

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the regular 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 Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Lauren Roman and Trustee Alissa Opyd. Trustee Anne Colton and Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones were absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Assistant Village Manager Tyler Hall, Economic and Community Development Director Angela Mesaros, Finance Director Amy Zukowski and Fire Chief Bob Grabowski.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2024, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Roman and Opyd. NAYS –None. Motion carried.***

CLAIMS LIST: President Hofeld said consideration of the Claims List would be deferred until after the Omnibus Agenda is approved since one of the items on the list requires a budget amendment.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to address the board on any subject not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

MEET THE MERCHANTS: Director Mesaros said the invited merchant wasn't present.

OMNIBUS REPORT: The board is asked to pass, approve, authorize, accept or award the following items:

- A. Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement/Stoney Point Grill/2033 Ridge Road: Authorize an amendment to the redevelopment agreement between Stoney Point Grill and the Village of Homewood to extend the opening date to March 31, 2024, which facilitates the development of a restaurant in the Downtown TOD Tax Increment Financing District.
- B. Budget Amendment/Ground Emergency Medical Transport/Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services: Approve a budget amendment for \$573,838.61 to the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Ambulance Fees line item within the Fire Department budget to satisfy the 50% cost share invoices submitted by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, as agreed upon in the Intergovernmental Agreement.
- C. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement/ECOM/SOUTHCOM: Authorize the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA) between the

Village of Homewood and participating members of E-COM and SOUTHCOR to implement an Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System to be known as the ECOM/SOUTHCOR Joint E- 911 Emergency Telephone System.

- D. R-3174/Intent to Reimburse Expenditures/Proposed 183rd West Tax Increment Financing District: Pass a resolution declaring the Village's intent to reimburse qualifying expenditures for the proposed 183rd West Tax Increment Financing District.
- E. M-2278/Amendment to Fee Schedule/Public Works: Pass an ordinance amending the "Public Works Fees" section of the Homewood Fee Schedule to reflect the 2.5% water rate increase from the City of Chicago Heights for 2024 and authorizing amendment of the fee schedule in 2025 when the 2025 Chicago Heights water cost is determined.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Roman, Opyd and President Hofeld. NAYS –None. Motion carried.***

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,024,836.77 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Roman, Opyd and President Hofeld. NAYS –None. Motion carried.***

President Hofeld said two items totaled 83 percent of the Claims List: \$763,122.67 to HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations for payment to the state for 50 percent cost share for ambulance fees; \$86,361.62 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Heiferman reminded residents that he will hold his listening session at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at Starbucks on Harwood.

Trustee Opyd said she went through her orientation session as a new trustee and thanked staff for their time and assistance.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Roman and Opyd. NAYS –None. Motion carried.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk