

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY— AUGUST 27, 2019
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were eight members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led trustees 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 Jay Heiferman and Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustee Lauren Roman was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2019, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$308,477.36 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said three items totaled approximately 56 percent of the Claims List: \$31,175.46 for Motorola Solutions network for the Police Department; \$72,321.28 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; \$68,052.32 for vehicle leases for the Public Works and Fire Departments.

PRESENTATIONS: Homewood Science Center Executive Director Edie Dobrez gave a 2018 review of the activities at the center. The number of visitors doubled from the previous year to 11,000. She explained the center's outreach to other facilities and

the Homewood Science Center's involvement in the Learning Eco-System that has given the center an international reach. The field trip, that focuses on the Homewood inventor who added safety to roller coasters, has had nearly 2,000 student participants, and the Girls STEAM Ahead mentorship network had 130 young girls at the program.

Through a partnership with the Oak Lawn Children's Museum, the Homewood Science Center now has its first permanent exhibit on nano technology that previously was at the Oak Lawn center. HSC also opened a room as Maker Space allowing kids to create by using recycled materials.

In 2018, the center hosted its first Cocktail Chemistry Challenge fundraiser and its third Walk Walton fundraiser. Dobrez and staff continue to look for donors and supporters to create long-term funding.

Trustees applauded Dobrez and her staff for their work in bringing science to the community and how influential the center has become in science education.

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

OMNIBUS REPORT: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. ORDINANCE M-2114/SPECIAL USE AND PARKING VARIATION/DON GOYO FINE MEXICAN CUISINE/ LAURA CARBAJAL DE GARCIA-17536 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit and parking variation to allow operation of a restaurant at 17536 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- B. RESOLUTION R-3033/CINDY MURRAY/RETIREMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT: Consider a motion to pass a resolution honoring Cindy Murray on her retirement from the Village of Homewood.
- C. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES/GRANT WRITER: Authorize the Village President to enter into a two-year contract (2019 to 2021) for grant writing services with Paul A. Zaremba of Clarendon Hills, IL for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 per year.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Burnson to accept the Omnibus Agenda as presented.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to move to executive session to discuss actual litigation and the purchase or lease of real property.

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

The board moved to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk