

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—JUNE 28, 2016
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 7 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, Director of Economic and Community Development Tom Vander Woude and Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of June 14, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016, regular Board meeting.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$479,237.65 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Heiferman 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 three largest payments on the Claims List covered approximately 60 percent of the bills: \$116,843.58 to Precision Pavement Marking for street striping; \$96,642.05 to FH Paschen for the Martin Square Green Space project; and \$67,440 to National Roofing Corp. for the new water plant roof.

APPOINTMENT: The Board was asked to approve the appointment of Troy O'Quin to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending Aug. 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the appointment of Troy O'Quin.

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

Village Clerk Thomas swore Troy O'Quin into office.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: One audience member asked for an explanation of the work of the Community Relations Commission. Trustee Washington, who serves as Board liaison to the Commission, explained the Commission works with the Community Relations staff offering ideas and feedback on all the special activities that go on in the Village, including the upcoming 4th of July Parade, the recent Art and Garden Fair, Chocolate Fest and more.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas read the following items:

- A. ORDINANCE M-2001 / CAL SAG ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT: Pass an ordinance amending the current existing Cal Sag Enterprise Zone subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois.
- B. ORDINANCE MC-961 / CHAPTER 110 / WATER SEWER PAYMENT - BANKRUPTCY: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 110 of the Homewood Municipal Code requiring water customers filing bankruptcy to provide adequate assurance of payment for future water and sewer services.
- C. RESOLUTION R-2249 / CLASS 6B STATUS RENEWAL – 17600 HOFFMAN WAY: Pass a resolution determining the appropriateness for renewal of Class 6b status pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification ordinance as amended April 9, 2002, for certain real estate located at 17600 Hoffman Way, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-2250 / 17815 HALSTED STREET / CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX DESIGNATION: Director Vander Woude presented the Board with information regarding the Planned Unit Development tax incentive for Krispy Kreme Doughnut Shop. The developer, Chicagoland Restaurants, represented by Don Peelman, asked the Board members to approve a Cook County Class 8 property tax designation for the site at 17815 Halsted Street.

Mr. Peelman told Trustees the Class 8 designation will help offset taxes, and pointed out

that the Board has given such designation to other properties in the Halsted Street corridor. Mr. Peelman said properties east of I-57, such as this property, face higher property tax rates.

Trustee Colton questioned the designation. She said the economy hasn't recovered and she argued that by giving a break to the business all other properties would have their assessments raised to cover this Krispy Kreme property tax reduction.

Mr. Peelman said if the property were to remain vacant, the value for tax purposes would be reduced by 10 percent resulting in a revenue loss for the Village and the 14 other taxing bodies that benefit from the property tax.

Trustee Heiferman asked if the development will happen if the Board fails to agree to a Class 8 designation. Developer Carlos Larcada said he would have to review his costs to determine if he would continue with the project.

Trustees Purcell and Burnson said the Village wants development, so it needs to work with property owners. Trustee Burnson said the Board is put in a precarious situation every time a business asks for a tax adjustment, but it is one way the Village can be seen as a viable location for development.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Washington to pass a resolution supporting and consenting to a Class 8 Cook County tax classification for the property located at 17815 Halsted Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, on behalf of BSG Homewood LLC.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Heiferman and Burnson. NAYS –Trustee Colton. Motion carried.

After the vote, Mr. Peelman pointed out to the Board the success of the Prairie Lakes light industrial development along 175th Street in Homewood. He said he applauds Lighting Distributors, the first business to go into the park 20 years ago. That first business stimulated development that led to the success of Prairie Lakes for the Village.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Washington reminded the public that the annual 4th of July parade down Ridge Road will kick off at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Washington to move to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiation matters.

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

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk