

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY -SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Trustee Jay Heiferman.

President Hofeld introduced staff: Village Manager Jim Marino, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Economic Development Angela Mesaros, and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2021 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to approve the minutes as amended.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Dawkins, Washington, Harris-Jones, Heiferman and Roman. NAYS – None. ABSTAIN –Trustee Purcell. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$236,307.89 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board on any matters not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

REAPPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the reappointment of Levi Glass to the Fire and Police Commission for a three-year period ending September 3, 2024.

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

OMNIBUS VOTE: Trustees were asked to pass, approve, authorize, accept or award the items on the Omnibus Report:

- A. Contract Extension/Grant Writer: Approve a seven (7) month contract extension (September 30, 2021 to April 20, 2022) with Paul A. Zaremba of Clarendon Hills, Illinois for grant writing services in an amount not to exceed \$26,250.
- B. Memorandum of Understanding/East Hazel Crest/Water Purchase: Approve a memorandum of understanding between the Village of East Hazel Crest and the Village of Homewood that grants the Village of East Hazel Crest a six-month due diligence period to evaluate the requirements and issues to be resolved to permit East Hazel Crest to enter into a contract with Homewood for the purchase of water.
- C. Bid Award/Sidewalk Repair/Universal Concrete Grinding: Award a bid for the 2021 Sidewalk Saw Cutting/Grinding of Trip Hazards to the lowest responsible bidder, Universal Concrete Grinding of Girard, OH, at unit price of \$35.33 per cut/grind location, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- D. M-2195/Solicitation of Alternate Bids/18225 Dixie Highway: Approve an ordinance directing the solicitation of alternate bids and proposals for the development of the property owned by the village at 18225 Dixie Highway in the Dixie Highway/Miller Court Redevelopment Project Area. The property is the former site of Bogart's Charhouse, which was recently torn down.
- E. R-3090/Endorsement Agreement/Preferred Developer/South Suburban Casino: Approve a resolution authorizing an endorsement agreement between the Villages of Homewood and East Hazel Crest and the Daly Group LLC for development of a South Suburban casino and reimbursement of costs.

President Hofeld asked that Item E have a separate vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve Items A, B, C and D on the consent agenda.

Before the vote, Trustee Heiferman asked if the village was obligated to sell the Bogart's property (Item D) to a party that has come forward. Attorney Cummings said the property is in a TIF district and the village is contemplating selling it for less than 80 percent of its value. There currently is no contract for sale of the site but a potential developer has submitted plans. If the village wants to sell the property for less than 80 per cent of the appraised value as authorized by the TIF Act, the village is obligated to advertise for alternate bids before doing so. Any future sales contract or redevelopment agreement would be submitted to the Village Board at a future date. Bids for the property will be opened at the October 12, 2021, meeting.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dawkins and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve Item E/casino endorsement agreement.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Harris-Jones, Roman and Heiferman. NAYS –Trustee Washington. Motion carried.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked staff for their work on putting together Fall Fest. All agreed it was a great event.

Village Manager Marino thanked Assistant Village Manager Haney for all his work on behalf of the village and for the help he offered to Marino and his other Homewood Village Hall colleagues. Haney has accepted a position as Village Manager for Olympia Fields. President Hofeld said he echoed Marino's comments, and those present gave Haney a standing ovation.

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

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

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk