

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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 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 Attorney Chris Cummings, Chief of Fire 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 June 9, 2026 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,110,328.25 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

President Hofeld said two items totaled 59 percent of the Claims List: \$330,000 to the City of Chicago Heights for one month of water, and \$321,000 for initial payment for the repair of the Idlewild water main.

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

PRESENTATION: The Village Clerk read a proclamation from the Village President proclaiming the month of June 2026 to be LGBTQ+ Pride month in the Village of Homewood.

OATH OF OFFICE: The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Noah Schumerth for the position of Director of Economic and Community Development.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: none

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

- A. Reappointment/Economic Development Committee/Kathleen Seidel: Approve the reappointment of Kathleen Seidel to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term ending on June 23, 2028.
- B. Intergovernmental Agreement/Will County Communications System Access: Authorize the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County, Illinois to provide communications system access to the Village of Homewood.
- C. Agreement/Collective Bargaining/Teamsters Union: Approve a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Teamsters, Local #700, retroactive to May 1, 2026 and extending through April 30, 2029.
- D. Budget Amendment/Sales Tax Revenue Sharing/Ford of Homewood: Approve a budget amendment of \$38,945 to the General Fund to meet the Village's obligation to Ford of Homewood for sales tax revenue sharing per the sales tax sharing agreement dated February 23, 2022.
- E. Purchase Approval/Two Ford F-350 Trucks/Currie Motors: Approve the purchase of two (2) 2027 Ford F-350 pickup trucks from Currie Motors Fleet of Frankfort, Illinois, in the amount of \$105,106, plus an additional amount not to exceed \$34,894 for lighting, accessories, and operational equipment installation, for a total amount not to exceed \$140,000.
- F. M-2435/Surplus Property/Two Ford F-3500 Trucks: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to sell, trade-in, or dispose of Truck #43 and Truck #45, 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 pickup trucks, as surplus property.
- G. M-2436/Special Use Permit/Indoor Commercial Place of Assembly/Q & T Elegant Affairs/18027 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit for an indoor commercial place of assembly (event center) in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district at 18027 Dixie Highway, subject to the following condition: Prior to issuance of any building permit or business operation certificate for the proposed use, documentation shall be provided to staff demonstrating a parking plan indicating how parking for peak capacity events will be managed on any day of business operation.
- H. M-2437/Solicitation of Bids/Sale of Village-Owned Property/18157 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance directing the Village Manager to utilize the solicitation of bids, per State Statute, for the sale of the Village-owned property at 18157 Dixie Highway.
- I. R-3263/Redevelopment Agreement/PurposeFlow Wellness/2139 183rd Street: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to amend a previously approved incentive agreement with Larissa Shipps to provide financial assistance from the non-TIF Business Incentive Program for no greater than \$7,711 for building improvements at 2139 183rd Street.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments. There were no comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Willis 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 and welcomed the community to the Martin Avenue block party on June 25, 2026. The Board also invited everyone to join them at the backyard BBQ on July 1 at the Village Hall parking lot between 5-8 p.m. and the 4th of July parade at 9 a.m. Trustee Heiferman reminded everyone to obey the law of no fireworks. The Board congratulated Noah Schumerth on his promotion and thanked staff for their hard work on the collective bargaining agreement.

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

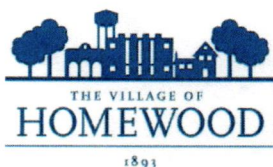
Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nakina Flores
Village Clerk



**PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, June 23, 2026 Board Meeting**

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 5:16 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Re: Gatkin Plumbing truck driving recklessly in Homewood

Hello?

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 6:16 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Gatkin Plumbing truck driving recklessly in Homewood

One of your trucks was driving south today on Dixie Highway in Homewood from 183rd Street to Flossmoor Road around 5:52pm, truck number 01-24. It was doing ten over the speed limit and drifting from lane to lane. Do not drive in Homewood if you are going to drive like that. We don't want you in our town. We don't have police to enforce this, and the reckless driving is out of hand as it is.

