

Public Comments - Board of Trustees Meeting - August 8, 2023

From: Nikki Valeriu
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 12:12 AM
To: PublicComments <comments@homewoodil.gov>
Subject: re: Village Board Meeting on August 8th, 2023

I am writing once again to comment on the issue of proposed spending outlined in the release, particularly in relation to item C on the agenda: I still do not believe that allocating roughly thirty thousand dollars for the installation, maintenance, upgrading, or, frankly, use of the speakers in downtown Homewood is a reasonable investment. It is far too much money being spent on a feature more people tolerate than enjoy. Tangentially, even a rough breakdown of subject D's spending (the total divided by six leaving each purchased vehicle at roughly \$54,793.33) is.....a stretch, but a more reasonable stretch, given the cost of vehicle equipment and specialty parts. Thirty thousand dollars is almost one village vehicle. For speakers that a minority of Homewood feels contribute positively to the overall ambience of downtown. I'm sorry, but I just cannot fathom that much money being a justifiable expense.

Tangentially, I raise concerns about the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement: namely that only serious offenses of a legitimate nature are reported through it. We are all well aware of the volatile political climate we live in, and the idea of reported incidents between students being forwarded to the police seemingly without parental approval or consultation begs the question as to what will be done to prevent abuse of the system. Particularly in relation to bullying, I would like the village to discuss and disclose more information on the agreement and its use to parents and caregivers before approval. I do not know if anyone listening to this has been bullied, but I was once a youth myself, and when young people decide they do not like a classmate, they will spread rumors about the individual regardless of the consequences. I do not want to see an increase in children being reported to agencies or being pulled into specialized classrooms away from their peers due to incident reporting.

From: Judy Ricci
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 10:54 PM
To: PublicComments <comments@homewoodil.gov>
Subject: Public Thank you to Trustee Anne Colton & her husband & son.

Please read at 8/8/2023 meeting.

I want to publicly acknowledge & thank Trustee Anne Colton for her assistance when a large tree branch fell from the west of me in my backyard. This was from the bad storm with 65 mph winds that happened on Friday 7/28/23. I'm a senior citizen with limited mobility. On Saturday 7/29/23 I reached out to Anne since the village was closed. She came to my rescue on Sunday 7/30/23 by sending her husband Bob & son Bill to help remove the branch and I was very grateful for their assistance.

Anne truly is concerned about citizens of Homewood as I can attest.
Again my heartfelt thanks to Anne & her husband Bob & son Bill.

Sincerely
Judy Ricci
Homewood