

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 12, 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 Karen Washington, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Cece Belue and Trustee Lauren Roman were absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Attorney Christopher Cummings, and Police Chief Denise McGrath.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2022, 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 presented.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman and President Hofeld. NAYS—None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,180,638.13 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman and President Hofeld. NAYS—None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld said five items totaled 83 percent of the Claims List: \$475,220.01 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water; \$239,688.21 for the July payment for employee insurance; \$86,471.87 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; \$90,773.58 for E-COM; \$91,396.19 for IRMA.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to discuss any item not on the agenda.

Rashard Johnson, president of Advocate South Suburban Hospital addressed the board sharing information of upcoming service changes at the hospital. He said through a Health Needs Assessment, it has been decided to eliminate its maternity delivery services. Expectant mothers are being directed to Advocate Christ Hospital which has one of the best delivery units in Illinois. Pre-natal, post-partum and obstetric care will continue at South Suburban.

The hospital will begin serves in behavioral health. Johnson said the number of people needing these services has been going up and was very evident during the COVID pandemic. The hospital will build a 27-bed facility for in-patient care. Work on the \$20 million facility should begin in January 2023. Johnson said the hospital will also offer outpatient behavioral health services starting later this year.

Omnibus Vote: The board was asked to consider a motion to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award the following items:

- A. R-3117/Sale of Surplus Real Estate/2052-2066 Ridge Road and 18027 Harwood Avenue: Pass a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus real estate owned by the Village of Homewood located at the northeast corner of Ridge Road and Harwood Avenue with the addresses of 2052-2066 Ridge Road and 18027 Harwood Avenue. The site is available for redevelopment.
- B. Authorize the Village Manager to execute a Separation Agreement with former Assistant Village Manager Justine Bruno who resigned from her position.
- C. M-2223/Donation of Recovered Property: Pass an ordinance authorizing the donation of abandoned, lost or stolen property recovered by the Homewood Police Department to Restoration Ministries, Inc., of Harvey, IL.
- D. Agreement Amendment/Metra/Commuter Lot: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Metra; specifically, Amendment No.1 to the Interim Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of a Commuter Parking Facility just north of the Amtrak station on Park Avenue and a License Regarding Encroachment on Metra Property in the Village of Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to accept the Omnibus Report as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Action on Resolution 3118 regarding the purchase of new ambulance with proceeds from a future bond issue was deferred to a future meeting.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk

From: brina [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Jul 5, 2022, 11:35 PM
Subject: Re: Complaint against the ballad head police in picture
To: <PDadmin@homewoodil.gov>
Cc: tamari nicholas [REDACTED]

They racist profile very very bad in Home wood IL and the African American police are just as worst. Same as with Matteson I'll police the African American is just as worst and what I mean by that. If they have a Caussian partner and they see them doing a African American really bad screaming and hollering at them and arrested them for no reason that's why I think they are just as worst. The Caussian police the way some of them treats African Americans in front of you. Should tell them how they feel about them. If they treat anybody bad but the world knows they treat Minorities worst especially African Americans

My daughter said The police was who pulled me over and was about to give me a warning but that's when the white bald headed police and his black partner pulled her over

On Tue, Jul 5, 2022, 12:39 PM brina [REDACTED] wrote:
I am contacting you to make a complaint on a Homewood police that arrested my daughter 3 in the morning On July 3. My daughter name is Tamari Huff Nicholson. The first police that stopped her looked at her insurance and drivers license And was about to release her with a warning . then another police pulled up.. He was a white officer he started cursing her out screaming at her put handcuffs and had her locked up and send to 26th california.

The people that did her paper work after hearing her story told her that it Was un called for her to be locked up over suspended license. and it seen like she was racist profiled by the second officer.

Although she was caught speeding with a expired license. The second officer wasn't there so he had no reason screaming at her and as she was trying to explain to him the same information she told the first police.

That she lives in Indiana and she had no idea that it was pitch dark in Homewood and she could not see anything and as soon as she cut on her bright lights that's when the police pulled her over . She explained with the covid19 and everything being locked down and she was homeless staying house house with three kids.

One a two year old and a disabled 17 year old and a 8 year old Autism son she forgot about her license being suspend because she don't drive.

When she need things she order it on line and have it delivered.

By her being with her kids 24 hours day 7 days a week her family and friends finally encouraged her to go out and have her time away from the kids

that day was the day she finally went out.

The police din't want to hear any of that he immediately started screaming at her.telling her to stay out IL and keep her bullshit in indiana.

She even offer to take a breathalyzer test. He just kept screaming at her putting his hands on his gun talking about he feel threaten.

Then he put handcuffs on her.

Please stop with the Racial Profiling in Home wood or and State.

My daughter had ob miss taking care of her children because a racist police who used his Power to abuse her he need to be fired asap

<https://isp.illinois.gov/InternalInvestigations/ComplaintProcedures>

<https://openpolice.org/dept/IL-homewood-police-dept>

Daughter number Tamar I Huff Nicholas

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