

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 40 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, Police Chief Bill Alcott, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Economic Development Tom Vander Woude, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Director of Community Marketing and Events Zach Thomas, and Assistant Village Manager Michael Marzal.

MINUTES: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the September 13, 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 \$152,199.87 was reviewed. Item 153 on the Claims List was deferred. 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 amended.

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

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve the appointments of Dexter Johnson to the Planning & Zoning Board and Nelson Grant to the Appearance Commission. Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Grant.

The board also was asked to extend the terms of Kathy Austin, Annielois Evans and Raymond Pierre to the Senior Advisory Committee through September 23, 2019; Julius

Davenport to the Fire and Police Commission for a term ending October 1, 2019; and Philip Kosanovich to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending August 31, 2019.

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

PRESENTATIONS: A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve a resolution honoring Dorothy Johnson on her retirement. She had served for nine years in the Building Department.

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

OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Richard Sewell who was sworn in as the new deputy chief for the Police Department. Sewell started his career after serving in the Navy. He first served in Harvey, then Thornton and since 2005 has been with the Homewood Police Department serving in various capacities. Upon being sworn in, Assistant Chief Sewell thanked the members of the Police Department for their support and for the work they do each day keeping the citizens of Homewood safe.

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

OMNIBUS VOTE: President Hofeld called for removal of an Omnibus item that called for increasing the Class 2 Liquor Licenses.

Clerk Thomas presented the amended Omnibus Vote:

- A. ORDINANCE MC-967/NEW LIQUOR LICENSE CLASS: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, creating a Class 15 beer only no video gaming liquor license and increasing the number of Class 15 liquor licenses from zero to one.
- B. ORDINANCE MC-968/CHAPTER 10 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, reducing available liquor licenses upon the abandonment, surrender, revocation, or expiration of a license.
- C. ORDINANCE MC-969/CLASS 14 LIQUOR LICENSE/ Grape and Grain-18031 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, changing the Class 14 liquor license.
- D. RESOLUTION R-2256/ FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT/ CRAFT BREWERY BUILDOUT/ 17759 BRETZ DRIVE: Pass a resolution

authorizing the execution of an amendment granting a six month extension to the agreement between the Village of Homewood and Rabid God LLC to reimburse expenses originally approved by the Village Board on April 12, 2016.

- E. RESOLUTION R-2258/ LYN COURT WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Pass a resolution regarding replacement of water main by the Village of Homewood across a State road (Riegel Road) at Lyn Court.
- F. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONAL SERVICES- COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Authorize of Village President to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Cook County Department of Public Health to conduct all food establishment inspections in the Village.
- G. RAFFLE LICENSE- HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to the Homewood Science Center for a single raffle, subject to an approved background check to be held on October 23, 2016, waive the fidelity bond requirement, waive the license fees, and waive the requirement of continual existence for a period of five years.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to accept, authorize, or award the Omnibus Vote Items A-G as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

VICE DISTRICT BREWERY: Director of Economic Development Tom Vander Woude addressed the board on financial incentives for Vice District Brewery planning to open at 18027-29 Dixie Highway.

The board has already created a liquor license category for craft brewing. Discussion focused on the location of the business, which is not a typical location for a brewery, the condition of the vacant building, and the work the owners plan to put into it. The property requires a sprinkler system estimated to cost \$40,000 and a new water connection required by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the operation that would cost approximately \$25,000. The board is asked to approve a \$100,000 business incentive package from the Village to be paid out over three years. Vander Woude said the amount will be small compared to the \$1.4 million the owners plan to put into the operation.

The owners are petitioning for a special use permit because of the location and a Class 8 tax incentive endorsement from Homewood that they can file with Cook County to help lower the property taxes. Owners Quintin L. Cole and Curtis J. Tarver

He thanked President Hofeld and staff for their support of the project over the past year and said the anticipated opening for Vice District Brewery will be February 2017.

Trustees thanked Cole and Tarver for their interest in Homewood and their involvement in the community already.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the \$100,000 financial incentive from the Village for Vice District Brewery.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve a special use permit for Vice District Brewery to locate at 18027-29 Dixie Highway.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve a Class 8 property tax endorsement for Vice District Brewery to be located at 18027-29 Dixie Highway.

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

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY:

Economic Development Director Vander Woude proposed to the Village Board the purchase of property at 2049-51 Ridge Road from First Midwest Bank. The bank acquired the property in 2015 through a bankruptcy action. The bank is willing to sell the property to the Village at a reduced price of \$291,000. The Village will in turn sell the property to Third Coast as part of its redevelopment plans for Downtown Homewood. Third Coast is in negotiations to purchase the Triumph Building at the corner of Ridge and Martin Avenues. The 2049-51 building is adjacent. Vander Woude said the long-range project calls for both buildings to be torn down to make way for a transit oriented development of businesses and apartments.

Trustees applauded this approach because a vibrant downtown needs to be densely populated. This planned development would offer Homewood a revitalized downtown center and bring people to businesses, the Homewood Science Center and La Banque Hotel.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Purcell to amend the Village budget by \$291,000 in line item 01-1-125-54-7000 designated for land purchases to cover the cost of the building at 2049-51 Ridge Road.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the contract for the Village to purchase the property at 2049-51 Ridge Road.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Marino urged the public to come to the Homewood Science Center’s ecology programs and fundraiser at Izaak Walton Preserve on Oct. 23.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees applauded staff for a great Fall Fest, which may have been the most successful one yet.

Trustee Heiferman encouraged residents to support the South Suburban Food Co-op that opened on 1941 Ridge Road.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton 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
Clerk