

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—MARCH 14, 2017
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were two people from the public present. Two press representatives were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led the audience 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 Anne Colton, 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, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2017, were accepted. A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2017, regular board meeting.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$907,201.27 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said five items on the Claims List totaled 80 percent of the expenses: a payment of \$243,868.13 to the City of Chicago for water; \$196,667.96 for employee health insurance for February 2017; \$47,280 for Davey Tree Expert Company for tree trimming; \$73,096.86 for Thorn Creek Sanitary District for February; and \$187,064.97 to the Village of Hazel Crest as Homewood's share for roadwork at the intersection of 183rd Street and Kedzie Avenue.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited members of the audience to speak on any subject not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

REAPPOINTMENT: The board was asked to reappoint Wally Hein as a member of the Rail Committee. He will serve through March 14, 2020.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the reappointment of Wally Hein to the Rail Committee.

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

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Vote:

- A. ORDINANCE M-2025 / SPECIAL USE- LEARNING CENTER - 17818 HALSTED STREET: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to Colleen Dunlavy to operate a tutoring facility at 17818 Halsted Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- B. ORDINANCE M- 2026 / ZONING VARIANCE – SUBSTANDARD LOT - 18441 STEWART AVENUE: Pass an ordinance granting a variance to allow a substandard lot on the southern half of the property at 18441 Stewart Avenue, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- C. ORDINANCE MC-973 / LIMITED PARKING ZONE- MARTIN AVENUE: Pass an ordinance amending Section 106-393(a) of the Municipal Code of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, to decrease the limited parking zones on Martin Avenue.
- D. ANNUAL REPORT / RAIL COMMITTEE: Accept the 2016 Annual Report of the Rail Committee
- E. ANNUAL REPORT / ETHICS COMMISSION: Accept the 2016 Annual Report of the Ethics Commission.
- F. FIRE DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE PURCHASE- ZOLL SOFTWARE:
 - i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: Approve a budget amendment transferring \$20,000 from the Part Time account 01-4-413-51-9000 and \$2,500 from the Uniform account 01-4-413-52-3000 to Operating Supplies account 1-4-413-54-1200 to cover the costs of purchasing new operating software from Zoll Data Systems Inc.
 - ii. BID WAIVER / ZOLL OPERATING SYSTEM: Waive competitive bidding due to a sole supplier and award the contract for the new operating software to Zoll Data Systems Inc. for a total amount of \$22,450.00.

- iii. ZOLL SOFTWARE PURCHASE: Authorize the Fire Chief to purchase operating software from Zoll Data Systems Inc. for a total amount of \$22,450.00

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Colton for the board to pass, accept, award, authorize and approve items on the Omnibus Report as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST/GRADY’S SNACK N’ DINE

Jim Garofalo is converting Grady’s Grille at 18147 Harwood Avenue into Grady’s Snack N’ Dine with operations for breakfast, lunch and dinner. As part of the restaurant’s new design, he has a new logo and wanted to use this as signage on the building. Garofalo learned his proposed signs did not meet the village’s sign ordinance restrictions.

He came before the Board with examples of each design for signage on the north and south sides of the building, and an illuminated monument sign near the entrance that will be perpendicular to Harwood. He said the restaurant will be a throwback to a diner from the 1960s and ‘70s and the logo/sign was part of that redesign.

Garofalo went before the Appearance Commission on March 2, 2017. The Commission denied a request for a monument sign. It also agreed to signage on the building but with a smaller footprint than what Garofalo had proposed.

Garfalo came before the Village Board asking that all his designs be approved. He recognized that the signs were over the limit, and agreed to remove a downward arrow from the sign on the north side of the building. He told trustees he wanted the monument sign so he could announce restaurant specials, as well as birthdays, personal greetings and special events.

Village Manager Jim Marino said staff needs direction from the Board on what it wanted to approve. The Board is asked to look at each sign because each will require a variance.

Trustee Dawkins asked how the limits in the ordinance were determined. Manager Marino said the requirements were set some time ago and he didn’t know how they were determined. Trustee Dawkins said she would prefer to give Garofalo a variance rather than infringe on his new brand and logo.

Trustee Washington asked if Garofalo was willing to work with the 17.2-foot variance proposed by the Appearance Commission or if he was asking for the full 28.7-foot variance that covers all his signs without major changes. Garofalo said he was requesting

approval for the original 28.7-foot variance.

Trustee Burnson thanked Marino for the information on the 23 nonconforming signs in the downtown area. Having seen how often signs don't comply with the restrictions, he didn't believe it would be fair to force Garofalo to comply with the ordinance.

President Hofeld said he didn't like the idea of a message sign because it can cause accidents as drivers try to read the messages.

Trustee Heiferman moved and Trustee Dawkins seconded a motion directing staff to prepare ordinances for the 28.7-foot variances for Grady's Snack N' Dine signage.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Colton, Heiferman and Burnson. NAYS – Trustee Washington. Motion carried.

After the vote, Garfalo said the restaurant would be open for business on Monday, March 20.

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Washington invited the public to the indoor Farmers Market on March 25 and April 29 at the Irwin Center.

Trustee Heiferman, who is the Board representative to the Homewood Science Center, shared with the Board news of the STEAM Network (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) that was started in August 2016. He said the science center is becoming a place not just for the Pop-Up Science programs, but a place where educators and others can engage in discussions about science and science programs.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk