

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY—OCTOBER 22, 2019
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 10 members of the public present, and one press representative.

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 Lauren Roman, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustees Lisa Purcell and Karen Washington were absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Police Chief Bill Alcott, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros, Director of Marketing Jennifer Quirke, Community Relations and Events Manager Allisa Opyd and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 7, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Roman, Heiferman, Burnson and President Hofeld. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$709,976.79 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Roman, Heiferman, Burnson and President Hofeld. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld said three items totaled nearly 70 percent of the Claims List: \$307,212.94 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water; \$84,129.40 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; and \$100,430.90 for E-COM services.

APPOINTMENTS: President Hofeld asked the board to consider the reappointment of Brian Quirke to the Appearance Commission. He will serve through October 22, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the reappointment of Brian Quirke.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Roman, Heiferman, Burnson and President Hofeld. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller addressed the board sharing updates on county decisions that are impacting Homewood. She spoke about the grant to Metra that will be used to improve the Homewood Metra Station. She reminded the audience of the importance of the 2020 Census and encouraged residents to learn all they can about the Census and the impact a good count has on the area.

President Hofeld thanked Commissioner Miller for her work in getting funding for the train station, and Trustee Heiferman, who sits on the Homewood Science Center board of directors, thanked her for the county's \$40,000 grant that is allowing the center to expand its Girls STEAM Ahead initiative into the Rich Township schools.

OMNIBUS REPORT: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. RFP AWARD CONTRACT/MUNICODE: Authorize the Village President to enter into a contract with Municode, Tallahassee, FL for municipal code recodification, supplementation, and online code hosting services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- B. RESOLUTION R-3037/HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE: Pass a resolution adopting the update of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- C. ORDINANCE M-2117/PARKING VARIANCE/ADRIAN CANO- 18501 KEDZIE AVENUE: Pass an ordinance granting a variation from Section 11.4 of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance to permit a parking space in the required front yard at 18501 Kedzie Avenue, Homewood, Illinois.
- D. ORDINANCE M-2118/DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: Pass an ordinance providing for the sale and/or disposal of 41 bicycles found or recovered by the Homewood Police Department.
- E. ORDINANCE MC-1023/STOP SIGNS- HIGHLAND AVENUE AT 187TH STREET: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Homewood Municipal Code authorizing the installation of stop signs.
- F. ORDINANCE MC-1024/ ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT – ADULT USE CANNABIS: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Zoning Ordinance to authorize sale of recreational cannabis by a state-licensed dispensary in the M-1 zoning district and limiting the number of cannabis dispensaries in the village to one.
- G. ORDINANCE MC-1025/CLASS 4B/BRINKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION D/B/A CHILI'S GRILL AND BAR- 17928 HALSTED STREET: Pass an ordinance amending Section 10-58 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois to increase the number of permitted Class 4B 75/25 restaurant with bar; no video gaming liquor licenses from three to four.
- H. HARWOOD AVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:
 - A. BUDGET AMENDMENT/HARWOOD AVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: Consider a motion to approve a budget amendment increasing the Harwood Avenue Landscaping account line item (35-3-831-55-3412) by \$24,955.00 for the Harwood Avenue Enhancement Project.
 - B. BID AWARD/HARWOOD AVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: Award the bid for landscape enhancements to McGinty Brothers, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$49,909.00.

Trustee Burnson asked that Item F voted upon separately. A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the Omnibus Agenda items other than item "F."

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Roman, Heiferman, Burnson and President Hofeld. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve Item F on the Omnibus Agenda.

Before the vote, Trustee Burnson said he would be voting against this item because police do not have proper field testing in place to determine if a user of cannabis is impaired while driving. He also stated that the use of cannabis is still against the federal code.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Roman, Heiferman, and President Hofeld. NAYS – Trustee Burnson. Motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Finance Director Bubenik presented the 2018-19 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and presented auditor Don Shaw of Lauderbach & Amen to make comments on the audit.

Mr. Shaw told the Trustees that the Village was receiving a "clean" rating, the highest rating available. He outlined financial statements and other pertinent information on the report for Trustees.

Trustees thanked Mr. Shaw for his report. They gave special thanks to Finance Director Bubenik and Assistant Finance Director Amy Zulkowski for the work they do to present the auditors with all the needed information.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Roman to accept the 2018-19 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Roman, Heiferman, Burnson and President Hofeld. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Dawkins thanked the Fire Department for an outstanding open house event, and she applauded staff at the Homewood Science Center for all the work they did in planning the 4th annual Walk Walton event. She said Walk Walton gets better every year.

Trustee Roman welcomed the new Shirley Ryan Ability Lab DayRehab Center to Homewood. The center staff has been working in Homewood for more than a dozen years, but now they are in a specially designed building at 19260 Halsted St.

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

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Roman, Heiferman, Burnson and President Hofeld. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk