

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—MAY 14, 2019
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 30 members of the public and one press representative 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 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, Director of Public Works Jim Schaefer, Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2019, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Washington 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 \$1,075,595.97 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Burnson 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 five items totaled three-quarters of the Claims List: \$105,471.32 to Strada Construction for curb work; \$210,356.15 for employee insurance in May; \$136,996.99 for E-COM services; \$311,669.52 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water; \$54,828 to Hastings Air Energy for work at the fire and public works buildings.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: Cook County Circuit Court Judge Adrienne Davis administered the oath of office to Jay Heiferman, Lisa Purcell and Karen Washington, the village's three re-elected trustees, and Lauren Roman, newly elected trustee.

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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.

PRESENTATIONS: Clerk Thomas read a proclamation for National Public Works Week.

JANICH RETIRES: Clerk Thomas read Resolution R-3025 honoring Roy Janich as he retires from the Homewood Police Department with 30 years of service. He was congratulated by the Trustees and Village President and received a round of applause from the audience.

SGT. JOHNSON: Judge Davis administered the oath of office to Thomas Johnson, newly promoted to the rank of sergeant. He has been with the Homewood Police Department since 2009, and serves as a detective.

OFFICER JOHNSON: Judge Davis administered the oath to newly hired police officer Justin Blackburn, a Homewood resident and Homewood-Flossmoor High School graduate.

PARKING STUDY: A parking assessment for downtown Homewood was delivered by Eric Russell of Kenig, Lindgren, O'Hara, Aboona Inc. The village ordered the study in light of the village selling a portion of the lot west of Village Hall for development. Parking was surveyed on busy days, such as when court is in session or there are weekend activities, and light days to get a sense of how the lot is used.

Russell said of the 137 spaces currently available 70 percent, or 97 spaces, will be eliminated. That leaves 40 spaces, and half of those will be used by public safety vehicles.

Commuters now renting space from the village can transition to the Metra lots. Village employees, however, will need to find parking elsewhere. There is street parking available within the downtown area, although on-street spaces have a three-hour limit, and the village has several public parking lots, although those are south of Ridge Road and could be an inconvenience to those coming to Village Hall or court.

The Metra lot, owned by the South Suburban Mass Transit District, has approximately 1,000 spaces. St. Joseph Church lot is considerable and the Homewood Library has a large lot, although it is very busy.

And, it is estimated event and downtown activities need about 260 spaces.

Russell suggested several changes for consideration including closing streets around village hall or making them one-way to traffic to accommodate additional parking. The village already has an agreement with St. Joseph for use of the lot, but not until after noon. It was suggested the agreement be amended so it can be available to village staff. And, 19 additional parking spaces could be added on Harwood by reducing the size of the traffic lanes.

The Board accepted the study for review.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. **ORDINANCE M-2104/ SALES AGREEMENT- HCF HOMEWOOD LLC:**
Pass an ordinance approving real estate purchase and sale agreement between the Village of Homewood and HCF Homewood, LLC providing for the sale for village owned property near the southwest corner of Ridge Road and Martin Avenue.
- B. **RESOLUTION R-3026/MFT STREET MILLING/HMA SURFACE MIX:**
Pass a resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$20,000 of MFT funds for street milling, HMA surface mix for the period of May 1, 2019-April 30, 2020.
- C. **ANNUAL REPORT/ FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION:** Accept the 2018 Annual Report for the Fire and Police Commission.
- D. **AGREEMENT/ HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER:** Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement between the Homewood Science Center, Inc and the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois for payroll and human resource services.
- E. **RENEWAL OF PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Approve the renewal of the permit for outdoor sale of alcoholic beverages for Calumet Country Club (175th and Dixie Hwy) to be valid May 15, 2019 to April 30, 2020 subject to the stated conditions and upon payment of the permit fee.
- F. **AGREEMENT/ FIRE DEPARTMENT-AUTOMATIC AID:** Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement for automatic aid between the Villages of: Burnham, Calumet City, Country Club Hills, Dolton, East Hazel Crest, Flossmoor, Glenwood, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Lansing,

Lynwood, Markham, Munster, Oak Forest, Phoenix, Riverdale, South Holland, Thornton, and Tinley Park and the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

G. TREE WORK SERVICES:

- i. BID AWARD/ TREE WORK SERVICES: Award the bid for tree work services to Winkler's Tree Service, lowest responsible bidder, in the amounts of \$57.38/tree for sectional tree trimming, \$144.00/tree for spot tree trimming, and \$330.00/hr for emergency tree removal.
- ii. BID AWARD/ TREE WORK SERVICES: Award the bid for tree work services to Homer Tree Care, lowest responsible bidder, in the amounts of \$26.00/inch for tree removal and \$7.00/inch for stump removal. The collective cost for both bid services will not exceed the budgeted amount of \$213,000.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Omnibus Agenda as presented.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

In response to an April 27 social media post of an incident involving four students in blackface who harassed an employee at a drive-through restaurant, Trustee Dawkins stressed that the Homewood community is a great place to live and that we should go forth and deal with healing and forgiveness so that we can continue to be a place for all people.

Trustee Roman invited the community to the May 18 Rail Fest at the auditorium. President Hofeld reminded the audience the Public Works Department open house is also on May 18.

Trustee Burnson congratulated trustees on their election, and he echoed Trustee Dawkins comments, adding the community will find a way to heal after the incident.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Burnson to move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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

The board moved to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk