

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—AUGUST 25, 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 and Village Attorney Christopher Cummings. Director of Economic Development 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 11, 2020, were reviewed. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Purcell 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 \$598,526.78 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

President Hofeld said two items were the majority of the Claims List: \$330,917.92 to the City of Harvey for water; \$68,986.65 to Burns & McDonnell engineers for work on the water system link-up with Chicago Heights.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Clerk Thomas read a letter from Robin Predny asking trustees to take action to limit the noise from outdoor performances at Mama & Me Pizzeria. The village is allowing outdoor dining, and Predny said the business has taken food and music service outside. As a neighbor to the business she is disturbed by the music that she says is extremely loud, especially on weekends.

President Hofeld asked Manager Marino to follow up with the police department on the noise issue.

OMNIBUS AGENDA: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Agenda:

- A. Reappointment: Consider a motion to approve the following reappointments – Jim Wright to the Appearance Commission for a 3-year term ending Aug. 25, 2023; Thomas Hamilton to the Community Relations Commission for a 3-year term ending Aug. 25, 2023; Troy O’Quin to the Community Relations Commission for a 3-year term ending Aug. 25, ,2023; Nancy Spaniak to the Community Relations Commission for a 3-year term ending Aug. 25, 2023.
- B. RESOLUTION R-3061/APPROVING REVISED PERSONNEL MANUAL: Consider a motion to approve a resolution approving a revised personnel manual with an effective date of September 11, 2020.
- C. FAÇADE RESTORATION PROJECT/WATER PLANT #1:
 - i. BUDGET AMENDMENT: Consider a motion to approve a budget amendment of \$11,170 to account 13-3337-55-8370 (Water Plant #1 Restoration) which increases the FY2020/2021 budget amount from \$83,830 to \$95,000. Work is necessary because of masonry issues on the water tank.
 - ii. BID AWARD: Award the bid for the Water Plant #1 – Façade Restoration Project to Berglund Construction of Chicago, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder, at the unit prices submitted, with a base bid of \$95,000.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees asked residents to consider social distancing and wearing masks. Trustee Burnson noted that neighboring communities in Will County are forced to close their indoor dining because of high COVID-19 numbers. He doesn't want to see that happen in Homewood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consider a motion to enter into Executive Session under 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 11 to discuss pending litigation.

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

The board moved to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk