

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY—MARCH 13, 2018  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were approximately 10 members of the public and two press representatives 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 Karen Washington, Trustee Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustee Lisa Purcell was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2018, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the minutes of February 27, 2018, as presented.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$559,786.16 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld reported two items made up 51 percent of the Claims List: \$204,552.56 for employee health insurance for March, and \$78,307.44 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District.

APPOINTMENT: President Hofeld asked the board to consider the appointment of Richard Lites to the Ethics Commission.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the appointment of Richard Lites as a member of the Ethics Commission serving through March 31, 2021.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience wishing to address the board on any subject not on the agenda. Keith Kebschull of Homewood gave the board information on the May 19 Pedal for Prostate fundraiser for the Cancer Support Center. He said the group is sponsoring 5-, 15- and 25-mile rides through parks in Homewood, Flossmoor and Olympia Fields.

He asked how he could get a promotional sign on Harwood Avenue and was referred to the manager's office for assistance.

OMNIBUS AGENDA: Clerk Thomas presented items on the Omnibus Agenda for the board's consideration:

- A. ANNUAL REPORT / APPEARANCE COMMISSION: Accept the 2017 Annual Report of the Appearance Commission.
- B. ANNUAL REPORT / FOREIGN FIRE TAX INSURANCE BOARD: Accept the 2017 Annual Report of the Foreign Fire Tax Insurance Board.
- C. ORDINANCE M-2070 / GMX MIDLAND HOMEWOOD II, LLC- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT: Pass an ordinance amending the Planned Unit Development at the Northwest corner of Halsted and 175<sup>th</sup> Streets to allow demolition of the current building and construction of two restaurants.
- D. ORDINANCE M- 2071 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT- 18205 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow Latrese Fenton to operate an indoor amusement (escape room) at 18205 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- E. FINANCIAL SOFTWARE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT / CONSULTING SERVICES-BAECORE GROUP: Consider a motion to authorize the Village President to enter into a consulting services agreement with Baecore Group of Schaumburg, IL for consulting services relating to assessment, preparation, and evaluation of a RFP to replace the Village of Homewood's current financial software, for a total of \$23,100.00.

- F. FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC TESTING/STANARD AND ASSOCIATES: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Stanard & Associates, Inc of Chicago, IL for costs associated with one full-time recruitment/testing process and two part-time recruitment/testing processes for a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$25,000.00.
- G. BID AWARD / LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION: Consider a motion to waive competitive bidding due to sole supplier and award the contract to install LED traffic signals to Meade Electric, McCook, IL in a total amount of \$42,634.00.
- H. RESOLUTION R-2298 /2018 MFT STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM: Pass a resolution for improvements by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$24,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund for street resurfacing.
- I. BID AWARD / 2018 MFT RESURFACING PROGRAM - RESIDENTIAL STREETS: Award the bid for the 2018 MFT Street Resurfacing Program to D Construction Inc., for the resurfacing and patching of various residential streets throughout the Village, in the amount of \$414,733.39.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to accept the Omnibus Agenda items as presented.

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

Andrew Goodman of GMX Realty gave a presentation to the Board on plans for the two new restaurants at 175th and Halsted Streets. He commended the village for its partnering with GMX to bring the year-long work on the joint public/private partnership to fruition. He outlined how the Chick-fil-A Restaurant will be situated at the corner and Panera Bread Restaurant just to the west. He laid out the patterns for ingress/egress, the access to adjoining properties and parking. The site also will have a storm water pond.

Goodman said he expects construction to begin in July on the site work, and he hopes the Panera will be open by the end of 2018. A tenant in the bank building will vacate at the end of 2018 at which time the three-story building will be demolished and the Chick-fil-A will be constructed.

President Hofeld thanked the GMX team for their cooperation and work on this project. It is the third GMX project in the village. Trustees also applauded GMX for

its work with the village and thanked staff for their outstanding efforts in working through the many issues surrounding the project.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk