

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026
BRIAN CAREY TRAINING CENTER

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 Patrick Siemsen, Trustee Phillip Mason, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustee Jay Heiferman was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of July 14, 2026 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,373,292.23 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION:

OATHS:

OPENING BIDS: Noah Schumerth opened three bids for the property purchased from Grand Prairie Services for \$100,000. This was posted in June. 1) Justin Movakisy for 35,000 for a New York Pizza restaurant. 2) Jerry Castro for 15,000 for a shrimp and chicken restaurant. 3) Munir Bawadi for 40,000 and the establishment is to be determined. There is a fourth bid that was delayed by the storm, but will be accepted. All four bids will be evaluated by staff with a recommendation to be given at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to direct staff to evaluate submitted bids for the Village-owned property at 18157 Dixie Highway.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Four residents from the senior apartment building, Freedom Village, said that the power was out on the 4th of July which created a dangerous environment with no generators. The seniors were unable to leave their floors because of the inoperable elevator. Hallways were very dark and security doors were left unlocked. Felecia, the contact person on staff, was not reachable by phone. Management did not respond. Currently the lights are out because of the tornado and residents are asking for assistance with food, water, and generators.

The President and Board were unhappy with this news and said they would reach out to management and contact the county to see if there are any resources available to them.

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

- A. Reappointment/Fire and Police Commission/Peter Womack: Approve the reappointment of Peter Womack to the Fire and Police Commission for a three-year term ending on July 28, 2029.
- B. Reappointment/Firefighters' Pension Board/James Anderson: Approve the reappointment of James Anderson to the Firefighters' Pension Board for a three-year term ending on July 28, 2029.
- C. Approval of Purchase/Server Infrastructure Upgrades/CDW-G: Waive competitive bidding due to purchasing through a government purchasing contract; and, authorize the purchase of two (2) Lenovo Servers through government purchasing via CDW-G of Vernon Hills, IL in the amount of \$25,927.58.
- D. Purchase Approval/Ford F-600 Dump Truck/Sutton Ford/Kankakee Truck Equipment: Authorize the purchase of one (1) 2027 Ford F-600 chassis from Sutton Ford of Matteson, IL, in the amount of \$56,349, plus an additional amount of \$50,945 for the dump body, operational equipment, lighting, and installation by Kankakee Truck Equipment of Kankakee, IL, for a total amount not to exceed \$115,000.
- E. M-2442/Surplus Property/Dump Truck: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to sell, trade-in, donate, or dispose of Truck #32 (2010 Ford F-550 dump truck) as surplus property.
- F. R-3266/Purchase and Sale Agreement/17924 Halsted Street: Pass a resolution approving the purchase of vacant commercial property at 17924 Halsted Street from the Cook County Land Bank in the amount of \$40,000.
- G. M-2443/Variance/17863 Golfview Avenue: Pass an ordinance revoking a previously approved ordinance (M-2414), which granted a variance from Subsection 44-03-01.A, Table 44-03-01, Bulk and Dimensional Standards of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance to allow for up to 1,000 square feet (12.3%) in additional impervious surface coverage on property at 17863 Golfview Avenue; and, pass a corrected ordinance which grants 1,006 square feet (12.3%) in additional impervious surface coverage on property at 17863 Golfview Avenue.
- H. R-3267/Redevelopment Agreement/Healthy Hounds/18646 Dixie Highway: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into a redevelopment agreement with Cameron and Lisa Payette, owners of Healthy Hounds, to provide financial assistance from

the Non-TIF Business Incentive Program for building improvements at 18646 Dixie Highway in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

- ~~I. M-2444/Special Use Permit/Motor Vehicle Rental Facility/900 Ridge Road: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to operate a motor vehicle rental facility in the B-4 Shopping Center zoning district at 900 Ridge Road, Suite 2P, subject to the following condition: Documentation shall be provided to Village staff demonstrating valid proof of a legal parking location for all commercial vehicles associated with the use, including any required applications for off-site parking within the Village of Homewood.~~

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments.

Item I: Monique Smith, the owner, said the office is only to meet and sign contracts and that no trucks will be parked there. Trustee Harris-Jones asked what if trucks are left there. Smith said they will do their best when trucks are parked there by accident. Trustee Mason asked why she doesn't open up her business in Orland Park closer to where she parks the trucks. She answered that she was unable to due to other Budget facilities being located in Orland.

A motion was made by Trustee Siemsen and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to table Item I until the owner is able to provide documentation, with business license, of where vehicles will be parked.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Willis to approve the Omnibus Report without Item I.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: The Board thanked the residents for their patience with storm clean up and restoration. The Board was concerned with the extensive damage from the tornado. It is reported that 600k residents in various towns are without power. President Hofeld said he was riding through Homewood the previous night and the damage is extensive. He stated that we are all in this together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Siemsen and seconded by Trustee Willis to enter into executive session to discuss following: Pending litigation under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11.

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

The board moved to Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.
The board returned from Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nakina Flores', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nakina Flores
Village Clerk

From: John Sulek
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2026 8:07 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Get it Together

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Over the past three weeks, I have been tailgated, passed on both the right and left sides, and have witnessed numerous vehicles speeding through 187th and ignoring the stop signs at Center Ave. These dangerous driving behaviors have become a regular occurrence, creating a serious safety concern for residents, pedestrians, and other motorists. Where are the police, and why hasn't anything been done to address this problem? I haven't seen a police officer monitoring traffic in this area in a very long time, despite paying significant tax dollars that should help fund public safety. I am requesting immediate action to improve safety on 187th near Center, including the installation of speed bumps, clearly marked crosswalks, and additional street lighting. These measures, along with increased police presence and traffic enforcement, would help protect the community and discourage reckless driving.

From: Joan Stalick
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2026 5:37 PM
To: PublicComments; PD Administration
Subject: Fw: 187th and Regiel Road

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From: Joan Stalick
To: Comments@homewoodil.gov <comments@homewoodil.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 at 06:36:40 PM CDT
Subject: 187th and Regiel Road

This intersection is very dangerous. You can barely see the crosswalks. There are no buttons to get the light to change for pedestrians. There is a park nearby, and cars are driving like crazy on Reigel Road and 187th Street. More action needs to be taken by the Village and the Police.

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