

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—DECEMBER 12, 2017
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were approximately 40 members of the public and three 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 Anne Colton, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustee Karen Washington was 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, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Police Chief Bill Alcott and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of November 28, 2017, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017 as presented.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$903,047.42 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said four items totaled nearly three-quarters of the Claims List: \$56,880 to Independent Mechanical for re-piping Water Plant #2; \$334,883.63 to the City of Harvey to comply with a recent court order releasing escrowed funds for

system maintenance; \$71,393.90 to Thorn Creek Sanitary District; \$208,728.53 to IPBC for the December payment for employee health insurance.

PRESENTATIONS: Trustees were asked to approve two resolutions honoring longtime Public Works Employees.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve a resolution honoring Dave Rubarth upon his retirement from the Public Works Department.

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

Rubarth started with the Village in 1994 and over time developed a range of skills. Public Works Director Schaefer said Rubarth was a diligent employee who helped organize a recycling program at the Municipal Service Center and was always willing to go the extra mile, especially when he knew the forecast called for snow. Rubarth thanked his colleagues for their support.

A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve a resolution honoring Jim Tresouthick upon his retirement from the Public Works Department.

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

Jim Tresouthick came to Homewood in 1998 as the Landscape and Maintenance Supervisor. In that position, he developed several programs for the village and helped care for the village's trees, especially as the emerald ash borer disease spread and an estimated 3,000 trees were cut down. His initiative proved to be the model for the state. His incredible knowledge on plants and trees has made him a go-to guy for Homewood and surrounding communities. Public Works Director Schaefer said Tresouthick is responsible for many innovative programs that are helping Homewood maintain its tree population.

Tresouthick thanked his co-workers for their support and said his time in Homewood helped him develop many friendships, as well as work relationships.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Vote:

- A. MEETING CANCELLATION/ DECEMBER 26, 2017: Approve the cancellation of the regular Board meeting scheduled for December 26, 2017.
- B. RAFFLE LICENSE/ PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH: Authorize the issuance of a raffle license to the Parish of St. Joseph for a single raffle drawing to be held on February 10, 2018 and waive the fidelity bond requirement.

- C. RESOLUTION R-2293/ 2018 MFT STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM: Pass a resolution for improvement under Illinois Highway Code for proposed improvements to 184th Street from Kedzie Avenue to Kimball, Birch Road from Loomis Avenue to Riegel Road, Cedar Road from Harwood Avenue to Ashland Avenue, and Vincennes Road from Pine Road to Dixie Highway.
- D. RESOLUTION R-2292/ MFT SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION- ROCK SALT: Pass a resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$ 45,500.00 to cover the cost of rock salt for the period of May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018.
- E. 2017 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCES:
- i. ORDINANCE M-2061: Pass an ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes and for special funds for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of May, 2018 and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 2019 for the Village of Homewood, Illinois.
 - ii. ORDINANCE M-2062: Pass an ordinance increasing 2017 Street and Bridge Tax Levy in the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
 - iii. ORDINANCE M-2063: Pass an ordinance directing the Cook County Clerk to reduce the Village of Homewood's 2017 Levy, if necessary, to comply with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.
- F. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT/ OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS-REVENUE SHARING: Authorize the Village President to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois and Homewood School District 153, Flossmoor School District 161, Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School District 233, the Homewood –Flossmoor Park District, and Homewood Public Library District to provide for sharing of sales tax revenues if the Village of Homewood becomes a home rule community.
- G. ORDINANCE M-2066/HOME RULE PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMITATIONS: Consider an ordinance imposing property tax limitations if the Village of Homewood becomes a home rule community.
- H. ORDINANCE M-2065/HOME RULE TAX NOTICE AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Consider an ordinance requiring additional notice and voting requirements for certain taxes if the Village of Homewood becomes a home rule community.
- I. ORDINANCE M-2064/LIMITING HOME RULE BORROWING AUTHORITY: Consider an ordinance limiting the Village of Homewood's borrowing authority if the Village becomes a home rule community.

- J. RESOLUTION R-2294/PLACING HOME RULE REFERENDUM ON MARCH 20, 2018 BALLOT: Pass a resolution placing a question on the March 20, 2018 primary election ballot whether the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois shall become a home rule municipality.

President Hofeld opened the floor for questions. One resident asked how he could get information on the proposed home rule referendum. He was directed to the Village website, or printed materials available at Village Hall.

Trustees offered their thanks to Manager Marino, Attorney Cummings and staff for the hours they have put into the proposal and for helping to draft the ordinances before them. Board members said the ordinances should be seen as responsible action by the Trustees, and Trustee Purcell said home rule reflects the forward-thinking on the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to accept the Omnibus Report as presented.

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

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 Barbara Dawkins told President Hofeld he gave her and many others a scare when he fell into the lake at Izaak Walton Preserve on Sunday, December 10, and had to be rescued. Trustees all wishes him well. Hofeld said he was embarrassed but grateful for the outpouring of concern from the Trustees and residents.

President Hofeld announced a new restaurant coming to Homewood. Freddie’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers is entering the Chicago market and will be building a restaurant in an out-lot on Halsted Street.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk