

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—JANUARY 8, 2019
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were about 35 members of the public present and three press representatives.

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 Karen Washington, Trustee Lauren Roman, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustee Lisa Purcell was absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Manager Jim Marino, Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2018, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Roman to approve the minutes as presented.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$483,174.27 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld reported two items equaled nearly three-quarters of the Claims List: \$207,354.87 for the January payment for employee health insurance and \$100,000 payment to the Izaak Walton Preserve for the sale of property to CN Railway.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to address the board on any subject not on the agenda.

Emily Klehm, CEO of the South Suburban Humane Society, came to the podium to announce to the board the purchase by the organization of a vacant veterinary hospital at 2207 183rd Street. The building will now be an adoption center for SSHS. Klehm said an anonymous donor purchased the building for the group, and donations from veterinarian Claude Gendreau and veterinarian John Coyne along with a donation from the PetSmart Charities will help SSHS update the facility. The agency is trying to raise another \$100,000 for updates and upkeep.

Klehm thanked the village for its support of the organization, especially President Hofeld. She received a round of applause from the more than 30 SSHS supporters (with their pets) who were in the audience.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. ORDINANCE MC-1007 / SUSPENSION OF VILLAGE BUSINESS LICENSE: Pass an ordinance amending Chapters 14 and 26 of the Homewood Municipal Code allowing for the suspension or revocation of business and amusement licenses for failure to pay debt owed to the Village.
- B. ORDINANCE M- 2095 / SPECIAL USE PERMIT/ TARTAN INVESTMENTS LLC -18019 DIXIE HIGHWAY: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow Tartan Investments LLC to locate dwelling units on the ground floor at 18019 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- C. ORDINANCE M- 2096 / PARKING VARIANCE/ BMC FAMILY DENTISTRY- 2421 W. 183RD STREET: Pass an ordinance granting a parking variance to operate a dental office at 2421 W. 183rd Street, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- D. AGREEMENT/ST. JOSEPH PARISH PARKING LOT: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with the Catholic Bishop of Chicago to Utilize the west-most portion of the parking lot at St. Joseph Parish, 17949 for additional public parking.

Two persons came forward to object to the granting of a variance for BMC Family Dentistry at 2421 W. 183rd Street. Property owners in the plaza Mark McGee and Jeff Sacks said the dentist office is only allowed a limited number of parking spaces and will be infringing on other businesses. They said they have tried to work things out with past neighbors but admitted to having taken action that drove others from the plaza over the parking issue. They are concerned the same actions will be necessary if the new property owner cannot comply with the parking limitations.

Dr. Basit Nisbeth said that he purchased the property with the understanding he had four spaces. He is required to have seven spaces. He did not know of the parking requirements imposed by the village's zoning ordinance when he bought the building. He said he has made arrangements with another business in the area that is not connected to the plaza to use spaces there for his employees to park, which would make spaces in front of his office available for patients.

Trustees said they would approve the variance, adding they would not get involved in a neighbor dispute and believed that Dr. Nisbeth will do his best to follow the restrictions.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the Omnibus Agenda.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Roman invited the public to the Mayor's Artic Dip from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Homewood Science Center. The Artic Dip is a benefit for the South Suburban Humane Society.

Trustee Heiferman asked if there were any village rules that would mandate recycling at apartment buildings. He said a resident raised the issue because the recycling option isn't available to tenants where she lives. Attorney Cummings said the decision on garbage and recycling pick-up falls to the property owner or landlord. The village has no guidelines on the matter.

A motion was by the Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to adjourn the regular meeting of the Village Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk