

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
THURSDAY AUG 1, 2019  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were more than 40 members of the public present.

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

ROLL CALL: Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. Trustee Karen Washington and Trustee Larry Burnson were absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Manager Jim Marino, Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, and Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik.

President Hofeld said the primary purpose of the meeting was for the board to meet in closed session to discuss pending litigation and potential acquisition of real estate, but since members of the public were present he opened the floor for comment.

Residents voiced their concern about redevelopment plans for the Calumet Country Club property that is in the process of being purchased by a developer, Walt Brown. His latest plan to the Village was to put a trucking distribution center at that location. It is estimated 300 trucks will be using the site each day.

Several residents said they opposed the project and said their property values would be hurt by any industrial development. They pledged to join with the village on any actions against that type of development. Questions were raised on whether the Environmental Protection Agency has been asked to assess the dangers from development, and whether the Village of Hazel Crest is playing any role in the decision.

Attorney Cummings said the Village does not have a formal proposal from Walt Brown so there is nothing for the EPA to assess.

Attorney Cummings said Hazel Crest has been informed by the Village of Homewood of the possible development because a lawsuit filed against Homewood by partners of Calumet Country Club to disconnect from the Village would likely mean the developer would want to annex to Hazel Crest. The property is surrounded on three sides by Hazel Crest.

Other suggestions were for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District or the Village to purchase the property.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to move to Executive Session to discuss actual litigation and purchase of real property.

***Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Roman, and Heiferman; OPPOSED – None. Motion carried.***

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

The Board returned to its regular meeting at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Trustees. The meeting adjourned on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk