

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hofeld led trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Nakina Flores called the roll. Those present were Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Patrick Siemsen, Trustee Phillip Mason, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Village President Richard Hofeld.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Chief of Police Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Amy Zukowski, Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros, Director of Public Works Joshua Burman, and Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

MINUTES: The minutes of April 14, 2026 were presented. The public hearing minutes from April 14, 2026 for the 2026-2027 budget, the Harwood TOD TIF, the lead service line replacement were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Willis and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, Roman. NAYS – None.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$363,426.45 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION: Fire Chief Bob Grabowski honored Deputy Fire Chief Steve DeJong on his retirement after 25 years of service to the Village. Clerk Flores read the resolution.

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Roman to approve resolution R-3254 for the retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Steve DeJong.

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, Roman. NAYS – None.

APPOINTMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Siemsen and seconded by Trustee Roman to appoint Monica McCombs to the Beautification Committee for a five-year term ending on April 28, 2031.

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, Roman. NAYS - None.

Clerk Flores administered the oath of office to Monica McCombs for the Beautification Committee.

PRESENTATION: Science Center Director Edie Dobrez presented the 2025 Annual Report of the Homewood Science Center. She said the Science Center has been operating for 10 years, is now open 7 days a week, and services a number of diverse groups. President Hofeld thanked the Science Center and their staff for all that they do for the community.

Village Manger Haney presented the pilot program for clean-up services. Public Works Director Joshua Burman presented a summary of the clean-up services offered by Elite Lighting and Outdoor Solutions. He said there would be specific dates that litter would be cleaned up at specific sites. The representative from Elite Lighting said they are an outdoor maintenance facility service that will make Homewood look clean every time. She says they have uniformed teams of 3-8 people that go out to each site.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Resident Ms. Tate stated she will be moving back into her residence where she was evicted as she feels she was wrongfully evicted.

Resident Amy Crump announced three upcoming marches in our area.

A saxophone player played a musical excerpt.

Rev. Doyle Landry said page three in the Chicago Crusader wrote about mental health. He said the Tribune wrote about a mother who shunned her child.

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

- A. Reappointment/Planning and Zoning Commission/Fred Sierzega: Approve the reappointment of Fred Sierzega to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term ending on April 28, 2031.
- B. M-2409/FY 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule: Pass an ordinance adopting a meeting schedule for the Board of Trustees for FY 2026-2027.
- C. M-2410/FY 2026-2027 Budget: Pass an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.
- D. Bid Award/Bituminous Mixes/D. Construction Inc.: Award the bid for Bituminous Mixes to D. Construction Inc. of Coal City, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, at the prices of \$65.00/ton for Surface mix, \$63.50/ton for Binder mix and \$125.00/ton for Cold Patch mix in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.

- E. Bid Award/Concrete Flatwork/M&J Underground: Award a bid for concrete flatwork to M&J Underground of Monee, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, based on the unit prices submitted as part of the joint/cooperative bid collaboratively submitted by the Villages of Homewood, Alsip, and South Holland in an amount not to exceed \$185,500 for the Village of Homewood quantities, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- F. Contract/Leaf Pickup Services/Homewood Disposal, Inc.: Award the contract for Leaf Pickup Services to Homewood Disposal, Inc. in the amount of \$32,088 for a three-week pickup program on the Wednesday of each week, on November 11th; November 18th, and November 25th of 2026, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026- 2027 Village budget
- G. Bid Award/Tree Services/Piekarski Tree Service/Winkler's Tree Service: Award the bid for tree removal, sectional tree trimming, and stump removal to Piekarski Tree Service, of Lansing, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; and, award the bid for spot tree trimming and emergency removal to Winkler's Tree Service, of LaGrange Park, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- H. Contract Renewal/Custodial Services/Multisystem Management Company: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with Multisystem Management Company of Chicago, IL for custodial services in an annual amount not to exceed \$41,600, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- I. Contract Renewal/Water Distribution System Leak Survey/M.E. Simpson Company, Inc.: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with M.E. Simpson Company, Inc. of Valparaiso, IN to perform an annual Water Distribution System Leak Survey for 2026-2027, in an amount not to exceed \$31,075, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- J. Contract Renewal/Pavement Marking/America's Parking Remarketing: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with America's Parking Remarketing of Lynwood, IL, for the unit prices of \$0.18/4" paint pavement marking, \$0.55/6" paint pavement marking, \$1.25/12" paint pavement marking, \$2.75/24" paint pavement marking, and \$3.05/paint letters and symbols, for a total amount not to exceed \$94,892.07, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- K. Contract Renewal/Sidewalk Survey/Trip Hazards/Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC: Authorize the Village President to renew the 2025-2026 Sidewalk Survey and Saw-Cutting or Grinding or Trips Hazards contract with Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC for the unit price of \$38.82 per cut or grind, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- L. Contract Renewal/Sweeping Services/Advance Sweeping Services, Inc.: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with Advance Sweeping Services, Inc. for sweeping services for five (5) residential and fifteen (15) commercial sweeps between May 1, 2026 and April 30, 2027, in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,875.51 per residential sweep and \$884.01 per commercial sweep, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- M. R-3255/Motor Fuel Tax Funds/Street Patching and Asphalt Testing/Rock Salt: Pass a resolution appropriating \$560,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds; \$460,000 for street patching

and asphalt testing, and \$100,000 for the purchase of rock salt for the period of May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027.

- N. Bid Award/Crushed Limestone/Brites Cartage: Award the bid for crushed limestone to Brites Cartage of Dyer, IN, the lowest responsible bidder, at the prices of \$20.65 for CA6, \$31.50 for 1" stone and \$29.25 for 2" stone, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- O. Proposal Acceptance/Water Plant 1/Kraemer Contracting Group: Accept a proposal from Kraemer Contracting Group of Bensenville, IL, for the installation, start-up, and commissioning of a new 20-ton rooftop unit (RTU) installed on a concrete "ground" pad, with electric heat at Homewood Water Plant #1, in an amount not to exceed \$66,287, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- P. MC-1099/Charges for Certain Bonds and Water Meters: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Municipal Code to replace references of amounts for certain bonds and costs for water meters with direction to the Village fee schedule.
- Q. M-2411/Fee Schedule Amendments: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Municipal Code to replace references of amounts for certain bonds and costs for water meters with direction to the Village fee schedule; and, pass an ordinance amending the Building Division, Public Works, and Planning and Zoning sections of the Village of Homewood Fee Schedule.
- R. M-2412/Special Use Permit/Signature Smiles Dentistry/18114 Gottschalk Avenue: Pass an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for the expansion of a medical office, Signature Smiles Dentistry, to more than 2,500 square feet in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district at 18114 Gottschalk Avenue.
- S. M-2413/Special Use Permit/Live Free 999 Foundation/18219 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a professional office in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district at 18219 Dixie Highway, with the following conditions: (1) the applicant must revise the site plan to indicate the location of one (1) ADA-accessible parking space; (2) the applicant must receive approval of an administrative variance to reduce the on-site parking requirement by one (1) parking space; and (3) the applicant must provide a stop sign on the access road to the south of the building at the sidewalk along Dixie Highway, subject to approval by the Village Engineer.
- T. M-2414/Variance/Single Family Residence/17863 Golfview Avenue: Pass an ordinance granting a variance from Subsection 44-03-01.A, Table 44-03-01, Bulk and Dimensional Standards of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance, to allow a second driveway at 17863 Golfview Avenue that exceeds maximum building coverage and impervious surface coverage, with the condition that the applicant shall provide flow diagrams and other grading and drainage plans to demonstrate drainage from the rear fifteen (15) feet of the property for review and approval by the Village Engineer prior to issuance of a building permit.
- U. R-3256/Economic Incentives/Stepping Stones Child Care/17560 Dixie Highway: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an incentive agreement with 17560 Dixie Highway LLC to reimburse eligible expenses from the non-TIF Business Incentive Program for improvements to the property located at 17560 Dixie Highway in the amount of \$1,320, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.

- V. R-3257/Economic Incentives/PurposeFlow Wellness/2139 183rd Street: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an incentive agreement with Larissa Shipp of PurposeFlow Wellness to provide financial assistance from the non-TIF Business Incentive Program for \$3,100 for building improvements at 2139 183rd Street, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- W. License Renewals/Scavenger/Limited Scavenger: Approve the renewal of the scavenger licenses for Homewood Disposal, Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., and Waste Management, Inc.; and, the limited scavenger licenses for Total Disposal, Tri-State Disposal, and D&P Construction Co., Inc.
- X. M-2415/Increase of Liquor Licenses/Bergstein's NY Delicatessen, LLC/18064 Martin Avenue: Pass an ordinance amending the Table of the Number of Liquor License Limitations by Class to increase the allowed number of Class 7B liquor licenses by one for the Bergstein's NY Deli location at 18064 Martin Avenue, subject to an approved background check.
- Y. M-2416/Renewal of Outdoor Alcohol Sales Permits: Pass an ordinance waiving requirements governing outdoor alcohol sales for certain licensees; and approve the issuance of 11 Permits for Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Outdoor, valid from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 upon payment of the permit fee.
- Z. Contract/Construction Management at Risk Services/2010 Chestnut Road/Cosgrove Construction: Waive competitive bidding due to the Village utilizing the Construction Manager at Risk Contracting method; and, authorize the Village President to enter into a contract with Cosgrove Construction of Joliet, IL in the amount of \$122,000 for Construction Management at Risk Services for improvements to the Homewood Auditorium at 2010 Chestnut Road.
- AA. Renewal Agreement/Bus Shelter Advertising/View Transit, LLC: Authorize the Village President to enter into a renewal agreement with View Transit, LLC of Chicago, IL for outdoor advertising on Village owned bus shelters, for a 10-year term, beginning May 10, 2026 and continuing through May 9, 2036, with an automatic five-year renewal term.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments. Item P and Q: Trustee Heiferman asked that items P and Q be tabled to possibly raise fees to match what other towns are charging.

President Hofeld asked the Board to table items P, Q, and Z. The Board agreed

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS - None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked residents for coming out to the meeting. They thanked the Science Center for their commitment and said that they all enjoy it so much. They gave congratulations to Steve DeJong on his retirement. They thanked all who were involved in the annual baseball parade, especially to the police department for making sure everyone was safe. Trustee Roman asked if the candy could be cleaned up. President Hofeld stated that the Science Center is very beneficial to the community. Napoleon Haney announced that this would be Angela Mesaros' last board meeting as she is leaving for other endeavors.

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nakina Flores
Village Clerk

From: Joan Stalick
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2026 8:10 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: 187th Street Speeding

External Sender: Use caution with links/attachments. Use caution when replying. If you are unsure please contact IT.

Cars are driving by at 40 on 187th right now. This happens all the time. We've called police numerous times. We rarely see the police. The speeding is horrendous between Regiel Road and Ashland Avenue. Ashland needs a stop sign and crosswalks. This is unacceptable given the street is 25. You must do something.

Sincerely,
Joan Stalick

From: Zataunia Taitt
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 3:46 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Public Comment
Attachments: Letter of Intent.docx

External Sender: Use caution with links/attachments. Use caution when replying. If you are unsure please contact IT.

Please find my Public Comment that I would like to be read at today's Board meeting on April 28, 2026.

Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer

Legal Address:
Zataunia Taitt

Homewood IL 60430
(Unable to receive mail)

April 28, 2026

Village of Homewood Illinois (Homewood)
Homewood Illinois Mayor Rich Hofeld
Homewood Illinois Manager Napoleon Haney
Homewood Illinois Attorney Christopher Cummings
Board Members of the Village of Homewood
Homewood Police Department
Unnamed Employees of the Village of Homewood

Dear Parties:

LETTER OF INTENT

On Friday, May 1, 2026, I, Zataunia Taitt (Taitt), will reclaim possession of my real property located at Homewood Illinois by moving back into my home and I will be continuing my residence in the home that I own without the interference of the Village of Homewood (Homewood) and the Homewood Police Department.

It is my intent to file a formal complaint in the U.S. Federal Court against the Village of Homewood and certain employees of the Village of Homewood including the Homewood Police Department for matters that I am not at liberty to discuss for confidential reasons that must not be disclosed at this time.

BACKGROUND

I am a disabled resident of Homewood Illinois even though myself and my family have been unlawfully ousted from our home that I own on August 23, 2022.

Over decades of confusion, it has been determined that JPMorgan Chase Bank (Chase) was never the lender or the mortgage company for any mortgage for me property and there are legal Cook County recordings which support this fact that Chase never had any rights to any money, legal rights to foreclose, right to possession or any legal rights to any equality in the Property.

There are recordings at the Cook County Recorders Office that have been recorded for the Property that are fraudulent and criminally recorded that I will be challenging in Federal Court in a quiet title action that Homewood will be named as a potential defendant since Homewood has seized control of the Property and given some control first to LC&C Property and Management

Group, LLC which is a registered contractor/vendor for Homewood, then Homewood gave control to at least HERA and Safeguard Property and Management; all these entities have collaborated and conspired together to seize my property.

Back in the latter part of 2021, I became aware of my property being unlawfully sold online at auction.com. After time passed, I was contacted by LC&C Property and Management Group, LLC who claimed to be the new owner.

LC&C acknowledged in open court that the subject property was purchased online at auction.com in the latter part of December 2021 but that fraudulent special warranty deed was executed on November 10, 2021, then untimely recorded after 20 days.

Because I am disabled and did not know what to do, I immediately contacted Homewood to assist me in the matter of the theft of the deed to my property, but Homewood refused to assist me after I publicly spoke of the matter.

In my written letter that I read aloud during the Homewood Board meeting, I stated the facts surrounding the theft of my property and requested the Homewood Police Department investigate and prosecute the individual who fraudulently and unlawfully stole my property and stole my identity in a mortgage loan that was supposed to be foreclosed and permanently closed since 2018 that resulted in an Order of Possession being granted to me.

Homewood and the Homewood police declined to investigate the charges of deed theft and identity theft then the Homewood Police aided and abetted LC&C in the unlawful eviction of me and my family on August 23, 2022. I was never allowed to enter my property again since the moment the Cook County Sheriffs criminally and forcibly removed me.

Homewood police continued aiding and abetting LC&C in further crimes of theft of most of Taitt's personal property including personal property of other family members and friends.

HOMEWOOD INVOLVEMENT

It is clear now why the Village of Homewood Illinois (Homewood) refused to assist Taitt by investigating her claim of deed theft. The reason why Homewood refused to assist Taitt is because Homewood is directly involved in deed theft through its involvement with HERA.

The attorney for Homewood Richard Cummings, is directly associated with my property and the association stems far from when Walter Cummings, the father of Richard, was alive. I believe that attorney Richard Cummings is the Trustee of the alleged mortgage with Chase from 2001 and I believe that attorney Richard Cummings has been financially enriched by the events surrounding that fraudulent 2001 mortgage.

I am currently seeking information regarding the recipient of funds that were dispensed to someone. JPMorgan Chase NA is listed as the owner even though the property's initial mortgage was an FHA secured mortgage loan that the property was used as collateral that must be conveyed back to FHA in the event of foreclosure, but Chase unlawfully retained the property and collected three times from the government's proceeds totaling over \$350,000.00.

I recently discovered that Homewood has been collecting funds from the revenue that was generated from HERA for fees paid for her property's preservation after her property was erroneously registered with HERA as HERA ID: ILCOOK01373740 since November 24, 2018.

The Property was registered as a "foreclosure" on November 24, 2018, and states that foreclosure ended January 12, 2022, even though these dates are incorrect, and any foreclosure started in June 2011 and ended in October 2018 with that Order of Possession being granted to myself, Zataunia Taitt, but this Order has been completely disregarded by the judicial system that are an integral part of The Enterprise and grant these foreclosures that are not even supposed to be in the Circuit Court but are Federal matters.

Judge Swanagan was a judge in a legal matter surrounding my property but he totally disregarded my Order of Possession and my entire entire argument because Judge Swanagan has been paid directly by Homewood, by taxpayers like you and me just check the past budget.

A step in the process of the foreclosure deed theft is to claim abandonment by the homeowner if they do not voluntarily leave and grant a Judge's Deed to another party in the Enterprise, but I have not and will not abandon my property that I own with no mortgage and with the original Warranty Deed to prove it.

I have been forcibly removed from my home, but I have not voluntarily abandoned my home at
in Homewood Illinois

I am now fearful to return home in fear of arrest or worse even physical harm or death especially after I was framed for trespassing my own property. This is a tactic to arrest people who are resistant to foreclosure to keep people away from their properties so Homewood and other members of HERA can "acquire" property like what happened in my case.

The Village of Homewood's Mayor Rich Holfeld is a part of the South Suburban Mayors and Manager Association (SSMMA) that is a Council of Governments (COG) who are all part of TIF profits, all who misappropriate government funds, blight properties for TIF funding then violate homeowners' civil rights to housing and evict them.

The Enterprise consists of many states, cities, villages, townships, banks, law enforcement, title companies, the judicial system and many other entities plus Homewood and all its Board Members are also part of The Enterprise that pay-to-play with the taxpayers' dollars and gives away money with every passed budget just check the budget for today.

There is no way that the Village of Homewood Board Members can pass the budget that is presented when there is clear evidence of misappropriations of government funds.

WHAT TAITT IS SEEKING FROM THE VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD

Cease and desist from violating Taitt's U.S. Constitutional Rights to:
American with Disabilities Act
Equal protection
Fair Housing Act
Fair treatment
Freedom of Speech
Civil Rights of 1968
14th Amendment Rights

Any department of the Village of Homewood cease and desist from preventing Taitt from returning to her real property, Taitt's home and do not arrest Taitt when Taitt and Taitt's family returns to their rightful real property at the subject property on Friday, May 1, 2026.

The Homewood Police cease and desist stalking Taitt, cease and desist from falsely arresting Taitt, and aid her in removing the trespassers who have unlawfully moved into her property.

Terminate any current utilities that are provided by the Village of Homewood such as the water service that is active at Taitt's property and allow Taitt to restart the water service in her name.

Taitt is offering the Village of Homewood a settlement opportunity in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 (two million) in lieu of Taitt filing any formal complaints against the Village of Homewood and its employees for their participation in this conspiracy to steal Taitt's real property and personal property and for the continued criminal charges against Taitt.

Regards, /s/ Zataunia Taitt