

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the 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 Nakina Flores called the roll. Those present were Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Patrick Siemsen, Trustee Phillip Mason, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustee Julie Willis was absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Amy Zukowski, Interim Director of Economic and Community Development Noah Schumerth, Director of Public Works Joshua Burman, and Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

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

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,240,160.52 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said three items totaled 50 percent of the Claims List: \$293,000 for one month of employee health insurance, \$190,000 for slip lining of sanitary sewers, and \$123,000 for the quarterly payment to Southland dispatch center which has replaced ECOM.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Amy Crump stated that Mother's Day was started in 1870 based on the idea that women should have the same rights as men and must let their voices be heard against the cruelty of war.

Eric Crump let everyone know about the next meeting at Books Without Borders titled "Don't Go." "Don't Go" is a collection of stories about the stigma related to going to certain sides of Chicago. Some of the stories are from Chicago natives and tell a story of cool places and great people.

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

- A. Reappointment/Beautification Committee/Joe Sherman: Approve the reappointment of Joe Sherman to the Beautification Committee for a five-year term ending on May 12, 2031.
- B. 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 \$151,000 for Construction Management at Risk Services for improvements to the Homewood Auditorium at 2010 Chestnut Road.
- C. M-2417/Surplus Property/18156 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to sell, donate, or dispose of the property and materials as needed after the acquisition of the property at 18157 Dixie Highway, formerly known as Repeat Boutique.
- D. M-2418/Surplus Property/Public Works Equipment: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to sell, donate, or dispose of equipment and property.
- E. Purchase Approval/Panel Controller Upgrades/Sound Incorporated: Approve the purchase of fifteen (15) Brivo panel controller upgrades from Sound Incorporated of Naperville, Illinois, in the amount of \$32,466.35.
- F. MC-1100/Text Amendment/Parking Requirements/Use Requirements: Pass an ordinance approving a text amendment to the Village Zoning Ordinance, amending parking requirements, use requirements, and definitions.
- G. M-2419/Special Use Permit/TranzForm Beauty Bar/18019 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance grant a special use permit for a salon/spa establishment in the B-2 Downtown Transition zoning district at 18019 Dixie Highway.
- H. M-2420/Fee Schedule/Building Division/Public Works: Pass an ordinance amending the Building Division and Public Works sections of the Village of Homewood Fee Schedule.
- I. M-2421/Fee Schedule/Planning and Zoning: Pass an ordinance amending the Planning and Zoning section of the Village of Homewood Fee Schedule.
- J. M-2422/Amendment to Redevelopment Plan and Project/Downtown TOD Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area: Pass an ordinance amending the redevelopment plan and project for the Downtown TOD Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Project Area removing parcels of property from the redevelopment project area.
- K. M-2423/Redevelopment Plan and Project/Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing District: Pass an ordinance approving the redevelopment plan and project for the Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.
- L. M-2424/Designation of Redevelopment Project Area/Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing District: Pass an ordinance designating the Harwood TOD Redevelopment Project Area.
- M. M-2425/Tax Increment Allocation Financing/Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing District: Pass an ordinance adopting tax increment allocation financing for the Harwood TOD Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments.

Item F: Resident Ann Crump asked if this item is tied to decentralization for parking. Noah Schumerth answered that this brings the Village into compliance and gives more flexibility. Trustee Roman asked if they can still require this as a condition for any developers. Chris Cummings answered that this can be negotiated as they abide by the law.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked residents for coming out to the meeting. Trustee Harris-Jones invited everyone to attend the public works open house. President Hofeld thanked Antonia Steinmiller for organizing the 2026 Homewood Heroes memorial program and welcomed all to view the veteran banners throughout Homewood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to enter into executive session to discuss following: Semi-annual review of closed session minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21.

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

The board moved to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nakina Flores
Village Clerk