

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023  
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 Lisa Purcell, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Anne Colton, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Jay Heiferman and Trustee Lauren Roman.

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, and Police Chief Denise McGrath.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2023, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Purcell, Willis, Colton, Heiferman, Harris-Jones and Roman. NAYS – None. Motion carried.***

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$559,905.43 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Purcell, Willis, Colton, Harris-Jones, Heiferman, and Roman. NAYS – None. Motion carried.***

MEET THE MERCHANTS: Director Mesaros introduced the owners of The Rock Shop at 18109 Dixie Highway. The owners started the business selling rocks, vinyl records and guitars and shared the space with Bookie's Book Store. After several months, Bookie's pulled out, and The Rock Shop regrouped. They still feature rocks, records and guitars but have expanded to include handmade jewelry and other pieces from artisans in the area. They also have a Kids Section of books and games, and new and used books. Owner Craig Frank said he and co-owner Laura Bruni love the Homewood community where they were both raised and want their business to be a draw for Homewood.

Director Mesaros then introduced Towanna Walker who owns Anjel's Boutique at 18050 Dixie Highway with her daughter, Showanna Butler. She said the women's fashions store has been in business for 10 years, and they are expanding their clothing line to include international designers. The owners have expanded the business to a second store in Tinley Park that also includes men's wear.

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.

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

- A. R-3170/Intent to Reimburse Expenditures: Pass a resolution declaring the Village of Homewood's intent to Reimburse Expenditures for the proposed 183rd Street West Tax Increment Financing District.
- B. **M-2272\***/Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act: Pass an ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Homewood.
- C. M-2271/Public Safety Benefits Act: Pass an ordinance establishing an administrative procedure for assessing and determining claims under the Public Safety Benefits Act (PSEBA) to become compliant with State law.

**\*NOTE: Item B originally was numbered M-2270 on the meeting agenda. However, this number already had been used. The correct ordinance number is M-2272.**

President Hofeld invited Dave Bossy of Mid-America Development to discuss the potential use for the abandoned Brunswick Bowling Alley. Bossy said Ollie's Bargain Outlet, is near to signing a lease. The company is moving into the Midwest market. He described it as a wine and spirits superstore. Bossy also said a part of the building will be occupied by Crunch Fitness. He said he is in discussion with Starbuck's for an outlot parcel for a store on the site.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Purcell, Willis, Colton, Harris-Jones, Heiferman, and Roman. NAYS – None. Motion carried.***

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Purcell reminded residents the last free leaf pickup is tomorrow, Nov. 29. She also gave a congratulatory shout-out to Mt. Carmel High School for its winning the state championship football game. Trustee Willis invited the community to Holiday Lights on Friday, Dec. 1. Trustee Colton asked for another Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Heiferman thanked the business owners for offering insights into their businesses. He also reminded the public that he will have his meet-greet at the Starbuck's on Harwood on Monday, Dec. 4. Trustee Roman thanked the businesses for their presentation, and said she appreciated the update on the progress at the Brunswick site. President Hofeld reminded the public that the snowflake contest is on. He has three restaurants offering gift certificates to those who can identify where the odd snowflake is hanging in town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Colton and seconded by Trustee Willis to move into Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property under 5 ILCS120/2(c)(5).

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Purcell, Willis, Colton, Harris-Jones, Heiferman and Roman. NAYS – None. Motion carried.***

The board moved to Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

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

***Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Purcell, Willis, Colton, Harris-Jones, Heiferman, and Roman. NAYS – None. Motion carried.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas  
Village Clerk