

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

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

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

ROLL CALL: Clerk Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, and Trustee Allisa Opyd. Trustee Lauren Roman was absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros, and Assistant Village Manager Terrence Acquah.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$49,014.65 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Harris-Jones and Opyd and President Hofeld. NAYS --None. Motion carried.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Kris Condon addressed the board first to thank the Village Administration for the Citizens Civics Academy. She was one of the 30 residents to complete the program. She also asked that a discussion be held on what attributes the community would like to see in its next Village Trustee to fill the seat of Anne Colton who resigned this week. By law, the Village has 60 days to fill the position, which Condon said was enough time to hear from interested constituents.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Consider a motion to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award the following items:

A. Authorize the Village President to enter into a redevelopment agreement between the Village of Homewood, DP Homewood, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, and Bana Three Corporation, an Illinois corporation for the property located at 3043-3055 183rd Street. Incorporated in the redevelopment agreement is a contract for the Village to sell the property to DP Homewood LLC for \$1.00.

B. Pass a resolution supporting a Cook County Class 8 Tax Assessment under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification ordinance for real estate located at 3043-3055 183rd Street.

Trustee Heiferman said the two items are before the Board because of a combination of every factor the Village is using to push for economic development. He is very excited about it. Trustee Harris-Jones said she too is excited about the redevelopment of the site. Trustee Opyd said she sees this redevelopment project as a great gateway into the community (from the west boundary).

President Hofeld said the development will offer services to residents and will prove to be a great sales tax addition for Homewood.

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Harris-Jones and Opyd and President Hofeld. NAYS --None. Motion carried.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Heiferman said he has seen social media comments about the need to connect with residents. He pointed out the latest effort by the Village to reach residents through a meeting wrap-up of actions taken at the Village Board meeting. The report is posted to the Village's social media outlets. He applauded staff for these efforts and said it seems Homewood is the only government body doing this.

Trustee Opyd welcomed new Assistant Village Manager Terrence Acquah and thanked him for his efforts at the Village Clean-Up event on Saturday. She found the written comments from the Citizens Civic Academy very positive and the concert on Sunday was wonderful.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Willis and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones.

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Harris-Jones and Opyd and President Hofeld. NAYS --None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk