

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY -MARCH 22, 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 trustees 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, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Trustee Jay Heiferman.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2022, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$326,769.09 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said two items totaled 39 percent of the Claims List: Payment to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District of \$84,811.84 and Suburban Laboratories for a water corrosion study of \$17,373.24.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited anyone in the audience to discuss any item not on the agenda. A representative of Bloom Township gave information on the traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial that will be at Marian Catholic High School July 7-10. She was hoping Homewood would be involved and citizens would volunteer on the project. President Hofeld said he would be in contact with the Veterans Committee so its members could be part of the event.

APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the appointment of Julie Willis to the Appearance Commission for a three-year term ending March 22, 2025.

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

Julie Willis was sworn in by Clerk Thomas.

**RE-APPOINTMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to approve the reappointment of Mario Planera to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term expiring March 22, 2027.

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

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

- A. Waive Competitive Bidding/Emergency Purchase/Police Department: Waive competitive bidding for an emergency purchase due to a high demand for vehicles; and authorize the purchase of two 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from D’Orazio Ford in the amount of \$74,115, and \$24,000 for additional equipment for Squad #15 and #16.
- B. R-3103/Fund Appropriation/2022 Rebuild IL Bond Resurfacing Program: Pass a supplemental resolution appropriating an additional \$120,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds to fully fund the low bid award of the 2022 Rebuild Illinois Bond Resurfacing Program.
- C. Bid Award/Street Resurfacing/K-Five Construction Corporation: Award a bid for the 2022 Rebuild Illinois Street Resurfacing Program to K-Five Construction Corporation of Westmont, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$956,921.03.

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, Roman and Heiferman.**  
**NAYS –None. Motion carried.**

**Old Business:** 183rd Street Traffic Study/Phase One Recommendations: Direct staff to refine and identify costs required to implement Phase I strategies of the 183rd Street Traffic Study Implementation Plan.

Director of Public Works John Schaefer gave an overview of the four proposals to reduce speeding on the major thoroughfare. 1) Reduce the 4 lanes of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to 2 lanes with a center turn lane and bike lanes from Riegel to Morgan for a two-week test period in early May. 2) Gottschalk Avenue north of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street will be limited to northbound traffic from 183<sup>rd</sup> to Olive, or close Gottschalk to traffic from 183<sup>rd</sup> Street. 3) Study the possibility of putting a stoplight at 183<sup>rd</sup> and Center. 4) Put delineators in the intersection of Park Avenue and 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to stop the illegal left turns from southbound Park onto 183<sup>rd</sup>.

Director Schaefer addressed questions from the audience. He reminded the community that this is phase 1 of a study of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street through the Village. The stretch from Park east to Halsted was studied because of the high traffic volume in a residential neighborhood. He said the Village does not intend to make changes permanent until they have been tested and studied. Schaefer also said

the Village is testing the least costly proposals first to gauge their impact the situation. If they are successful, they could be implemented sooner than the more costly proposals.

Residents wondered if the redesign would give them back the parkways they lost when the street was widened to four lanes. Several said the houses are close to the road now and they will not walk on the sidewalk because of how fast cars speed down 183<sup>rd</sup>. Several residents said the center turn lane would be good for them, but others thought it would be tough to get in and out of driveways.

Director Schaefer said the Public Works Department would study traffic volume on Ridge Road, 183<sup>rd</sup> and 187<sup>th</sup> Streets before and during the study period to learn if traffic would move to other streets to avoid the lane reductions.

President Hofeld polled Trustees for comments. All agreed that the Public Works proposals should be studied and voiced support for the proposal to reduce 183<sup>rd</sup> Street traffic to two lanes for a testing period in May.

General Board Discussion: None

Executive Session: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington for the board to move into executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

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

The board moved to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk