VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BUDGET HEARING TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: At 7 p.m., President Richard Hofeld opening a hearing on the 2024-25 budget. All trustees were present. He invited Finance Director Amy Zukowski to make a presentation.

Director Zukowski said notice of the public hearing on the budget was published April 12, 2024 in the Daily Southtown as required by law.

Director Zukowski noted that since she made her presentations to the Village Board during the past two meetings, the final number has changed. Parking fee revenue from the commuter lots was increased by \$10,000; business incentive line item was reduced by \$50,000; places for eating tax increased by \$20,000; the Village is receiving a \$64,000 state grant to help with police retention. The amended budget increased the General Fund Surplus from \$408,906 to \$448,906.

Director Zukowski said the Village is waiting for a decision from the state legislature on whether the 1 percent sales tax on groceries will be eliminated.

In the Water/Sewer Fund, \$50,000 was added for a new Residential Sanitary Sewer initiative that would help residents cover part of their costs for sanitary sewer repairs.

The Capital Budget allocated \$4.5 million for capital improvements in the next 12 months. Director Zukowski said once the Village Board adopts the 2024-2025 budget, it will be filed with Cook County and available on the village website.

President Hofeld asked if anyone in the audience wanted to comment on the budget that had been previewed at the last two Village Board meetings. No comments were offered.

President Hofeld invited comments from the Trustees. No additional comments were offered.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Colton to adjourn the public hearing on the budget.

<u>Roll Call</u>: AYES --Trustees Willis, Colton, Heiferman, Harris-Jones, Roman and Opyd. NAYS – None. ABSTAIN –None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas Village Clerk