

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—NOVEMBER 27, 2018
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were four 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, Director of Public Works John Schaefer and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2018, 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, Roman, Heiferman and Burnson. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$313,207.90 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Purcell 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 one item, a partial payment of \$102,474.81 to Abbey Paving & Sealcoating Co. for the repaving of the parking lot, was nearly one third of the total of the Claims List.

APPOINTMENTS: President Hofeld asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Geraldine Piepenbrink to the Beautification Committee serving through November 27, 2023, and the appointment of Jim Kvedaras as the

Homewood representative to the Cook County South Suburban Mass Transit District serving through November 27, 2021.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the appointments of Ms. Geraldine Piepenbrink and Mr. Jim Kvedaras.

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

Mr. Kvedaras was present and sworn in to office by Clerk Thomas.

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. BUDGET AMENDMENT / 2014 & 2017 G.O. BOND RE-ALLOCATION: Approve a budget amendment to amend the 2018-2019 budget by reallocating \$24,000 to the 2014 Bond Principal line item (61-1-622-56-3000) and reallocating \$15,794 to the 2017 Bond Principal Interest line item (61-1-622-56-6000) and reallocating the 2017 Bond Principal line item (61-1-622-56-5000) from 584,000 to \$544,206 (\$39,794).
- B. RESOLUTION R-3008/ APPROPRIATION OF MOTOR FUEL TAX-MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS: Pass a resolution for the maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$65,600 to the cost of rock salt for a period of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.
- C. RESOLUTION R-3009/ SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE TO WATERLOO RAILWAY COMPANY, SUBSIDIARY OF CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY: Pass a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus real estate consisting of a 2.63 acre vacant parcel east of Ashland Avenue north of Maple Road in Homewood, Cook County, Illinois located in part of permanent index number 29-32-101-082-0000.
- D. ORDINANCE M-2089/ UPDATING POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Pass an ordinance adopting an updated policy prohibiting sexual harassment for the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- E. ORDINANCE M-2090/ PARKING VARIANCE/J.FLHAIR SALON-18350 KEDZIE AVENUE: Pass an ordinance granting a parking variance to allow operation of a salon at 18350 Kedzie Avenue, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

- F. ORDINANCE MC-1004/ REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLICITORS: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 74 of the Homewood Municipal Code concerning registration requirements for solicitors.

President Hofeld asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board on the Omnibus Agenda.

Gianni Sansone questioned the board's decision to sell the property to CN Railway. He said he recognized CN is a major employer in the community, but he didn't feel it was right to sell public land to a private business. He also was concerned about the impact of the sale on the walking trails at Izaak Walton.

President Hofeld said the sale is not doing harm to Izaak Walton. The piece that is being sold is flood plain and is covered by an invasive plant that is choking off native plants. The sale will actually do a good thing for the preserve vegetation.

Attorney Cummings explained that CN had the right to condemn the property, but chose to purchase the land for \$150,000, a price three times higher than the appraised value. All that money will go to Izaak Walton. The group will get \$100,000 immediately and use a part of that money to create a berm that will separate the CN property from Izaak Walton. It will receive the remaining \$50,000 as a separate payment.

President Hofeld called the deal a win for the community and for Izaak Walton. The village has a 99-year lease with Izaak Walton and has no intention of selling off parcels of the land. Hofeld said the \$150,000 will help the Walton members to continue to preserve the land.

He added that the Izaak Walton board is in agreement with the property sale.

Trustees were asked for comments on the sale. Each said they had concerns about selling the property, but once their questions similar to Sansone's were answered they agreed with the sale.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the Omnibus Agenda.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: The ownership of Asian Harbor Restaurant is changing. This means the liquor license will expire. The new owner Jie Fang is asking for a 75/25 restaurant with bar liquor license, the same as the restaurant currently holds.

Finance Director Bubenik said he and President Hofeld met with the new owner who said he will be updating the interior of the restaurant and hoped to have a liquor license.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to instruct staff to prepare an ordinance amending the Municipal Code to allow for a liquor license for the new owner of Asian Harbor Restaurant, 1930 Ridge Road.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Roman invited the community to Holiday Lights on Dec. 7 and an Artists’ Fair on Martin Avenue Dec. 8, as well as Miracle on Martin Dec. 15.

Trustee Heiferman invited the community to stop by the Homewood Science Center for PopUp Science Shopping. Toys that relate to STEM are on sale.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Burnson 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 was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk