

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—MAY 10, 2016
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 25 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: Assistant Village Manager/Deputy Village Clerk Michael Marzal served as Village Clerk in the absence of Clerk Marilyn Thomas. He called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Anne Colton, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. Trustee Lisa Purcell was absent. Trustee Ray Robertson resigned effective May 2, 2016.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Police Chief Bill Alcott, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Assistant Director of Public Works Dave Ebert and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$690,597.19 was reviewed. There were no questions 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, Washington, Colton, and Heiferman. NAYS – None. ABSENT- Trustee Purcell. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICE: Following the resignation of Trustee Ray Robertson on May 2, 2016, President Hofeld asked Larry Burnson to serve as a Village Trustee. He said Mr. Burnson earned the community's respect during his 14 years as Homewood's Chief of Police and asked Trustees to approve the appointment.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the appointment of Larry Burnson as Village Trustee to fill the vacancy for a term ending

with the installation of newly elected officials following the spring election in 2017.

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

Deputy Village Clerk Marzal administered the oath of office to Trustee Burnson who said he was honored and humbled to serve the community in a new capacity.

OATH OF OFFICE – RECORDS CLERK: Deputy Village Clerk Marzal administered the oath of office to Sara Deck who, after serving as a part-time clerk in the Police Department, accepted a full time position.

PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK: Deputy Village Clerk Marzal read a proclamation for Public Works Week, May 15-21, in recognition of the National Public Works Week. Afterward, President Hofeld invited employees of the Public Works Department to come forward to receive recognition for all they do. The audience gave them a round of applause. The public also was reminded that Public Works is holding an open house on May 21 at its main garage.

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: Deputy Village Clerk Marzal read the following items:

- A. ORDINANCE M-1996 / SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Pass an ordinance providing for the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- B. ORDINANCE MC-955 / CHAPTER 22 - BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, of the Homewood Municipal Code to revise permitted types of construction.
- C. ORDINANCE MC-956 / CREATE A CLASS 5A LIQUOR LICENSE AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CLASS 5 LIQUOR LICENSES: Pass an ordinance amending Sections 10-54 and 10-58 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, creating a Class 5A liquor license and revising the number of available Class 5 and Class 5A liquor licenses.
- D. ORDINANCE MC-957 / CLASS 13 LIQUOR LICENSE: Pass an ordinance amending Section 10-58 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, to decrease the number of permitted Class 13 golf club liquor licenses from two to one.
- E. ORDINANCE MC-958 / CREATE A CLASS 14A LIQUOR LICENSE: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages, creating a Class 14A – Craft distilled spirits, limited beer and wine liquor license.

Item E was deferred to allow for review of additional information.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass, approve, accept, or award Omnibus Vote Items A through D.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

CONDEMNATION OF BUILDING / 18225 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Fire Chief Grabowski came before the Board asking for action on property at 18825 Dixie Highway. Bogart's Restaurant had been at that location, but since it closed, the building and surrounding four properties used for parking are now held by unknown persons who have purchased the parcels as part of the tax lien. Chief Grabowski said the building needs to come down. The roof in the center of the building has fallen in. The building will never be used as a business again.

Attorney Cummings said there are five separate parcels for that site. He knows that buyers have purchased the parcels for the cost of the taxes years ago, but they have not officially taken the deeds and have not come forward. The restaurant parcel had back taxes of \$44,000 for 2014. Taking the building down is a quick solution to a bad situation. Village Manager Marino added that a vacant property is easier to redevelop.

A member of the audience asked about whether demolition will affect the actions of the Land Bank. Village Manager Marino said it likely will make the deal easier.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to authorize staff to begin condemnation proceedings for the building at 18225 Dixie Highway.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Washington reminded the public that the Village's Rail Fest will be held Saturday, May 21.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Burnson to adjourn the regular meeting of May 10, 2016. On a voice vote, the regular meeting of the Board was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Marzal
Deputy Village Clerk