

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY -AUGUST 24, 2021
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. Trustee Lauren Roman was absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff: Village Manager Jim Marino, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Police Chief Denise McGrath and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of August 10, 2021 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Purcell, Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman. NAYS – None. ABSTAIN –Dawkins. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$828,614.98 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld said two items on the Claims List -- \$421,018.19 to the City of Harvey for Lake Michigan water and \$238,933.70 to D Construction as partial payment for road resurfacing, comprised 80% of the expenditures on the Claims List.

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.

APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the appointment of Phillip Kosanovich to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term through August 24, 2023.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman.
NAYS –None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Police Chief McGrath introduced the newest member of the police department. Hernan Banuelos graduated from Thornwood High School, served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and earned his bachelor's degree through the Air Force. He was a member of the Chicago Police Department before accepting the Homewood position.

Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Officer Banuelos.

OMNIBUS VOTE: The board was asked to pass, approve, authorize, accept or award the items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. **R-3086/Paul Neitzel:** Pass a resolution honoring Paul Neitzel for his 20 years of service to the Village of Homewood Police Department.
- B. **R-3087/Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment/South Suburban Land Bank:** Pass a resolution amending the Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority regarding the acquisition of certain properties through the abandonment proceedings. The village has several parcels it would like SSLBDA to acquire and this agreement will allow for that.
- C. **R-3088/Intergovernmental Agreement/Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement:** Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Village of East Hazel Crest for the enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code directly related to Commercial Motor Vehicles. The East Hazel Crest Police Department has officers trained for monitoring overweight trucks and this will give their officers the ability to stop trucks on six main thoroughfares in Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman.
NAYS –None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld thanked Chief McGrath for her efforts on the intergovernmental agreement between the two police departments.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion/Liquor License/R&J Wine & Gaming Inc.: Discuss a liquor license request from R&J Wine & Gaming, Inc for their proposed location at 18719 Dixie Highway and direct staff to proceed with this request.

Ronakkumar Patel came before the Village Board to explain his concept for a wine/bar and video gaming. Because Homewood's code does not have a classification for a wine/bar, the suggestion is to consider awarding Patel a 75/25 license – 75 percent of the business is food and 25 percent is alcohol. Patel is suggesting that food would be served from local restaurants and include Indian dishes prepared in Tinley Park.

Trustees questioned Patel on the operation of the business, how he would meet the 75 percent requirement for food and whether the gaming stations would be segregated from the rest of the operation. Patel said he has done wine tasting at his Family Liquors business in the same Southgate business plaza and he believes the concept for a wine/bar could work. He's proposing to have 500-600 different wines available.

Trustee Jay Heiferman told Patel his idea for a wine/bar is welcome in Homewood, but not with a gaming license.

President Hofeld called the question on whether staff should be directed to start the process for a liquor license for Patel. No Trustees moved the request forward.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Roll Call: AYES—Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk