

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
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 Cece Belue, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Lauren Roman. Trustee Lisa Purcell and Vivian Harris-Jones were absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Assistant Village Manager Tyler Hall, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Public Works Director John Schaefer, Police Chief Denise McGrath and Fire Chief Bob Grabowski.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 10, 2023, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Belue to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Belue, Willis, Heiferman and Roman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$494,338.89 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Belue, Willis, Heiferman and Roman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld said two items totaled 62 percent of the Claims List: \$224,277.89 to K-5 Construction Co. for street work, and \$81,974 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to address the board on any subject not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

OATHS OF OFFICE: Village Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Kelly Huscher, the new building division permit clerk; Kenneth Strunk, a new police officer who is returning to Homewood PD where he worked from 2003 to 2014; and Tyler Hall, new assistant village manager.

PRESENTATIONS: A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve a resolution recognizing Kirk Lindstrom upon his retirement for the Homewood Public Works Department.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Belue, Willis, Heiferman and Roman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Schaefer said Lindstrom had worked since 1995 as a building maintenance engineer. He said Lindstrom's knowledge and efforts have saved the Village thousands of dollars in outside repair costs and he appreciated that Lindstrom always made himself available to handle department needs. Lindstrom, who is moving out of the area, said he will miss the people he's worked with and the community.

PRESENTATION: Events Manager Marla Youngblood gave an overview of what's on the calendar for 2023. Activities are planned for every month, including the traditional Farmer's Market, Fall Fest, Artisan Street Fair and Holiday Lights. A few new events are being discussed, including a Touch-a-Truck event in April, and a Chalk-the-Walk event possibly in June.

She told Trustees that she is lining up sponsors for the major events. Surveys show guests to Homewood events are coming not just from the Homewood-Flossmoor community but from surrounding Illinois suburbs and communities in Indiana. Marketing Director Antonia Urbanski said the Village PR office will be working to attract a wide audience.

President Hofeld complimented them both for their fresh ideas. Trustees also thanked them for their efforts.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Consider a motion to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award these item(s):

- A. M-2238/Fee Schedule Amendments: Pass an ordinance amending the Village of Homewood Fee Schedule to reflect the correct minimum charges for water only and sewer only and renaming the fee for preparing a resolution for Village support of a Cook County property tax incentive.
- B. MC-1074/Removal of Liquor License Limitation Table: Pass an ordinance amending Section 4- 64(c) of the Homewood Municipal Code to remove the table of the number of liquor license limitations by class.
- C. M-2239/Adoption of Liquor License Table: Pass an ordinance adopting a Table of Liquor License Limitations by Class.
- D. Agreement/Municipal Systems LLC, a DACRA Tech company/Software: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Municipal Systems LLC, a DACRA Tech company of Rosemont, Illinois for citation, adjudication, and collections processing software.
- E. Budget Amendment/Emergency Purchase/Water Main/18316 Western Avenue: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000; and, authorize the Village Manager to execute an agreement for access to private property to demolish a garage and concrete pad near a critical sewer line repair and reimburse the property owners of 18316 Western Avenue for their costs of replacement in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
- F. Annual Report /Appearance Commission: Accept the 2022 Annual Report of the Appearance Commission.
- G. Annual Report/Planning and Zoning Commission: Accept the 2022 Annual Report of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- H. Annual Report/TREE Committee: Accept the 2022 Annual Report of the TREE Committee.
- I. Annual Report/Beautification Committee: Accept the 2022 Annual Report of the Beautification Committee.

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

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Belue, Willis, Heiferman and Roman and President Hofeld. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Heiferman invited the public to his open discussion at Starbucks on Harwood the first Monday in February. The board also extended an invitation to the public to the first indoor Farmer’s Market on Jan. 28 at the auditorium.

President Hofeld thanked all the residents who volunteer to serve on committees. He appreciates them giving their time to make the Village a better place.

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

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Belue, Willis, Heiferman and Roman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk