D. RENEWAL OF SCAVENGER AND LIMITED SCAVENGER LICENSES: Approve the renewal of Limited Scavenger licenses to Midway Building Supply, Tri-State Disposal, Total Disposal, K. Hoving Recycling &

Disposal, and Contractor's Recycling Services d/b/a 1-800-DUMPSTER and Scavenger licenses to Homewood Disposal, Allied Waste Transportation Inc., and Waste Management Inc. upon payment of the license fee.

- E. RENEWAL OF PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Approve the renewal of the permits for outdoor sale of alcoholic beverages for Grady Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Grady's Grille (18147 Harwood Avenue); Calumet Country Club (175<sup>th</sup> and Western); Cilantro, Ltd. (18755 Dixie Highway); Mayberry Inc. d/b/a The Fifth Quarter (18105 Dixie Highway); Ridgewood Liquor Store and Tap, Inc. (2059 Ridge Road); Tack and Jibe, Inc. d/b/a Lassen's Sports Bar and Grill (2131 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street); AMC Homewood, Inc. d/b/a Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar (17510 Halsted Street); Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill #1886 (17700 Halsted Street); and The Cottage on Dixie, Inc. (18849 Dixie Highway) to be valid from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 subject to the stated conditions and upon payment of the permit fee.

Trustee Heiferman questioned Item "C" saying he didn't believe the Board should approve contracts for Barnes & Thornburg and Mahar, Inc. He proposed the Board hire the law firm and consultant on an as-needed basis for work dealing with a proposed casino. President Hofeld said it was a small retainer fee and the work being done is on an ongoing basis. At the request of Trustee Heiferman, the contracts were split off from the others for a separate vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to authorize, approve or award Omnibus Vote Items A-B-D-E as presented.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve Omnibus Vote Item C.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

LIQUOR LICENSE – COPPER STILL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, 1961 RIDGE ROAD: David and Dana McDermott and Christina D'Ambrosio came before the Board with information on their proposal to establish a martini bar with a 1920s style Speak Easy to be known as the Copper Still at 1961 Ridge Road.

The establishment will use both the first floor with a traditional bar and space for instruction classes on how to prepare martinis. It also will have a kitchen to prepare appetizers and small food portions. It is hoped local restaurants will also serve their specialties at the business.

The lower level of Copper Still will be designed to look like a Speak Easy, reminiscent of

the Prohibition Era, and will feature live music.

Ms. D'Ambrosio is already operating a Copper Still in Crestwood and is drawing people from throughout the Chicago area. She believes a place in Homewood would be a draw and is delighted that Homewood has a hotel (LaBanque) within walking distance of the proposed Copper Still for customers who want to stay the night.

Mr. McDermott is petitioning for a special class of liquor license so that he can operate the business and serve martinis, craft cocktails, craft beer and wines.

Trustees were happy with his proposal and said it would be a great addition to Homewood's downtown.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to instruct staff to draft an ordinance creating a new class of liquor license for Copper Still.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Colton to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. On a voice vote, the regular meeting of the Board was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk