

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 26, 2022
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 those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Police Chief Denise McGrath and Economic Development Director Angela Mesaros.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2022, 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, Belue, Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman. NAYS –None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$246,834.27 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

Finance Director Bubenik noted a correction to the Claims List. The final amount of \$246,834.27 does not change, but payments to B Allen Graphics and Hiskes, Dillner & O'Donnell have been corrected.

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

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No comments were offered. One comment was received via email and shared with the Trustees.

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

- A. A.M-2224/Special Use Permit/18036 Gottschalk Avenue/Simply Massage the Wellness Center LLC: Pass an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a Salon/Spa Establishment in the B-1 Central Business District for Simply Massage the Wellness Center LLC at 18036 Gottschalk Avenue. The business is moving from a location on Harwood Avenue.

- B. Agreement/Feasibility Study/1221 175th Street/Williams Architects: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Williams Architects of Itasca, Illinois to conduct a Feasibility Study and Space Needs Assessment for the relocation of the Homewood Police Department and ECOM communication center in the amount of \$93,103; pending final legal review of contract agreement terms by the Village Attorney.
- C. Intergovernmental Agreement/Parcel Purchase/Illinois State Toll Highway Authority: Authorize the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority for the purchase of a parcel identified as T-1A-502.EX for an amount not to exceed the appraised value of \$43,000.
- D. Budget Amendment/Acceptance of Proposal/Stanard & Associates Inc.: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,000; and accept the pricing proposal from Stanard & Associates Inc. of Chicago, IL to perform public safety testing services for police and fire recruitment and a new fire department lieutenant promotional list in an amount not to exceed \$37,419.50.
- E. R-3118/Class 6b Renewal/17730 Hoffman Way/Dedert and Feldco: Pass a resolution supporting and consenting to the renewal of a Class 6b Cook County tax classification for the property located at 17730 Hoffman Way, owned by Prairie Properties LLC.
- F. MC-1062/Amendment to Zoning Code/Veterinary Clinic: Pass an ordinance amending the zoning code to allow the operation of a veterinary clinic (at Petco) in the B-4 Shopping Center District as a special use.
- G. M-2225/Special Use Permit/Veterinary Clinic/17930 Halsted Street/Petco: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit to operate a veterinary clinic at 17930 Halsted Street in the B-4 Shopping Center zoning district.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. R-3119/Reimbursement/Capital Expenditure: Pass a resolution expressing official intent to reimburse the Village for costs associated with the order and purchase of an ambulance using future proceeds of a bond obligation to be issued by the Village of Homewood in an amount not to exceed \$425,000.

The Trustees were asked to approve an allocation of \$425,000 prior to the sale of the 2023 general obligation bond sale that would cover the purchase of a new ambulance for the fire department. Finance Director Dennis Bubenik said the allocation would be part of an anticipated \$2 million bond sale for major capital projects. The \$425,000 covers the cost of an ambulance that has been ordered but will not be delivered until 2023.

- B. Ambulance Purchase/Foster Coach Sales/SPC Cooperative: Waive competitive bidding requirements and purchase an ambulance through a purchasing cooperative per Section 5.6 of the Village of Homewood Purchasing Policy; and, approve the purchase of a new 2023 Ford F550 4X4 ambulance from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. of Sterling, IL through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) at a cost of \$380,000.

Fire Chief Bob Grabowski said he is planning on purchasing a new ambulance for the Fire Department. The Village has two ambulances. The intention is to replace one purchased in 2015. It will remain as a back-up. Chief Grabowski said the ambulance has more than 10,100 hours of service and that will increase in the 18 months it will take to get a new ambulance delivered. He said the last time the Village replaced an ambulance, it was 12 years old and was costing considerable money in repairs. Replacing an ambulance at a 10-year interval should save the Village repair expenses. He said the ambulance itself is \$301,000. That price is locked in. There are additional costs for equipment, etc.

Items A and B were combined for one vote. A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington for the board to approve R-3119, and to waive competitive bidding for the purchase of a new 2023 Ford F550 4X4 ambulance.

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

- C. MC-1063/Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment/Places of Public Assembly: Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Zoning Ordinance eliminating the use category “Places of Worship,” creating a new use category “Places of Public Assembly,” and revising permitted and special use tables, definitions, and language in the Zoning Ordinance to implement these revisions.

Action on Item C was deferred.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Washington thanked Village Manager Haney for sharing his expertise with a finance class she teaches at Governors State University.

Trustee Heiferman reminded everyone of the Summer Fest fundraiser Thursday, July 28, for the Homewood Science Center.

President Hofeld shared news that the link between Homewood and Chicago Heights/Hammond for Lake Michigan water is complete and the first water flow happened this morning. The village will continue to increase the flow from Chicago Heights until it is 100 percent Lake Michigan water from Hammond, Indiana, and discontinue its water purchase from the City of Harvey through Chicago.

President Hofeld thanked Public Works director John Schaefer for his outstanding work on the project. Schaefer in turn said he shares the thanks with his crew.

Trustee Purcell said she was amazed by the speed at which the Village managed to move on and complete the project. She had expected it to take much longer.

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 Purcell, Belue, Washington, Harris-Jones, and Heiferman. NAYS -None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk