

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7 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 Julie Willis, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Phillip Mason, Trustee Lauren Roman and Trustee Allisa Opyd.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Public Works Director John Schaefer, Director of Economic Development Angela Mesaros and Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 28, 2024, regular Village Board meeting were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

***Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Heiferman, Mason, Roman and Opyd. NAYS –None. ABSTAIN –Willis. Motion carried.***

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$441,055.65 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

***Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Wills, Harris-Jones, Heiferman, Mason, Roman and Opyd. NAYS –None. Motion carried.***

President Hofeld said the \$256,465.03 payment for employee health insurance for June totaled 58% of the total Claims List.

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

PRESENTATION: Jennifer Kuroda, president of the Audubon Council of Illinois, presented President Hofeld with a certificate and placards announcing Homewood as a Bird City. The Bird City program was started in Illinois in 2022, and Homewood becomes the ninth community to receive the honor having met 11 of the Audubon's criteria. Ms. Kuroda pointed to Homewood's initiative to plant native plants along the Metra line, programs that the Homewood Science Center has conducted on birds and Ravisloe Country Club's own Audubon certification.

After the presentation, Trustee Heiferman said credit should be given to Carolyn Bury and Pat Anderson, active members at the Izaak Walton Preserve, who worked on the certification project.

1. Omnibus Vote: Consider a motion to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award the following item(s):
  - A. Bid Award/Pavement Marking/Traffic Control Company: Award the FY2024-2025 pavement marking bid to Traffic Control Company of South Chicago Heights, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$136,511.62.
  - B. Budget Amendment/Waive Competitive Bidding/Water Meter Purchases/Core & Main  
LP: Waive competitive bidding due to equipment standardization and sole source provision; and, approve a budget amendment of \$55,000 to the Water & Sewer Fund and the purchase of 140 commercial water meter heads from Core & Main LP of St. Louis, MO at the per unit price of \$390.
  - C. Budget Amendment/Waive Competitive Bidding/Water Pump/Thompson Pump: Approve a budget amendment transfer of \$32,348 from the Contingency Fund line item to the Public Works Water Pump line item; waive competitive bidding due to purchasing through a joint governmental purchasing program; and, authorize the purchase of a 6" water pump through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract from Thompson Pump of Port Orange, FL in the amount of \$32,348.
  - D. Contract Renewal/Water Distribution System Leak Survey/M.E. Simpson Co., Inc.: Renew a contract with M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. of Valparaiso, IN for the Water Distribution System Leak Survey Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,425.
  - E. M-2297/Plat of Subdivision/17750 Halsted Street: Pass an ordinance approving a plat of subdivision in the Washington Park Commercial Subdivision located at 17750 Halsted Street.
  - F. M-2298/Purchase and Sale Agreement/2124 183rd Street: Pass an ordinance approving a real estate purchase and sale agreement between the Village of Homewood and Animesh (Andy) Kumar for surplus Village-owned property at 2124 183rd Street.
  - G. R-3186/Class 8 Incentive/2124 183rd Street: Pass a resolution supporting Class 8 status under the Cook County Real Property Assessment classification ordinance for real estate at 2124 183rd Street.
  - H. R-3187/Redevelopment Agreement/2059 Ridge Road, LLC: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an amended redevelopment agreement with 2059 Ridge Road, LLC to reimburse eligible expenses for the renovation of the building at 2059 Ridge Road.

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

***Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Wills, Harris-Jones, Heiferman, Mason, Roman and Opyd. NAYS – None. Motion carried.***

OLD BUSINESS: Alternate bids for the property at 2018-2020 Ridge Road. Director Mesaros reported that the village advertised the property in the Daily Southtown, on its website and through social media and had received three bids for the property by the 5 p.m. June 11 deadline. The proposals will be reviewed, and a report will be presented to the Village Board at its next meeting on June 25, 2024.

**GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:** Trustees Willis and Harris-Jones said they were impressed with the soon-to-open Homewood Brewery after taking a tour of the facility and believe it will be a great addition to the Village.

Trustee Roman said she too is excited by the things happening in the community and was happy to see that announcing the property at 2018-2020 Ridge Road on social media drew attention.

Trustee Opyd also was happy to see alternate proposals for the site, and she thanked staff for their work in promoting the property. She extended her thanks to the Audubon Society for its recognition of Homewood as a Bird City, and she offered congratulations to Eric Crump on the 10th anniversary of the Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle.

A motion was made by Trustee Opyd and seconded by Trustee Roman for the Board to move to Executive Session for a semi-annual review of closed session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21.

***Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Wills, Harris-Jones, Heiferman, Mason, Roman and Opyd. NAYS - None. Motion carried.***

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Opyd and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting adjourned on voice vote at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk