

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

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

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

MINUTES: The minutes of April 28, 2026 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,240,160.52 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said three items totaled 50 percent of the Claims List: \$293,000 for one month of employee health insurance, \$190,000 for slip lining of sanitary sewers, and \$123,000 for the quarterly payment to Southland dispatch center which has replaced ECOM.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Amy Crump stated that Mother's Day was started in 1870 based on the idea that women should have the same rights as men and must let their voices be heard against the cruelty of war.

Eric Crump let everyone know about the next meeting at Books Without Borders titled "Don't Go." "Don't Go" is a collection of stories about the stigma related to going to certain sides of Chicago. Some of the stories are from Chicago natives and tell a story of cool places and great people.

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

- A. Reappointment/Beautification Committee/Joe Sherman: Approve the reappointment of Joe Sherman to the Beautification Committee for a five-year term ending on May 12, 2031.
- B. 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 \$151,000 for Construction Management at Risk Services for improvements to the Homewood Auditorium at 2010 Chestnut Road.
- C. M-2417/Surplus Property/18156 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to sell, donate, or dispose of the property and materials as needed after the acquisition of the property at 18157 Dixie Highway, formerly known as Repeat Boutique.
- D. M-2418/Surplus Property/Public Works Equipment: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to sell, donate, or dispose of equipment and property.
- E. Purchase Approval/Panel Controller Upgrades/Sound Incorporated: Approve the purchase of fifteen (15) Brivo panel controller upgrades from Sound Incorporated of Naperville, Illinois, in the amount of \$32,466.35.
- F. MC-1100/Text Amendment/Parking Requirements/Use Requirements: Pass an ordinance approving a text amendment to the Village Zoning Ordinance, amending parking requirements, use requirements, and definitions.
- G. M-2419/Special Use Permit/TranzForm Beauty Bar/18019 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance grant a special use permit for a salon/spa establishment in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district at 18019 Dixie Highway.
- H. M-2420/Fee Schedule/Building Division/Public Works: Pass an ordinance amending the Building Division and Public Works sections of the Village of Homewood Fee Schedule.
- I. M-2421/Fee Schedule/Planning and Zoning: Pass an ordinance amending the Planning and Zoning section of the Village of Homewood Fee Schedule.
- J. M-2422/Amendment to Redevelopment Plan and Project/Downtown TOD Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area: Pass an ordinance amending the redevelopment plan and project for the Downtown TOD Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Project Area removing parcels of property from the redevelopment project area.
- K. M-2423/Redevelopment Plan and Project/Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing District: Pass an ordinance approving the redevelopment plan and project for the Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.
- L. M-2424/Designation of Redevelopment Project Area/Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing District: Pass an ordinance designating the Harwood TOD Redevelopment Project Area.
- M. M-2425/Tax Increment Allocation Financing/Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing District: Pass an ordinance adopting tax increment allocation financing for the Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments.

Item F: Resident Ann Crump asked if this item is tied to decentralization for parking. Noah Schumerth answered that this brings the Village into compliance and gives more flexibility. Trustee Roman asked if they can still require this as a condition for any developers. Chris Cummings answered that this can be negotiated as they abide by the law.

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

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

**GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:** Trustees thanked residents for coming out to the meeting. Trustee Harris-Jones invited everyone to attend the public works open house. President Hofeld thanked Antonia Steinmiller for organizing the 2026 Homewood Heroes memorial program and welcomed all to view the veteran banners throughout Homewood.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to enter into executive session to discuss following: Semi-annual review of closed session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21.

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

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

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nakina Flores  
Village Clerk

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**From:** Shannon Ford >  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2026 1:39 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Pride Flags

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Dear Mayor Hofeld and Village Trustees,

Please rest assured that I have a completely neutral stance on the Village's flying of the Pride flags in June. While I support the LGBTQ community, I also understand why flying the flags may not be logistically feasible. This is just an email to request information and clarification.

Many people I know have asked the Mayor about why the Village stopped flying the Pride flags. From their perspective, as reported on social media, the answers and attitude they received came across as dismissive and rude. For example, I have heard the Village has said the following:

- "Well, we can't have a flag for everything."
- "If we fly the Pride flags, we'll also have to fly the KKK flag." (I've heard a version of this with the Nazi flag as well.)
- "If the Pride flags factored into your decision to move to Homewood, that's stupid."
- "Everyone in Chicagoland knows Homewood is an inclusive town, and we don't need flags to demonstrate that."

I would like to hear your side of the story. Have other groups approached the Village asking to have their flags flown, or is, "We can't have a flag for everyone?" based purely on a hypothetical? Or, are there other logistical reasons why you stopped flying the flag, like the time and effort it took to change out the Pride flags in time to get the American flags up for the 4th of July? I also understand the flags were several years old and had the names of sponsoring businesses embroidered on them, and that so many businesses may have come and gone since then that the flags may be outdated. Additionally, I know they were the traditional rainbow flag, and that many elements have been added to the Pride flag since they were purchased. It may be that it's too expensive to replace the flag every time a new element is added to the Pride flag design.

I guess my main point is that it is important to me to live in a town where people are kind. It is not necessary to display any type of flag to demonstrate kindness, but it is necessary to talk to citizens politely. Have you crafted any kind of official statement that explains the Pride flag decision politely and diplomatically? I can't guarantee that such a statement would satisfy the Pride flag activists, but it would at least demonstrate that the Village is kind and respectful to its residents.

Thank you,  
Shannon Ford

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**From:** Sam  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2026 1:37 PM  
**To:** PublicComments;  
**Subject:** Fwd: Molly Sexton: Booze, Pills & Pipes; Domestic and Substance Abuse  
**Attachments:** MollySextonBoozePillsPipesSNAPTCHAT.PNG; MollyVM1.m4a; MollyVM2.m4a; MollyVM5.m4a; MollyVM3.m4a; MollyVM4.m4a; MollyVM6.m4a; MollyVM7.m4a; MollyVM9.m4a; MollyVM8.m4a

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HOMEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 153 TEACHER MOLLY SEXTON.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Sam  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 8:43 AM  
**Subject:** Molly Sexton: Booze, Pills & Pipes; Domestic and Substance Abuse  
**To:**

Good Morning,

Molly Sexton was deemed "unfit" by District 130 due to her constant drunken/ drug induced behavior choices that lead to domestic abuse and chaos. Some of her behavior, especially her voicemails, are criminal behavior; stalking and harassment by electronic means. This has nothing to do with her medical diagnosis of MS, she is a drunk and a danger to all around her; this is why she was told to resign or be terminated in Blue Island. Where are her own children while she behaves in this manner?

Attached is a small amount of files relating to Molly Sexton's behavior. Additionally, there are police reports for trespassing, email correspondence with District 130 administration and lawyer, email correspondence from Molly Sexton harassing other lawyers, and harassing the family of a dead man. These could not be attached, files are too big, but can be provided upon request.

Please reference attached.

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**From:** Joan Stalick  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2026 5:52 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** North viaduct

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Why is it closed every day during rush hour?

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**From:** Jason Kircher  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2026 8:06 AM  
**To:** PublicComments; Haney, Napoleon  
**Subject:** Tell IML to stop making our housing problem worse

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Mayor Hofeld, Board Members, and Manager Haney,

Richard Day writes correctly that building more housing in Illinois is a collective action problem. ([https://open.substack.com/pub/citythatworks/p/local-governments-come-out-swinging?r=7ecui&utm\\_medium=ios&shareImageVariant=overlay](https://open.substack.com/pub/citythatworks/p/local-governments-come-out-swinging?r=7ecui&utm_medium=ios&shareImageVariant=overlay))

Homewood, as a community, is publicly committed to TOD, lowering costs for residents, and very aware of our pension obligations/need for growing our tax base. But the Illinois Municipal League spent time this week lobbying in Springfield to strongly oppose the BUILD Act and its related bills. Given that our tax dollars pay the dues for our membership, I encourage you to let the IML know that the status quo has not led to municipalities across the state to build the necessary housing we need to facilitate growth and meet demand. Lobbying against the BUILD act is putting communities at risk of increasing the burden of pensions and infrastructure on each household due to lack of growth.

Thank you,

Jason

Jason Kircher

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**From:** Joan Stalick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2026 10:04 AM  
**To:** PublicComments

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The speeding on 187th Street is ridiculous. Yesterday a very large black pickup passed another vehicle while at 50 miles an hour near the speed beacons. Last week we saw a police vehicle speeding and tailgating a car that was speeding, yet the police did nothing about the speeding car. The only other police vehicle we have seen recently was weeks ago.