

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—MAY 24, 2016
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 15 people from the public present. Three press representatives were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Larry Burnson.

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, and Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of May 10, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016, regular Board meeting.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$418,763.63 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld reported the largest payment on the Claims List was for water purchased from the City of Harvey. Payments of \$133,764.50 and \$142,852.45 made up approximately 66 percent of the Claims List.

RESOLUTION R-2245 / SOUTH SUBURBAN FAMILY SHELTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DIANE BEDROSIAN / RETIREMENT: As Diane Bedrosian retires as the Director of the South Suburban Family Shelter, based in Homewood, the Board honored her with a resolution thanking her for 29 years as its leader.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve Resolution R-2245 honoring Diane Bedrosian.

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

9-1-1 HERO AWARDS / FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: Fire Chief Grabowski presented 9-1-1 Hero Awards to Jim Scheffke, Cory Banks, Eileen Rohrer, Marilyn Santana and Sylvia Gothard for their outstanding work at the Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet Club when tennis player Amos Grant went into cardiac arrest on March 22, 2016. Working together, they were able to revive him before paramedics arrived on the scene.

DONATION / THE INVISIBLE FENCE COMPANY: Fire Chief Grabowski, with help from the family beagle, demonstrated for Trustees the use of a pet oxygen mask and explained how the Fire Department will work to rescue pets from fire using the equipment. With the donation of two kits from The Invisible Fence Company and the purchase of three additional kits, all Fire Department apparatus now have the equipment available.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited members of the audience to address any issues not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

OMNIBUS REPORT: Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. RESOLUTION R-2246 / RAY ROBERTSON / SERVICE ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Pass a resolution honoring Ray Robertson for his years of service on the Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood.
- B. RESOLUTION R-2247 / WASHINGTON PARK PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER: Pass a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement for assignment and assumption of the business development agreement for the Washington Park Plaza Shopping Center.
- C. ORDINANCE M-1997 / SALE OF PROPERTY: Pass an ordinance providing for the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- D. REAPPOINTMENT OF RESERVE OFFICERS: Authorize the reappointment of Reserve Officers Boerema, Gannon, Hogancamp, Larson, Pena, Poe, Reusnow, Tienstra, Vlcek, and Zansitis for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.
- E. RESOLUTION R-2248 / APPROPRIATION OF MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDS: Pass a resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$50,000 of MFT funds for street milling, hot-mix asphalt surface patch mix and improvements for the Merchants Park parking lot.
- F. POLICE DEPARTMENT GUN RANGE CONTROL SYSTEM:

- i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: Approve a budget amendment increasing Range Control Center Replacement Fund (line item #353831553532) by \$7,990.23.
 - ii. BID AWARD / POLICE DEPARTMENT GUN RANGE CONTROL SYSTEM: Award the bid for the replacement of the Police Department gun range control system to Shooting Range Industries LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$67,990.23.
- G. 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.
- H. ORDINANCE M-1998 / PUD AMENDMENT / MENARD, INC., 17545 HALSTED STREET: Pass an ordinance amending the Park Place Plaza Planned Unit Development (PUD) permitting the expansion and modification of the existing Menards store and property at 17545 Halsted Street in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

Trustee Heiferman questioned the expense for the Merchants Park parking lot. The cost will be \$30,000 of the Village's yearly allotment of \$326,000 from Motor Fuel Taxes. The work will add another 10-15 spaces.

Trustee Burnson asked for an update on Menards. Village Manager Marino reported the store will close July 9 and remain closed for seven months of renovations and construction.

President Hofeld thanked former Trustee Robertson for his many years of service on the Village Board.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Police Chief Alcott said the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department have done surveys of side streets and found that some streets, particularly in the Third Addition, are extremely narrow and pose a problem for fire and public works equipment when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Chief Alcott brought before the Board a proposal for parking restrictions. He suggests limiting parking to just one side of the street. Signs generally would be posted on the side of the street with fire hydrants, although all the streets don't have hydrants.

Fire Chief Grabowski said fire equipment – both fire trucks and ambulances – are having

difficulty maneuvering through the narrow streets.

Trustee Burnson said the proposal was a good idea and asked for a draft ordinance.

Attorney Cummings said he will work with the Police Department on language that will describe a street by measurement rather than name.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for parking restrictions that will assist Village crews in getting their equipment into all Homewood neighborhoods.

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

OVERNIGHT PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS: Police Chief Alcott brought before the Board a study on how to improve the 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. parking restrictions. The Village offers exemptions to residents and provides parking stickers to them, but it seems the exemptions are being abused. He proposed limiting the exemptions to three per year. Guests could get the parking permits for a limited time.

Chief Alcott said the exemptions are causing problems on some streets as car owners move their cars toward other residences or around corners. He said the 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. parking ban works for the Police Department's patrols of Village neighborhoods, and he would prefer it remain in place.

The parking exemption stickers were made available when Village vehicle stickers were sold. Because that window will close on May 31, Chief Alcott said the changes will not take affect until spring 2017.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to instruct staff to draft an ordinance restricting parking exemptions in certain neighborhoods.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: Village Manager Marino reported to Trustees on a visit to San Francisco's Exploratorium with Edith Dobrez, Director of the Homewood Science Center. Village staff and its advisory committee worked closely with the Exploratorium staff when the Village was considering development of a science center. Village Manager Marino said the visit proved to be very informative.

The Farmers' Market opens its 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. summer season on May 28 at the new Martin Square location, and PopUp Science will be a part of the market's activities most Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked staff for the success of both Rail

Fest and the Public Works Open House on May 21. Both were great activities.

President Hofeld reminded the community the Veterans Memorial Program on May 30 will begin with a parade and conclude with a solemn ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial.

Vehicle stickers are on sale through May 31 and must be displayed by that date.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Colton to adjourn the regular Village Board meeting of May 24, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk