

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—AUGUST 14, 2018
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 20 members of the public present and three press representatives.

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 Lauren Roman, 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 and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2018, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$982,552.01 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said three items on the Claims List totaled two-thirds of the bills: \$373,220.45 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water, \$204,784.74 for employee health insurance for August, and \$74,436.42 for Thorn Creek Sanitary District.

APPOINTMENTS: The board was asked to approve the appointment of Ciara Stanton to the Beautification Committee. She will serve through August 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Roman to approve the appointment of Ciara Stanton.

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

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Ms. Stanton.

OATH OF OFFICE: Police Chief Alcott presented to the board Jason Johnson who is joining the Homewood Police Department. He comes to Homewood from the Hazel Crest Police Department. He will be completing 15-weeks of Homewood patrol and be a full-duty officer by November 25.

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Officer Johnson.

SCIENCE CENTER PRESENTATION: Edie Dobrez, director of the Homewood Science Center, presented the annual report. She thanked trustees for their continued commitment to the Science Center. The initial plans were to increase science learning in the Homewood-Flossmoor area but the reach has gone far beyond that. In 2018, the Science Center had drawn people from throughout the Chicagoland area and Northwest Indiana.

Its signature programs are POPUp Science, family-based science education programs. The Science Center served more than 1,300 students through the roller coaster field trip. Two of its top efforts have been Girls STEAM Ahead to connect girls with mentors, and the Schneider Electric internships. Its partnership with the Izaak Walton Preserve is drawing young people and families to its annual fundraising program. Volunteers gave 1,500 hours to assist with programs.

Dobrez said the Science Center board will be gearing up for a major effort to generate income as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, increase public/private partnerships and raise income through fees for some programs.

Trustees applauded Dobrez and her staff for all their efforts that have made the Science Center much more than anyone could have dreamed it would be. President Hofeld said the village is committed to the Science Center. Dobrez said the Science Center is connecting participants to science, and an added benefit has been that those participants connect to each other.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to address the board on any subject not on the agenda.

A resident asked if any information was available on the break-in at Lions Club Pool concessions. Police Chief Alcott said the case is under investigation; no one was in custody for the burglary. The resident also shared information that a recent report of a woman being hit by a Metra train was a suicide.

OMNIBUS AGENDA: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. ANNUAL REPORT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
Approve the 2017 annual report of the Economic Development Committee.
- B. ANNUAL REPORT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION:
Approve the 2017 annual report of the Community Relations Commission.
- C. BID AWARD/RETROFIT ONE NAVISTAR TRUCK: Award bid to Kankakee Truck Equipment, lowest responsible bidder, to retrofit one (1) Navistar truck in a total amount of \$28,062.
- D. BID AWARD/WINDOW REPLACEMENT-HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER:
Waive competitive bidding due to joint government purchase cooperative and award the contract for Science Center Window Replacement Project to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$78,093.40.
- E. BID AWARD/PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY STORAGE BUILDING
 - i. BUDGET AMENDMENT/UTILITY STORAGE BUILDING: Approve a budget amendment to increase line item 13-3-337-55-8372 (Utilities Parts Shed) in the amount of \$44,750 for the construction of the new utility storage building at Public Works.
 - ii. AWARD CONTRACT/UTILITY STORAGE BUILDING:
Award the contract for the construction of the new utility storage building at Public Works to G. Fisher Commercial Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$119,750.00.
- F. CONTRACT RENEWAL/STICKER-FREE LEAF COLLECTION:
Authorize the Village President to renew the contract for leaf pickup services for 2018 with Homewood Disposal Service, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$21,991.52.
- G. RESOLUTION R-3003/RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: Pass a resolution determining which minutes or portions thereof from the Executive Sessions no longer require confidential treatment.

- H. RESOLUTION R-3004/APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: Pass a resolution approving Executive Sessions minutes from January 2018 to June 2018 and authorize destruction of Executive Session audio recordings from April 16, 2016 to October 10, 2017.
- I. ORDINANCE MC-996/SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES: Approve an ordinance amending Section 10-7 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, allowing Sunday liquor sales to begin at 11 a.m. for several license classifications.
- J. ORDINANCE M-2083 / GMX REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC / VARIANCE-FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION-NORTHWEST CORNER OF HALSTED AND 175TH STREETS: Approve an ordinance granting approval of a final plat of subdivision with a variation from minimum lot area, table 5.2 of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance in the Planned Unit Development at the northwest corner of Halsted and 175th Streets.
- K. RESOLUTION R-3005 / CLASS 8 INCENTIVE / APEX PROPERTIES INVESTMENTS, INC. – 3003-3029 183RD STREET: Approve a resolution determining the appropriateness for Class 8 status pursuant to the Cook County real property assessment classification ordinance as amended from time to time, for certain real estate located at 3003-3029 183rd Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, owned by Apex Properties Investments, Inc.
- L. CONSULTING AGREEMENT / KANE, MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC./ ESTABLISH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT - DIXIE HIGHWAY AND MILLER COURT
- i. BUDGET AMENDMENT/CONSULTING SERVICES: Approve a budget amendment to increase line item 01-3-125-53-1110 (Contracting/Consulting Services) in the amount of \$22,000 for Consulting services to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a tax increment financing (TIF) district in the area of Dixie Highway and Miller Court.
 - ii. CONSULTING AGREEMENT/KANE, MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC.: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Kane McKenna and Associates Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$22,000 to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a TIF district in the area of Dixie Highway and Miller Court.

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

There was discussion on several items. Amy Crump, director of the Homewood Public Library, asked if the village looked at options other than a TIF District (Item L). Manager Marino said a TIF will give the Village the greatest flexibility. Attorney Cummings said without a TIF in place, the Village, now the owner of the property that was Bogart's Charhouse, would have to sell the property at 80 percent of the cost. With the TIF, the Village can sell the property for \$1 to encourage redevelopment and restore the property to the tax rolls sooner. In addition, the TIF would provide additional funding sources for eligible redevelopment costs beyond sales tax. Assuming the area qualifies for a TIF, Manager Marino said the firm Kane McKenna and Associates would advise the village on the length of the TIF and the types of incentives that could be provided. Any TIF would be the subject of a future public hearing and consideration by the Joint Review Board before the Village Board makes a final decision.

Trustee Heiferman said he doesn't understand why liquor sales restrictions only impact certain days (Item I). He suggested a review of the Liquor License Ordinance may be in order.

President Hofeld said residents will get free leaf pick-up through the Village agreement with Homewood Disposal (Item F) on November 14, 21 and 28.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Roman reminded the community that the Homewood Block Party is set from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, in downtown Homewood.

The Wednesday Farmers Market has been extended through Aug. 29.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk