

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM
and audio conferencing

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 7 p.m. The meeting was conducted by President Hofeld from the Boardroom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hofeld dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld at Village Hall, with Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Lauren Roman, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Larry Burnson, and Clerk Thomas via audio conference.

NOTE: Due to the Governor's emergency order because of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing recommendations, and the Village President finding that, pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, an in-person meeting is not prudent, elected officials are permitted to participate via video/audio. The public was invited to listen into the meeting live via audio. The public was invited to submit comments by email before the meeting. All elected officials were able to hear one another as well as all discussion.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld was at Village Hall with Village Manager Jim Marino. Village Attorney Christopher Cummings and Finance Director Dennis Bubenik, Economic Development Director Angela Mesaros and Director of Public Works John Schaefer linked remotely. Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney was present and assisted with the Zoom link-up.

MINUTES: The minutes of the General Board Meeting of August 25, 2020, were reviewed. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,201,211.53 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.

President Hofeld said four items came to 89 percent of the Claims List: \$385,356.41 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water; \$225,848.21 for the September insurance payment for village employees; \$254,331.00 to Performance Pipelining for sewer slip lining for the Department of Public Works; \$206,174 to Rush Trucks for a plow truck.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were no comments submitted for board review.

OMNIBUS AGENDA: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. REAPPOINTMENT: Consider a motion to approve the following reappointments – Ellen Dreyfus to the Ethics Commission for a 3-year term ending September. 12, 2023 and Tony Greep to the Tree Committee for a 3-year term ending September 8, 2023.
- B. ORDINANCE M-2140/BOND ISSUANCE: Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the issuance of approximately \$1,790,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2020, of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing the costs of certain capital expenditures within the Village, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
- C. PUBLIC WORKS UNION/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: Consider a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Homewood and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 31, Local 2891 for the period covering 2020 to 2025.
- D. RESOLUTION R-3062/SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY: Consider a motion to accept a contract to purchase surplus real estate owned by the Village of Homewood at 18462 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Illinois.

Finance Director Bubenik thanked Assistant Finance Director Amy Zukowski and other village staff members for their work on the bond sale. The village used a new company, Speer Financial, and he found the working relationship was good. For the 2017 bond sale, the interest rate was 1.95 percent. Bubenik said the 0.85 percent interest rate for this sale was the lowest the village has paid. For this sale, Bubenik estimated an interest payment of \$31,900.

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Roman 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: Trustee Dawkins invited the community to participate in the School District 153 Fund Run the week of October 13. The event will be virtual this year. Funds go back into Homewood schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Roman 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 returned from Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Washington to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustees voted on voice vote to adjourn.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk