

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—OCTOBER 23, 2018
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 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 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 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 September 25, 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 \$287,843.55 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATION: Clerk Thomas read a proclamation honoring the 175th anniversary of B'nai B'rith International, a philanthropic organization benefitting Jewish causes and promoting diversity, inclusion and understanding.

B'nai B'rith local chapter representatives Jack Levitt and Ben Ritter accepted the proclamation and thanked the village for its ongoing support.

CHECK PRESENTATION: President Hofeld accepted a \$5,000 check from the Homewood-Flossmoor Lions Club Co-Presidents Ryan T. Shropshire and Ron Shropshire to cover a portion of the costs for new audible traffic signals at 183rd and Harwood Avenue, 183rd and Dixie Highway and 183rd and Governors Highway.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to address the board on any subject not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

A. RAFFLE LICENSE/GLENWOOD ACADEMY/50-50 QUEEN OF HEARTS: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to the Glenwood Academy for a single raffle to be held weekly beginning November 7, 2018 and ending on November 6, 2019 and waive the fidelity bond requirement, and waive the maximum prize value of \$5,000 and allow an increase up to \$2 million.

B. COOK COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-HEALTH INSPECTIONAL SERVICES RENEWAL: Approve an intergovernmental agreement for the provision of environmental health inspectional services for a period from December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019.

C. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT/COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-175TH STREET RESURFACING: Authorize the Village President to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Cook County Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of 175th Street, subject to final approval by the Homewood Village Attorney.

President Hofeld pulled Item A. from the Omnibus Agenda for further Village Board discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve Omnibus Agenda items B and C.

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

President Hofeld invited Finance Director Bubenik to speak to the issue of a license for a new Queen of Hearts raffle. Bubenik explained that the village code book on raffles dates to 1965, so there was nothing relating to Queen of Hearts raffles. This application asks for three exemptions: Length of time from the standard 90 days to 365 days; an increase in the allowable winnings from \$5,000 to \$2 million; waive the fidelity bond.

Mary Hollie, president of Glenwood Academy, and Nora Sheahan, raffle chairperson and Colleen Carter, organization secretary, addressed the Village

Board. The rules of the game were explained, and Sheahan said the timeframe of 52 weeks is set because the game has 54 cards (a deck of 52 and two Jokers) and one card is revealed each week until the Queen of Hearts is picked. It is hoped the game will be played for as close to 52 weeks as possible to increase the amount of money raised by the game. Chances will be \$1 per ticket.

The game will be played at 5th Quarter & Press Room Eatery. Owner Steve Nemitz said his staff will be selling the tickets, and proceeds will be deposited into a Glenwood Academy bank account.

Attorney Cummings said the Village Board may want to shorten the timeframe because other communities that have staged Queen of Hearts games have had problems with crowd control and traffic. He also said the Village's code doesn't spell out a way to cancel the license. He said Glenwood Academy's board of directors would need to present to the Homewood Village Board a letter stating they voted to waive the fidelity bond. Cummings said the bond is meant to protect the game operator, in this case Glenwood Academy, from theft of monies collected on the raffle. Nemitz said his business insurance would cover \$7,500 of loss.

Trustees also asked about parking, who would cover expenses should the village need traffic control, and whether the length of time should be considered. Cummings also noted that the Municipal Code currently did not allow sale of raffle tickets by people who are not members of the organization to be benefitted. Nemitz said he's sold raffle tickets in the past for the Homewood Fire Department.

The board seemed to be in agreement with the length of time for the proposed game, and the prize. It was agreed to table the request from Glenwood Academy until staff receives direction from the Homewood Police Department on potential crowd and traffic issues, and until an ordinance could be drafted modifying the Municipal Code allow cancellation of the raffle license if it became too much of a burden on village resources.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: The board was asked to consider a request from Paresh & Gayatri Inc. of Southgate Mini Mart for a liquor license for the sale of beer and wine to be consumed off premises.

Owner Paresh D. Patel addressed the board on how he will operate the store and the type of items he will carry. Under the proposed license, only 20 percent of the store's floor space can be dedicated to beer and wine. He said he would not have a problem complying with that regulation. He plans to extend hours to 5 a.m. so he can get the early crowd, and remain open until 10 p.m. The business will be open seven days a week.

Trustees were pleased with his business plan and hoped for its success.

Staff was directed to draft an ordinance for a Class 10 license for the Southgate Mini Mart. This will be the first holder of a Class 10 license.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk