

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY -MARCH 8, 2022
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 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 Lisa Purcell, Trustee Cece Belue, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Trustee Jay Heiferman.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Assistant Village Manager Justine Bruno, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Director of Economic Development Angela Mesaros and Police Chief Denise McGrath.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of February 22, 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, Belue, Washington, Harris-Jones, Heiferman and Roman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$773,206.93 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said two items totaled 72 percent of the Claims List: \$319,893.72 to the City of Harvey for water and \$235,798.11 for employee insurance for March.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to discuss any item not on the agenda. Resident Amy Crump asked if there would be improvements to the exit from the tollway at Dixie Highway when the casino is built. She said the plans for the casino don't show any improvements. She said it is a hazardous exit and she has concerns about how the casino will impact traffic at that exit. President Hofeld asked Manager Haney to check on what, if anything, could be done. He believes that exit is part of the tollway and not something that the village can directly impact.

RE-APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the reappointment of William O'Brien to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term expiring March 9, 2027.

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

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

- A. Annual Report/Beautification Committee: Accept the 2021 Annual Report from the Beautification Committee.
- B. Annual Report/Tree Committee: Accept the 2021 Annual Report from the Tree Committee.
- C. Annual Report/Firefighters Pension Board: Accept the 2021 Annual Report from the Firefighters Pension Board.
- D. Annual Report/Police Pension Board: Accept the 2021 Annual Report from the Police Pension Board.
- E. M-2213/Amendment to Fee Schedule/Fire Department: Pass an ordinance amending the "Fire" section of the fee schedule for the approved GEMT funding rates.
- F. R-3102/Grant Request/CDBG: Pass a resolution supporting a request to Cook County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Program Year 2022. Funding would be used to replace a sanitary lift station.
- G. Letter of Intent/18138 Dixie Highway/Townes Glaser Development: Approve a Letter of Intent with Townes Glaser Development for the potential sale and redevelopment of village-owned property at 18138 Dixie Highway, the former Savoia's T'Go site. The development would be for a business on the first floor and apartments above.
- H. MC-1060/M-2214/Video Gaming Fees: Pass an ordinance changing Sec. 4-64 and Sec. 4-65 of the Homewood Municipal Code as it relates to video gaming endorsement; and pass an ordinance changing the "Business License" and "Liquor" sections of the fee schedule increasing the fee for a video gaming terminal to \$250 and deleting the column named Video Gaming Eligible and the row referencing the Video Gaming Endorsement fee of \$1,600. The changes will put the Village in compliance with a newly-enacted state law.

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

Trustee Heiferman commended staff for their creative approach to finding funding for the lift station, and President Hofeld thanked the volunteers who serve on the Village's various committees.

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

General Board Discussion: Trustee Purcell thanked the community for its support of the St. Joseph Athletic Association Friday Fish Fry. The program will continue through April 8.

Trustees also welcomed Justine Bruno to the Village as the new assistant village manager.

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 under 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 7:16 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

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 Purcell, Belue, Washington, Harris-Jones, Roman and Heiferman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk