

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—MAY 23, 2017
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 16 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 and Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustee Anne Colton and Trustee Jay Heiferman were 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 and Director of Public Works John Schaefer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2017, were accepted. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017, regular board meeting.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$518,283.28 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said the Village's payment of \$275,077.61 to the City of

Chicago for water equaled 53 percent of the Claims List.

OATH OF OFFICE: Public Works Director Schaefer introduced Brian Hoffman who was being promoted to utility service technician. Hoffman has been working for the Village since 1993 starting as a seasonal employee before being hired on to a full-time position in 2003. He has worked in the streets division but currently is with the technicians group. He has one certification and Schaefer said he would expect Hoffman to earn others in the future.

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Hoffman.

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

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Report:

1. OMNIBUS VOTE: Consider a motion to pass, approve, accept, or award the following items “A” through “H”:
 - A. ORDINANCE MC- 977 / COOK COUNTY MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENT: Pass an ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Homewood Municipal Code to create a new Article XV concerning conflicts with a certain home rule county ordinance.
 - B. RAFFLE LICENSE / HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to the Homewood Science Center for a single raffle, subject to an approved background check to be held on June 6, 2017, waive the fidelity bond requirement, waive the license fee, and waive the requirement that the organization must have been in existence for five years.
 - C. ANNUAL REPORT / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Accept the 2016 Annual Report for the Economic Development Committee.

- D. BUDGET AMENDMENT / 2014 GO BOND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS: Approve a budget amendment to correct the 2017-18 Budget in the debt service fund by increasing the 2014 Bond Principle (61-1-622-56-3000) from \$0 to \$576,000 and the 2014 Bond Interest (61-1-622-56-4000) from \$0 to \$9,012.
- E. ORDINANCE M-2034 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT- TINA BUNTIN / 3019-3023 183RD STREET: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow Tina Buntin to operate a child daycare center at 3019-3023 183rd Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- F. ORDINANCE M- 2035 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT- KLT ENTERPRISE / 1141 175TH STREET: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to KLT Enterprise to allow a learning center at 1141 175th Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- G. ORDINANCE MC-978 / DISBANDING CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION: Pass an ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 28 of the Homewood Municipal Code disbanding the Cable Television Commission.
- H. FINANCIAL INCENTIVE REQUEST / MARTIN AVENUE HOLDINGS, LLC / 18102 MARTIN AVENUE: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Martin Avenue Holdings, LLC to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$5,850 for the construction of ADA compliant restrooms at 18102 Martin Avenue.

After the presentation of the Omnibus Report, President Hofeld asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak on any of these matters. Representatives from McDonald's, Culver's, Jimmy John's and Pop's Restaurants addressed the Board asking for support of the opt-out measure relating to the Cook County proposal to increase the minimum wage and guarantee sick time. Each said that the positions they offer are generally given to high school students. They are entry-level jobs that give young people work experience. They are not generally meant to be full-time positions that guarantee a higher wage. Each representative said a vote on the measure as presented would be appreciated.

Trustee Burnson said he appreciated hearing from local businesses. He believes the wage laws should be set by the federal and state governments, not local governments. He would support the measure.

Ms. Buntin said she was available to answer any questions about her proposed child care business.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Burnson to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award the Omnibus Vote Items A through H as presented.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Finance Director Bubenik gave an explanation of the maximum \$1.9 million General Obligation Limited Tax Bond sale being proposed. The village's credit rating is excellent and Bubenik said a bank is likely to purchase the bonds through what is commonly referred to as a private placement. Bubenik said this type of sale will likely save the Village money that it can use for additional expenses.

This bond sale will be used, in part, to finance a new fire engine estimated to cost \$650,000; \$250,000 for computer software updates; and \$100,000 for improvements at the Homewood Science Center.

Before the sale, the Board must conduct a public hearing. Bubenik said if the Trustees agree, the public hearing will be conducted June 27, 2017.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve a resolution calling for a public hearing dealing with the sale of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees Dawkins and Washington thanked the Rail Fest Committee and the Community Relations Committee

for their work on the Rail Fest activities May 20.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk