

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—AUGUST 8, 2017
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 8 members of the public and 2 press representatives present.

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 Jay Heiferman and Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustee Anne Colton was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, and Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2017, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the minutes of July 25, 2017 as presented.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$401,038.84 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said two bills totaled about 50 percent of the Claims List: \$32,161.37 to BCBM, LLC for curb replacement and \$195,173.07 to IPBC for the village's employee group health insurance for August.

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

PRESENTATION: Manager Marino introduced Napoleon Haney who will serve as assistant village manager. He is a Naval Reserve and Marine Corps veteran who has a bachelor's degree in a political science and a master's degree in public administration. He comes to Homewood after serving as Director of Public Works in Orland Park.

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Mr. Haney.

The board was asked to approve Ordinance M-2044 for the sale of surplus equipment – a 2002 truck.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve Ordinance M-2044.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Finance Director Bubenik said the village was ready to enter the market for its general obligation bonds. The village is allowed to hold \$40 million in debt on its books, but this issue is for \$1.66 million to be used on capital projects. He expects the village will pay off the debt in three years. The village has been selling short-term GO bonds since 2002. The first issue in 2002 was at 12 percent interest, and this sale will have a rate of 1.95 percent interest.

Director Bubenik asked the board to consider rejecting the lowest bid from Chase Bank because it would not guarantee an interest rate by Aug. 3, the deadline for receiving the bids. The bank also wanted the village to contribute \$2,000 for legal expenses.

President Hofeld asked the board to reject the bid from Chase Bank.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to reject the low bid for the sale of general obligation bonds from Chase Bank.

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

President Hofeld asked the board to approve Ordinance M-2045: General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds – Series 2017A in the amount of \$1,663,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring capital equipment for and constructing capital improvements in the village, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser Park Ridge Community Bank.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the sale of \$1,663,000 in general obligation bonds to Park Ridge Community Bank.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT: None

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Dawkins thanked the organizers of the National Night Out event on Aug. 1 at Irwin Park. She said it was a wonderful event that brought the community out and was a great way for the police in interact with the community.

Trustee Washington and Trustee Burnson seconded her comments.

Trustee Burnson also urged residents to visit the Wednesday evening Farmer’s Market. He said it was another great event that was bringing the community out to enjoy good food and music.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk