VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
WIND CREEK CASINO

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. President Hofeld explained that the meeting was being held at Wind Creek Casino, since the tornado that struck earlier that day had left all available facilities in Homewood without power.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hofeld dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance due to the absence of an American flag at the meeting location.

ROLL CALL: Deputy Clerk Nancy Adams called the roll. Those present were Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Phillip Mason, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustee Patrick Siemsen 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, Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah, and Assistant to the Village Manager Anne Mitchell. Director of Public Works Joshua Burman arrived after the meeting began.

MINUTES: The minutes of July 28, 2026 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of $775,672.81 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Willis and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to approve the Claims List as presented.

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

President Hofeld said one item totaled 43 percent of the Claims List: $331,352.81 to the City of Chicago Heights for water.

OATHS OF OFFICE: The Deputy Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Anne Mitchell for the position of Assistant to the Village Manager in the Manager's Office.

The oath of office for Ryan Hope for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic in the Homewood Fire Department was deferred.

The oath of office for Kevin Wake for the position of Lieutenant/Paramedic in the Homewood Fire Department was deferred.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION:
The retirement resolution for Matt Moran was deferred.

PRESENTATION(S): The presentation by Communication and Engagement Manager Antonia Steinmiller to present the refresh of the Village of Homewood Style Guide was deferred.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER: President Hofeld asked Deputy Clerk Adams to read the Declaration of Local Disaster, which stated that a local disaster existed throughout the Village of Homewood as a result of the tornado that struck the Village and surrounding area at approximately 10:30 a.m. on August 11, 2026.

President Hofeld asked Public Works Director Joshua Burman to provide an update regarding the impact of the tornado that struck earlier that day. Joshua Burman stated the damage was similar to the tornado that struck on July 27, 2026, but the tornado earlier that morning had struck a different part of the Village. He stated that the cleanup would take some time.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Mr. Kindle from Cook County Commissioner Toni Preckwinkle's office commended the Village for the efficiency and effectiveness demonstrated during this time of need and offered their support to assist Homewood in any way possible.

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

A. R-3269/Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate/Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency: Pass a resolution appointing Assistant to the Village Manager Anne Mitchell as Delegate and Finance Director Amy Zukowski as Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency pool effective August 11, 2026.

B. M-2445/Public Water Supply Loan Program Agreement/2027 Lead Service Line Replacement Program: Pass an ordinance providing authorization to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program in an amount not to exceed $4,110,772.33, to be used to fund the Village's Lead Service Line Replacement Program in the year 2027.

C. M-2446/Purchase Agreement/Horton Ambulance: Pass an ordinance waiving competitive bidding requirements due to standardization of equipment; and, approving a purchase agreement for one (1) Horton Ambulance in the amount of $405,817 through the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), to be delivered no later than 2029.

D. Purchase Approval/Fuel Island Pedestal System/B&K Equipment: Waive competitive bidding due to standardization of equipment; and, authorize the purchase and installation of a replacement Fuel Island Pedestal System from B&K Equipment of Lansing, IL, in an amount not to exceed $28,413.

E. R-3270/Motor Fuel Tax Funds/2026 Street Resurfacing Program: Pass a resolution appropriating $350,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds to the 2026 MFT Street Resurfacing Program.

F. Purchase Approval/Emergency Generator/Buckeye Power Sales/Installation/Meany Electric: Waive competitive bidding due to an emergency need; authorize the purchase of an emergency standby generator from Buckeye Power Sales of Romeoville, IL in the amount of $53,642; and, authorize Meany Electric of Hazel Crest, IL, to complete the associated electrical installation, startup, testing, and commissioning for Lift Station 1A in an amount of $26,800, plus additional dollars need for site prep and tree removal prior to installation of new equipment, for a total amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of $100,000.

G. R-3271/Term Sheet/Parking Spaces/St. John Neumann Parish: Pass a resolution accepting the terms per the attached Term Sheet and authorize the Village Manager; the Village President, the Village Attorney, and other necessary Village officials to take all necessary actions to enter into a Lease Agreement with St. John Neumann Parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago for the shared use of 69 parking spaces and improvements to the church's parking lot and associated drainage infrastructure. The Lease Agreement will be presented for formal Board approval at a future meeting.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments.

Trustee Harris-Jones stated that she was glad that the Village would be purchasing an emergency generator. Trustee Heiferman asked where Lift Station 1A is located. Joshua Burman answered that the location is 2010 Hawthorne Road.

Trustee Roman requested that Item G be removed from the Omnibus Report and voted on separately. She explained that she doesn't support the development of the Village Hall parking lot and that the proposed development is the reason for the parking agreement with the church. Trustee Roman stated that the Village shouldn't be investing in a private property or entering into a four-year lease agreement which would provide a temporary solution to solve a parking issue where there would be a permanent structure.

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve the Omnibus Report items A through F.

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

Item G of the Omnibus Report was presented for a vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Willis and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to approve Item G on the Omnibus Report.

<u>Roll Call</u>: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Mason. NAYS – Trustee Roman. ABSENT-Trustee Siemsen.

<u>GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION</u>: The Board thanked staff for their excellent work on the storm cleanup and clearing streets. They stated that there is a lot of work to be done and asked residents to continue to be patient and help their neighbors whenever possible. Trustee Mason said that the Village met with Freedom Village to make sure that the residents are taken care of. Trustee Roman expressed her shock that the Village has been struck by two tornadoes this close together. She said that the positive side is the stories about neighbors that are sometimes meeting each other for the first time, and are helping each other. President Hofeld said 60 percent of the Village is without power, which can be overwhelming. He spoke with the mayors of surrounding communities facing similar devastation and said they are trying to help one another. He thanked staff for all that they have done and will do in the coming weeks.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Adams
Deputy Village Clerk