VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the 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: Village Clerk Nakina Flores called the roll. Those present were Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Patrick Siemsen, Trustee Phillip Mason, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Village President Richard Hofeld.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Director of Economic and Community Development Noah Schumerth, Director of Public Works Joshua Burman, Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 13, 2026 Village Board Meeting were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Siemsen to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, Roman. NAYS – None.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of $615,231.23 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

President Hofeld said two items totaled 42 percent of the Claims List: $165,000 for rebuilding the watermain on Idlewild Lane, and $96,000 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District.

PRESENTATION: Trustee Lauren Roman, Board Liaison to the Events Committee, presented a check from the 2026 Fall Fest Chili Cook-off proceeds in the amount of $2933 to the Cancer Support Center. There were 15 contestants who each made four gallons of chili. The community had a chance to taste each of the chilis for a small donation.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Amy Crump spoke about the upcoming election and same-day voter registration. Julia Bridges complained about the Amazon drones disrupting wildlife, violating noise ordinances, and invading privacy. Julia would like the Village to keep track of all complaints and make a rebuttal against these drones. Village Manager Haney said they are under FAA jurisdiction and the Village cannot prohibit them. President Hofeld suggested that the residents complain

directly to Amazon. Trustees agreed that staff will keep a list of complaints that will be reported to the email for public comments. Resident Comlee said drones are five feet tall and 75 pounds which causes disruption to human and animal habitats. She proposes the Village enact some bylaws that can be taken to the State level. Quincy Crump is concerned that the drones will collide with birds, and cause noise pollution and disturbances.

OMNIBUS VOTE: The board was asked to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award the following item(s):

A. Annual Report/Economic Development Committee: Accept the 2025 annual report of the Economic Development Committee.

B. M-2456/Traffic Regulation Schedule/No U-Turn Signs: Pass an ordinance amending the Village of Homewood Traffic Regulation Schedule for recently installed No U-turn signs at 183rd Street and Park Avenue.

C. Approval of Proposals/Police Station Plumbing Repairs/Brandenburger Plumbing/Reid & Pedersen Drainage: Approve a proposal from Brandenburger Plumbing of Chicago, IL the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $25,607 for overhead pipe replacement; waive competitive bidding and approve the proposal from Reid & Pedersen Drainage of Crete, IL in the amount of $49,220 for slip lining and clean out installation work, for a total cost of plumbing repairs at the Homewood Police Station in the amount of $74,827.

D. Purchase Approval/Pro-Tec Aluminum Trench Shield/Lee Jensen Sales Co., Inc.: Waive competitive bidding to allow the purchase of a new trenching and shoring system known as the Pro-Tec Aluminum Trench Shield shoring system with supportive equipment through Lee Jensen Sales Co., Inc. of Mokena, IL as the sole source provider in an amount not to exceed $30,933.94.

E. Budget Amendment/Approval of Generator Grant for Preparedness Program: Approve the Generator Grant for Preparedness Program; and, approve a budget amendment in the amount of $50,000 to fund the program.

F. R-3278/Release of Reconveyance Deed/2018-2020 Ridge Road: Pass a resolution authorizing the release of a reconveyance deed for the property located at 2018-2020 Ridge Road (Jiao 66).

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments. Item D: Trustee Harris-Jones said this is a more seamless approach to keep our workers safe. Item E: Trustees Siemsen and Willis said the generator grant is a great idea.

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. M-2457/Purchase and Sale Agreement/Villari Ltd./1933 Ridge Road: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of $400,000; and, pass an ordinance authorizing the Village President to enter a real estate purchase contract with Villari Ltd. for the property at 1933 Ridge Road, Homewood, IL, formerly known as the American Dance Center.

A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to approve an ordinance authorizing the Village President to enter a real estate purchase contract with Villari Ltd.

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

B. M-2457/Purchase and Sale Agreement/Villari Ltd./1933 Ridge Road: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of $400,000; and, pass an ordinance authorizing the Village President to enter a real estate purchase contract with Villari Ltd. for the property at 1933 Ridge Road, Homewood, IL, formerly known as the American Dance Center.

Item B was deferred.

OLD BUSINESS: Village Manager Haney updated the Board on the redevelopment agreement with Holladay Properties for the property located at 2024 Chestnut Road by saying they have a non-binding agreement. Holladay Properties still needs to go through the entitlement process. Once that is completed, the final redevelopment agreement will come before the board for a vote.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked residents for coming to the meeting. The Board encouraged all the residents to enjoy their holiday, be safe, and take some time to look at all the houses that entered the Halloween decorating contest. Trustee Roman agrees with giving Amazon pushback regarding the drones. Trustee Harris-Jones encouraged everyone to join the Homewood app so that they can stay updated with all the current news, weather, and road reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Siemsen to enter into executive session to discuss following: Purchase or lease of real property under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

The board moved to Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.
The board returned from Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

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

Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Harris-Jones, Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Mason, and Roman. NAYS – None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nakina Flores
Village Clerk