CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were three 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, Police Chief Bill Alcott, Assistant Police Chief Denise McGrath, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the public hearing on the 2019 budget and the regular meeting of April 9, 2019, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 budget hearing and board meeting as presented.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of $1,175,589.30 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, Roman, Heiferman and Burnson. NAYS—None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld said six items totaled three-quarters of the Claims List: 
$103,427.16 to Sunset Sewer & Water for the Ashland storm sewer repair; 
$288,744.56 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water; $62,191.71 to Baxter & Woodman Engineering for studies on water source options; $147,552 to Visu-Sewer
of Illinois for sewer lining work; $64,228.50 to Davey Tree Expert Co. for tree removal and trimming.

REAPPOINTMENTS: President Hofeld asked the board to reappoint Rebecca Herkert to the Beautification Committee serving through April 19, 2024, and Dr. David Speerbrecker and Rev. Robert Kyfes to the Ethics Commission serving through April 19, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the reappointments.

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

PRESENTATION: Police Chief Bill Alcott and Assistant Chief Denise McGrath gave a presentation on the new body cameras and in-car cameras the Police Department is using.

Chief Alcott said the department began investigating a new system in 2016 when it learned that the patrol car cameras were becoming obsolete. He said a 2017 state law also meant the department would have to consider body cameras.

Assistant Chief McGrath led the work on this project with Detective Thomas Johnson, and assistance from Tim Stinnett, the IT specialist for the village. Together they determined the best system was from Axon and in 2018 started working with the company to equip the department. A $264,109.89 five-year contract was signed for 11 in-car systems with 21 body cameras and Tasers, as well as instructions and systems updates. The village’s cost for the Axon system was paid for with Homewood’s share of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund. Monies were available to Homewood because one of its officers works with the Homeland Security Investigations Unit.

In February, Homewood officers went through three weeks of training on the system. The Axon system went live on March 5, 2019. Chief Alcott said it will make record keeping much easier as the Axon system is tied directly into the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office. The department will no longer need to transfer certain evidence to case files. It will match the online system the county has in place.

All files will be stored on the Cloud, although service calls, such as alarm calls, will only be stored for 90 days.

Chief Alcott said the system is providing additional transparency to police work and helping improve relations with the public. He said officers will announce that the camera is recording. Also, the body camera and car cameras work in conjunction with one another for a seamless recording.
The system does allow the department to create a broader view by using four screens together for one picture. Chief Alcott told Trustees that the recordings should not be considered the full record, as the cameras will not pick up all actions, just what is within view.

The Chief said response from the officers to the new system has been very favorable.

Trustees applauded the work on the project and thanked Chief Alcott and Assistant Chief McGrath for their work on behalf of the department and the Village.

**OMNIBUS VOTE:** Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

A. **PROCLAMATION/ARBOR DAY- April 26, 2019:** President Hofeld will issue a proclamation proclaiming April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the Village of Homewood. Proclamation attached.

B. **ORDINANCE M-2102/ SECOND VARIANCE EXTENSION/OVERSIZED GARAGE- 2051 175TH STREET:** Pass an ordinance authorizing a second extension of the time to complete construction of a 24’x40’ detached garage at 2051 W. 175th Street, Homewood, Illinois.

C. **ORDINANCE M-2103/SOLICITATION OF ALTERNATIVE BIDS- SOUTHWEST CORNER OF RIDGE ROAD AND MARTIN AVENUE:** Pass an ordinance directing the solicitation of alternate bids and proposals for development of property on the Southwest corner of Ridge Road and Martin Avenue in the Downtown TOD Redevelopment Project Area in the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

D. **RENEWAL OF SCAVENGER AND LIMITED SCAVENGER LICENSES:** Approve the renewal of Limited Scavenger licenses to Midway Building Supply, Tri-State Disposal, and Total Disposal and Scavenger licenses to Homewood Disposal, Allied Waste Transportation Inc., and Waste Management Inc. upon payment of the license fee.

E. **RENEWAL OF PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Approve the renewal of the permits for outdoor sale of alcoholic beverages for Grady’s Snack and Drive, LLC d/b/a Grady’s Snack ‘n’ Dine (18147 Harwood Avenue); M&R 89, Inc., d/b/a Cilantro Mexican Restaurant (18755 Dixie Highway); Mayberry Inc. d/b/a The Fifth Quarter (18105 Dixie Highway); Ridgewood Liquor Store and Tap, Inc. (2059 Ridge Road); Tack & Jibe, Inc. d/b/a Lassen’s Sports Bar and Grill (2131 183rd Street); AMC Homewood, Inc. d/b/a Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar (17510 Halsted Street); Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill #1886 (17700 Halsted Street); The Cottage on Dixie, Inc (18849 Dixie Highway); and Rabid Brewing (17759 Bretz Drive) to be valid from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 subject to the stated conditions and upon payment of the permit fee.
A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the Omnibus Report as presented.

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

**GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:** President Hofeld announced the death of Bob Ahlf who dedicated many years to improving the Izaak Walton Preserve.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk