

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 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 Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Chief of Police Thomas Johnson, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Amy Zukowski, Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros, Director of Public Works Joshua Burman, and Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

MINUTES: The minutes of April 14, 2026 were presented. The public hearing minutes from April 14, 2026 for the 2026-2027 budget, the Harwood TOD TIF, the lead service line replacement were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$363,426.45 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION: Fire Chief Bob Grabowski honored Deputy Fire Chief Steve DeJong on his retirement after 25 years of service to the Village. Clerk Flores read the resolution.

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Roman to approve resolution R-3254 for the retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Steve DeJong.

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

APPOINTMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Siemsen and seconded by Trustee Roman to appoint Monica McCombs to the Beautification Committee for a five-year term ending on April 28, 2031.

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

Clerk Flores administered the oath of office to Monica McCombs for the Beautification Committee.

PRESENTATION: Science Center Director Edie Dobrez presented the 2025 Annual Report of the Homewood Science Center. She said the Science Center has been operating for 10 years, is now open 7 days a week, and services a number of diverse groups. President Hofeld thanked the Science Center and their staff for all that they do for the community.

Village Manger Haney presented the pilot program for clean-up services. Public Works Director Joshua Burman presented a summary of the clean-up services offered by Elite Lighting and Outdoor Solutions. He said there would be specific dates that litter would be cleaned up at specific sites. The representative from Elite Lighting said they are an outdoor maintenance facility service that will make Homewood look clean every time. She says they have uniformed teams of 3-8 people that go out to each site.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Resident Ms. Tate stated she will be moving back into her residence where she was evicted as she feels she was wrongfully evicted.

Resident Amy Crump announced three upcoming marches in our area.

A saxophone player played a musical excerpt.

Rev. Doyle Landry said page three in the Chicago Crusader wrote about mental health. He said the Tribune wrote about a mother who shunned her child.

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

- A. Reappointment/Planning and Zoning Commission/Fred Sierzega: Approve the reappointment of Fred Sierzega to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term ending on April 28, 2031.
- B. M-2409/FY 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule: Pass an ordinance adopting a meeting schedule for the Board of Trustees for FY 2026-2027.
- C. M-2410/FY 2026-2027 Budget: Pass an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.
- D. Bid Award/Bituminous Mixes/D. Construction Inc.: Award the bid for Bituminous Mixes to D. Construction Inc. of Coal City, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, at the prices of \$65.00/ton for Surface mix, \$63.50/ton for Binder mix and \$125.00/ton for Cold Patch mix in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.

- E. Bid Award/Concrete Flatwork/M&J Underground: Award a bid for concrete flatwork to M&J Underground of Monee, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, based on the unit prices submitted as part of the joint/cooperative bid collaboratively submitted by the Villages of Homewood, Alsip, and South Holland in an amount not to exceed \$185,500 for the Village of Homewood quantities, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- F. Contract/Leaf Pickup Services/Homewood Disposal, Inc.: Award the contract for Leaf Pickup Services to Homewood Disposal, Inc. in the amount of \$32,088 for a three-week pickup program on the Wednesday of each week, on November 11th; November 18th, and November 25th of 2026, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026- 2027 Village budget
- G. Bid Award/Tree Services/Piekarski Tree Service/Winkler's Tree Service: Award the bid for tree removal, sectional tree trimming, and stump removal to Piekarski Tree Service, of Lansing, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; and, award the bid for spot tree trimming and emergency removal to Winkler's Tree Service, of LaGrange Park, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- H. Contract Renewal/Custodial Services/Multisystem Management Company: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with Multisystem Management Company of Chicago, IL for custodial services in an annual amount not to exceed \$41,600, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- I. Contract Renewal/Water Distribution System Leak Survey/M.E. Simpson Company, Inc.: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with M.E. Simpson Company, Inc. of Valparaiso, IN to perform an annual Water Distribution System Leak Survey for 2026-2027, in an amount not to exceed \$31,075, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- J. Contract Renewal/Pavement Marking/America's Parking Remarketing: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with America's Parking Remarketing of Lynwood, IL, for the unit prices of \$0.18/4" paint pavement marking, \$0.55/6" paint pavement marking, \$1.25/12" paint pavement marking, \$2.75/24" paint pavement marking, and \$3.05/paint letters and symbols, for a total amount not to exceed \$94,892.07, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- K. Contract Renewal/Sidewalk Survey/Trip Hazards/Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC: Authorize the Village President to renew the 2025-2026 Sidewalk Survey and Saw-Cutting or Grinding or Trips Hazards contract with Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC for the unit price of \$38.82 per cut or grind, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- L. Contract Renewal/Sweeping Services/Advance Sweeping Services, Inc.: Authorize the Village President to renew the contract with Advance Sweeping Services, Inc. for sweeping services for five (5) residential and fifteen (15) commercial sweeps between May 1, 2026 and April 30, 2027, in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,875.51 per residential sweep and \$884.01 per commercial sweep, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- M. R-3255/Motor Fuel Tax Funds/Street Patching and Asphalt Testing/Rock Salt: Pass a resolution appropriating \$560,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds; \$460,000 for street patching

and asphalt testing, and \$100,000 for the purchase of rock salt for the period of May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027.

- N. Bid Award/Crushed Limestone/Brites Cartage: Award the bid for crushed limestone to Brites Cartage of Dyer, IN, the lowest responsible bidder, at the prices of \$20.65 for CA6, \$31.50 for 1" stone and \$29.25 for 2" stone, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- O. Proposal Acceptance/Water Plant 1/Kraemer Contracting Group: Accept a proposal from Kraemer Contracting Group of Bensenville, IL, for the installation, start-up, and commissioning of a new 20-ton rooftop unit (RTU) installed on a concrete "ground" pad, with electric heat at Homewood Water Plant #1, in an amount not to exceed \$66,287, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- P. MC-1099/Charges for Certain Bonds and Water Meters: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Municipal Code to replace references of amounts for certain bonds and costs for water meters with direction to the Village fee schedule.
- Q. M-2411/Fee Schedule Amendments: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Municipal Code to replace references of amounts for certain bonds and costs for water meters with direction to the Village fee schedule; and, pass an ordinance amending the Building Division, Public Works, and Planning and Zoning sections of the Village of Homewood Fee Schedule.
- R. M-2412/Special Use Permit/Signature Smiles Dentistry/18114 Gottschalk Avenue: Pass an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for the expansion of a medical office, Signature Smiles Dentistry, to more than 2,500 square feet in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district at 18114 Gottschalk Avenue.
- S. M-2413/Special Use Permit/Live Free 999 Foundation/18219 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a professional office in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district at 18219 Dixie Highway, with the following conditions: (1) the applicant must revise the site plan to indicate the location of one (1) ADA-accessible parking space; (2) the applicant must receive approval of an administrative variance to reduce the on-site parking requirement by one (1) parking space; and (3) the applicant must provide a stop sign on the access road to the south of the building at the sidewalk along Dixie Highway, subject to approval by the Village Engineer.
- T. M-2414/Variance/Single Family Residence/17863 Golfview Avenue: Pass an ordinance granting a variance from Subsection 44-03-01.A, Table 44-03-01, Bulk and Dimensional Standards of the Homewood Zoning Ordinance, to allow a second driveway at 17863 Golfview Avenue that exceeds maximum building coverage and impervious surface coverage, with the condition that the applicant shall provide flow diagrams and other grading and drainage plans to demonstrate drainage from the rear fifteen (15) feet of the property for review and approval by the Village Engineer prior to issuance of a building permit.
- U. R-3256/Economic Incentives/Stepping Stones Child Care/17560 Dixie Highway: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an incentive agreement with 17560 Dixie Highway LLC to reimburse eligible expenses from the non-TIF Business Incentive Program for improvements to the property located at 17560 Dixie Highway in the amount of \$1,320, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.

- V. R-3257/Economic Incentives/PurposeFlow Wellness/2139 183rd Street: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an incentive agreement with Larissa Shippo of PurposeFlow Wellness to provide financial assistance from the non-TIF Business Incentive Program for \$3,100 for building improvements at 2139 183rd Street, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.
- W. License Renewals/Scavenger/Limited Scavenger: Approve the renewal of the scavenger licenses for Homewood Disposal, Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., and Waste Management, Inc.; and, the limited scavenger licenses for Total Disposal, Tri-State Disposal, and D&P Construction Co., Inc.
- X. M-2415/Increase of Liquor Licenses/Bergstein's NY Delicatessen, LLC/18064 Martin Avenue: Pass an ordinance amending the Table of the Number of Liquor License Limitations by Class to increase the allowed number of Class 7B liquor licenses by one for the Bergstein's NY Deli location at 18064 Martin Avenue, subject to an approved background check.
- Y. M-2416/Renewal of Outdoor Alcohol Sales Permits: Pass an ordinance waiving requirements governing outdoor alcohol sales for certain licensees; and approve the issuance of 11 Permits for Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Outdoor, valid from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 upon payment of the permit fee.
- Z. 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 \$122,000 for Construction Management at Risk Services for improvements to the Homewood Auditorium at 2010 Chestnut Road.
- AA. Renewal Agreement/Bus Shelter Advertising/View Transit, LLC: Authorize the Village President to enter into a renewal agreement with View Transit, LLC of Chicago, IL for outdoor advertising on Village owned bus shelters, for a 10-year term, beginning May 10, 2026 and continuing through May 9, 2036, with an automatic five-year renewal term.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments. Item P and Q: Trustee Heiferman asked that items P and Q be tabled to possibly raise fees to match what other towns are charging.

President Hofeld asked the Board to table items P, Q, and Z. The Board agreed

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Siemsen 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. They thanked the Science Center for their commitment and said that they all enjoy it so much. They gave congratulations to Steve DeJong on his retirement. They thanked all who were involved in the annual baseball parade, especially to the police department for making sure everyone was safe. Trustee Roman asked if the candy could be cleaned up. President Hofeld stated that the Science Center is very beneficial to the community. Napoleon Haney announced that this would be Angela Mesaros' last board meeting as she is leaving for other endeavors.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Mason 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 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nakina Flores  
Village Clerk