

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—AUGUST 23, 2016
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 12 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 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 Community and Economic Development Tom Vander Woude, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, and Police Chief Bill Alcott.

MINUTES: There was one amendment to language on the Omnibus Vote in the minutes of August 9, 2016 to specify the awarding of a bid for Ford Police Utility Interceptors to Sutton Ford. A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve the amended minutes of the August 9, 2016, regular board meeting.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$655,023.18 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton 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 payments on the Claims List were two payments for water to the City of Harvey in the amounts of \$210,599.54 and \$194,927.37 and \$89,681.04 to Whiteline Construction Inc. for curb replacement.

OATH OF OFFICE: Village Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Zachary Thomas, the new Director of Community Marketing and Events. He previously worked at the University of Chicago Cancer Center as a Communications and Marketing Project Coordinator and was a Communications Specialist for the University of Illinois Applied

Research Institute.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited members of the audience to speak on any subject not on the agenda. Nan Wexler and her family asked the Village to consider taking action that will either slow traffic or stop traffic at 183rd Street and Gottschalk. Nan's son, Michael, was killed at the intersection in 2015 and another person was recently injured in a car accident at that corner.

Police Chief Alcott said because 183rd Street is a state road, there is little that can be done. He said he can again request a traffic study, but said the layout of the land in that area forces a dip on 183rd Street that blinds the views of drivers pulling out from Gottschalk onto 183rd.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Vote:

- A. ORDINANCE MC-965 / CLASS 12A LIQUOR LICENSE - SPECIAL PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois concerning licenses for the sale of alcohol beverages.
- B. RAFFLE LICENSE – FRIENDS OF THE HOMEWOOD LIBRARY: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to Friends of the Homewood Library for a single raffle, subject to an approved background check, to be held on October 1, 2016; waive the fidelity bond requirement; waive the license fees; and allow for the sale of raffle tickets at up to \$75.00 each.
- C. ORDINANCE M-2005 / VACATION OF 79.5 X 20.0 SECTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY/ 18230 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Consider a motion to pass an ordinance approving a plat of vacation vacating the alley to the west of Tews-Ryan Funeral Home located at 18230 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- D. BID AWARD / MSC GARAGE SLAB AND DRAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Award the bid for the MSC garage slab and drain replacement project to J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc., Chicago, IL., the lowest responsible bidder for \$195,366.60.
- E. ORDINANCE M-2006 / SIGN VARIANCE / 17725 HALSTED / VISIONWORKS: Pass an ordinance granting a variation from Section 86-7 of the Homewood Municipal Code to allow signage exceeding the maximum permitted amount on property located at 17725 Halsted Street, Homewood, Illinois.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Colton to pass, approve, and accept the Omnibus Vote Items A through E.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Director of Community and Economic Development Tom Vander Woude brought before the board a proposal to hire SB Friedman Development Advisors to assist in the review of transit-oriented development (TOD) in the downtown area. Several firms were interviewed and Tom Vander Woude is recommending Friedman because of its expertise in the area of public/private partnerships.

It is expected the firm will help with an assessment of a housing market study and develop and redefine, if necessary, plans with Third Coast for its TOD concepts for the area. Also, the firm will help with negotiations for improvements to the Metra/Amtrak station and work with the Village to enhance plans for a vibrant Homewood Science Center.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: The Board was asked to authorize an amendment to the 2016-17 budget for \$98,750.00 for outside contractors in the Community and Economic Development Program.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to amend the Village budget by \$98,750.00.

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

FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES: The Board was asked to authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with SB Friedman Development Advisors in the amount not to exceed \$83,750.00 to assist in the review of transit-oriented development proposals and to develop a strategy to fund transit-oriented development and public improvements.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve a contract for \$83,750.00 with SB Friedman Development Advisors.

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

ADDITIONAL OFFICER REQUEST:

DISCUSSION: Police Chief Alcott asked the Board to consider his request for two additional patrol officers. He is anticipating additional police patrols because of the opening of a Walmart Store and the expansion of Menard's among other improvements along the Halsted Street business corridor. Adding personnel will enable the Police

Department to keep active patrols in the business community and neighborhoods.

The Board will be amending the Village budget to accommodate these two salaries. Chief Alcott said the proposal sets out the highest costs for the positions, but he doesn't anticipate spending all of the allocation of \$79,807. This will cover salaries, uniforms, training, overtime, health insurance, holiday pay and court pay.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the hiring of two additional patrol officers for an estimated expense to the budget of \$79,807 paid from Reserve Funds.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees applauded the Community Relations Committee and staff for the success of the Homewood Block Party. Although morning activities were rained out, the afternoon and evening events were a success.

Trustee Heiferman asked if the Village could take action to force the property owner on the northeast corner of 183rd and Gottschalk to take down the fence that obstructs a view of cars traveling westbound on 183rd Street. Attorney Cummings said he would investigate the matter.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington for the board to move into Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property.

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

The Board moved in to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the regular meeting of Aug. 23, 2016. Adjournment was approved on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk