

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—MARCH 12, 2019
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 10 members of the public present and one press representative.

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 Lauren Roman, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Larry Burnson.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2019, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$661,658.48 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld reported two items equaled 73 percent of the Claims List: \$272,832.53 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water, and \$210,349.69 for employee health insurance for March.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT: President Hofeld asked Trustees to consider the appointment of Chares Turman to the Beautification Committee for

a term ending March 12, 2024, and the reappointment of William O'Brien to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending March 12, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the appointment and reappointment.

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

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Charles Turman who was in the audience.

PRESENTATION: THINK HOMEWOOD MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Marketing Director Jennifer Quirke presented the 2019 marketing campaign to encourage people to think about Homewood as a destination. The graphic this year is puzzle pieces and how prospective homebuyers can complete the puzzle by moving to Homewood.

She said the focus again this year will be on millennials, those born between 1980 and 1996. She stressed they should not be considered one group. They are very diverse, so she has devised three specific messages to reach them.

Women are more likely to look for schools and amenities and how much house they can get for a price they can afford. Young families are interested in those needs and also what communities offer for free, including events. A third group is looking to keep the city (Chicago) identity. They want access to the city, but they know they need to find something that works for their families as a place to be.

The plan is to spend \$10,000 on the campaign that will include posters on the CTA's Blue and Pink Lines targeting specific neighborhoods in Chicago. Ms. Quirke also has planned a social media campaign using GIFs. The campaign opens the end of March and runs through April. It will repeat in August.

Once the campaign launches, a public relations campaign will begin.

Trustees applauded Ms. Quirke for this approach and her work on the campaign.

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

Two Glenwood residents addressed the Board asking trustees to take action to support their efforts to fight a proposed power plant in Glenwood. They also asked village officials to inform residents about the proposed plant now before the Zoning Board in Glenwood.

President Hofeld said he was aware of the proposal. He said he had encouraged the Glenwood residents that he had spoken with to contact the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association as a way to reach out to neighboring communities.

Attorney Cummings reminded the speakers that Homewood has no control over what decisions Glenwood makes on the proposal.

Homewood resident David Zaber gave Trustees greenhouse gas pollution numbers that are now affecting air quality in the south suburbs. He believes the proposed plant will do more harm to the area. He called the proposed power plant an issue for Homewood, as well as Glenwood, and urged Trustees to consider taking a stand against the proposal for the sake of the health of residents and a possible decline in property values.

Trustee Jay Heiferman said whether the Trustees take action on the proposal, he personally is opposed to it.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. **ANNUAL REPORT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Accept the 2018 Annual Report for the Economic Development Committee.
- B. **RESOLUTION R-3016/ STATE OF ILLINOIS CAPITAL BILL:** Pass a resolution supporting Metra's request to the State of Illinois to fund a transportation capital bill.
- C. **RESOLUTION R-3017/2019 MFT STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM:** Pass a resolution for improvement by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$320,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund for street resurfacing.
- D. **RESOLUTION R-3018/ 175TH STREET RESURFACING PROJECT:** Pass a resolution for improvement by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$65,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 175th street resurfacing project.
- E. **RESOLUTION R-3019/ ADOPTION OF THE 2018 ZONING MAP:** Pass a resolution adopting the official zoning map of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois for calendar year 2018.
- F. **ORDINANCE M-2099/SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Pass an ordinance authorizing the sale of personal property deemed no longer necessary to the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- G. **EMERGENCY STORM SEWER REPAIR:**

- i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: Consider a motion to approve a budget amendment increasing the Contracting Services line item in the Stormwater Management Program (01-3-325-53-1100) by \$77,721.30 for the emergency repair of the 24” storm sewer on Ashland Avenue.
- ii. BID WAIVER/EMERGENCY PURCHASE- STORM SEWER REPAIR: Waive competitive bidding requirements due to an emergency purchase and award the 24” storm sewer repair located at Ashland Avenue between 175th Street and 174th Street to Sunset Sewer and Water, in a total amount not to exceed \$77,271.30.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the Omnibus Report.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

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, Roman, Heiferman and Burnson. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk