

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY -JANUARY 25, 2022
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m.

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 attend the meeting via live video/audio. The public was invited to submit comments by email before the meeting and all comments were distributed to the Trustees and the Village President. All elected officials were able to hear one another and all discussion.

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

President Hofeld introduced staff appearing in person at the Village Hall: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik. Police Chief Denise McGrath and Public Works Director John Schaefer participated via Zoom.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2022, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$248,718.41 was presented. 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.

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

President Hofeld said two items totaled 49 percent of the Claims List: \$45,081.20 for the quarterly payment to E-COM, and \$76,428.41 payment to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: A letter from AFSCME Local 2891 was read (copy attached).

OMNIBUS VOTE: The board is asked to consider a motion to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award the following item(s):

- A. Agreement/Audit Services/Lauterbach & Amen, LLP: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP of Naperville, Illinois, the lowest responsible proposal, to perform audit services for the Village of Homewood in the amount of \$32,800 per year, plus \$3,500 if a single audit is required, for fiscal year end April 30, 2022 through April 30, 2025.
- B. Agreement/Bretz Drive Parking Lot/Homewood Business Park, LLC: Authorize the Village President to enter into a parking lot agreement between the Village of Homewood and Homewood Business Park, LLC for parking lot enforcement by the Homewood Police Department.
- C. M-2210/Special Use/Homewood Baseball Academy: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow the operation of a baseball academy (learning center) at 17829 Bretz Drive in Homewood.
- D. R-3096/Purchase of Electricity/NIMEC: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village Manager or Finance Director to enter into a purchase agreement for electricity through the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) for the period of May 2022 through May 2023 or up to May 2025.
- E. Text Amendment/Special Use/Veterinary Clinic:
 - a. MC-1059/Text Amendment/Zoning Ordinance: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Zoning Ordinance to allow operation of a veterinary clinic as a special use in the B-1 Zoning District.
 - b. M-2211/Special Use/18265 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to allow operation of a veterinary clinic at 18265 Dixie Highway in Homewood.
- F. R-3097/Commuter Parking Lots: Pass a resolution accepting ownership of the Homewood Train Station Parking Lots upon dissolution of the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District pursuant to Public Act 102-0248 located at 18041 Park Avenue and 181st & Harwood Avenue.
- G. Employment Agreement/Village Manager: Authorize the Village President to approve an employment agreement between the Village of Homewood and Napoleon Haney of Homewood, IL to serve as Village Manager.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees urged residents to stay safe, stay warm and remember to shovel their walks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to move to Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property as allowed by section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5))

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

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

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

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

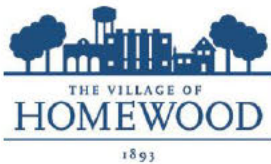
Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Purcell, Belue, Washington, Harris-Jones, Roman and Heiferman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

The meet adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk



PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Board Meeting

From: Cameron Day <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Open letter to board
Date: January 25, 2022 at 4:00:32 PM CST
To: "comments@homewoodil.gov" <comments@homewoodil.gov>
Cc: Eric Stojakovich <[REDACTED]>
Resent-From: <[REDACTED]>

We sent this letter to all board members from Pres. of local union Eric Stojakovich, but wanted to make sure, in the event they did not receive.

Hello Homewood Village Board,

I send this letter on behalf of the hardworking men and women at the Homewood Public Works Department, AFSCME Local 2891.

Local 2891 makes sure Homewood can keep going. During the depths of the pandemic and beyond, our members worked tirelessly to keep Homewood's essential public infrastructure up and running. Our members clear roads, plow snow, fix water main breaks—and so much more.

Due to the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic, our Union worked with management to establish re-openers in our contract. We have been bargaining a wage re-opener and last Tuesday, January 18, we believed we reached tentative agreement. Management offered a deal that included cost-of-living increases that mirrored wages offered to the fire department as well as a change to include paid lunch periods. Management representatives presented the deal to our bargaining committee, we accepted, and both parties shook hands to seal the deal.

We were asked by management to prepare a memorandum of understanding and to ratify the agreement before today's board meeting. On the day of our ratification, Thursday, January 20, management informed us that the TA was off the table. Despite this, our members accepted the offer as proposed. Our Union wholeheartedly believes that management's actions constitute an unfair labor practice.

We are asking the Board to stand with us, and to ratify the TA reached on January 18. We love the Village of Homewood. We love serving the residents of our village. We appreciate your support.

Eric Stojakovich
AFSCME Local 2891

Thank you,

Cameron H. Day
Staff Representative
AFSCME Council 31, AFL-CIO

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