

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY -AUGUST 10, 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: Deputy Clerk Nancy Adams called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. Trustee Dawkins and Clerk Marilyn Thomas were absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of July 27, 2021 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to approve the minutes as amended.

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,800,294.84 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said 68% of the Claims List was for two items: \$975,300.76 to Burns and McDonnell for work on the water distribution project; \$241,217.13 for August employee insurance.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Doyle Landry of Homewood asked the Trustees to consider establishing a position of equity and inclusion manager. He said he has been offended by staff at several businesses and believes the Village can help improve the situation.

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the appointments of Nakina Shanklin to the Beautification Committee for a five-year term ending August 10, 2026, and Kalinda Preston to the Appearance Commission for a three-year term ending on August 10, 2024.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Adams administered the oath of office to Ms. Shanklin and Ms. Preston.

PRESENTATION: Fire Chief Bob Grabowski introduced Tyler Swyndroski, a new firefighter/paramedic. Deputy Clerk Nancy Adams administered the oath of office.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Trustees were asked to pass, approve, authorize, accept or award the items on the Omnibus Report:

- A. M-2192/Designation of Kedzie Gateway TIF District: Pass an ordinance proposing (1) designation of the Kedzie Gateway TIF Redevelopment Project Area; (2) adoption of a redevelopment Plan and Project for the Kedzie Gateway TIF; (3) adoption of tax increment allocation financing; (4) convening a joint review board to evaluate the area's eligibility under the TIF Act; and (5) scheduling a public hearing on the proposed TIF.
- B. M-2193/Lease Agreement/Homewood Arts Council: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village President to enter into a one-year lease agreement with the Homewood Arts Council for use of the Village's auditorium.
- C. Budget Amendment/Contract Renewal/Homewood Disposal Leaf Pickup Services: Approve a budget amendment of \$675 for fiscal year 2021/2022 to cover an increase in the cost of the leaf pickup program; and award the renewal contract for leaf pickup services to Homewood Disposal in an amount not to exceed \$19,800 for the two-week leaf pickup program.

Trustee Purcell said she was happy to see the TIF project for the Kedzie Avenue area and believes it will be a great way to make improvements there. Her comments were seconded by the Trustees. Trustee Heiferman asked, if financially possible, can the Village add a third leaf pick-up. The schedule is for service the week of Nov. 17 and Nov. 24.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to accept the Omnibus Report as presented.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk