

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—NOVEMBER 28, 2017
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were more than 50 members of the public and two press representatives present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Deputy Village Clerk Jessica Salvador 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, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Assistant Fire Chief Steve DeJong and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2017, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017 as presented.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$443,814.49 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, Colton, Heiferman and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld said the village's payment of \$285,384.31 to the City of Chicago for Lake Michigan water made up 64 percent of the Claims List.

REAPPOINTMENT: President Hofeld asked the board to consider the reappointment of Robert Pascarella to the Community Relations Committee. He will serve through November 28, 2020.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton to approve the reappointment of Mr. Pascarella to the Community Relations Committee.

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

PRESENTATIONS: Fire Chief Grabowski came forward to introduce newly promoted Captain Larry Lipinski and new Lt. Jason Presnak. They took their oaths of office from Deputy Clerk Salvador.

Capt. Lipinski joined the fire department full time in 1991. Over his career he has earned various certifications, including advanced firefighter, fire officer 1 and fire apparatus engineer. He follows in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

Lt. Presnak started his career in 2002. He has certifications as an advanced firefighter, fire officer 1 and fire officer 2. He follows in the footsteps of his father, Ray, who served as the department's chief.

Grabowski also introduced Kyle Paczesny and Dave Vitolka who were sworn into the office of firefighter/paramedic by Deputy Clerk Salvador.

Paczesny joins the Homewood Fire Department after serving for six years with the Matteson Fire Department. Vitolka has been a part-time firefighter in Homewood for 3.5 years and is happy to get a full-time position. He is a Homewood resident.

Public Works Director Schaefer introduced James Anderson and Robert Beuck as new employees. Deputy Village Clerk Salvador administered the oath of office of street maintenance worker to Anderson and utility maintenance worker to Beuck.

Anderson and Beuck each have experience working snow removal, landscaping and water main repairs. Beuck is also a registered arborist.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Washington urged the community to enjoy the annual Holiday Lights festivities on Friday, Dec. 1, in downtown Homewood with the tree lighting ceremony at Irwin Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Colton for the Board to move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and the purchase or lease of real property.

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

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk