

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 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: Clerk Nakina Flores called the roll. Those present were Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Patrick Siemsen, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustee Phillip Mason was absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Deputy Police Chief Steven Brandenburger, Director of Finance Amy Zukowski, Director of Economic and Community Development Noah Schumerth, Assistant Director of Public Works Sean Faulkner, and Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

MINUTES: The minutes of June 23, 2026 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,400,105.63 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

President Hofeld said two items of the Claims List were composed of: \$340,000 to the City of Chicago Heights for one month of water, and \$348,000 for one month of employee health insurance.

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

PRESENTATION: none

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Resident Kenneth Cole said he would like for the Village Board to consider passing an ordinance to forbid Flock cameras in certain areas of the Village. Mr. Cole shared that Flock cameras are used by law enforcement and the footage is being abused and used as impermissible surveillance. The owner of Crab Bagz asked Noah Schumerth about her application for expansion and he said it was under review. Yoga Ward complimented public works for their response to all the issues from the storm. Ms. Ward was also appreciative of the native plants and the planters downtown. Amy Crump read from her book *Key words to Capitalism*. Eric Crump gave a shout out to staff Antonia Steinmiller and Terence Acquah for their hard work. Eric Crump reported some issues on the app and they were taken care of rather quickly. Eric Crump also

announced two events “Choo Choo swimsuit ride” on July 21, and “Books Without Borders” meeting on July 21. He said on June 5, a cyclist was killed because a motorist opened his door and accidentally hit the cyclist. He explained and encouraged drivers to use a “Dutch Reach” where you open your car door with your right hand, forcing you to look over your left shoulder. Quincy Crump also shared that he would like the Flock cameras taken down because it is a way to take control and added that third parties have had security breaches with the data collected by the cameras.

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

- A. Reappointments/Economic Development Committee/Terry Keigher/Craig Schmidt: Approve the reappointments of Terry Keigher and Craig Schmidt to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term ending on July 14, 2028.
- B. Intergovernmental Agreement/Southland Communication Center: Authorize the Village President to execute intergovernmental tower use agreements with all Southland Communication Center members.
- C. Collective Bargaining Agreement/Homewood Professional Firefighters Union Local 3656 (International Association of Firefighters): Approve a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Homewood and the International Association of Firefighters Local 3656, retroactive to May 1, 2026 and extending through April 30, 2029.
- D. Agreement/Backup Generator System/Interface Engineering: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Interface Engineering of Chicago, IL in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to complete the engineering and design services related to the purchase and installation of a new backup generator system for the Police Department, Fire Department, and Village Hall, ensuring these critical facilities remain operational during power outages.
- E. Purchase Approval/2027 International HV607 Chassis/Rush Truck Centers: Waive competitive bidding due to purchasing through a joint governmental or cooperative purchasing program; and, authorize the purchase of one (1) 2027 International HV607 chassis from Rush Truck Centers of Springfield, IL for a total purchase price of \$116,526.
- F. Bid Award/High-Visibility Crosswalk Improvements/Iroquois Paving Corporation: Award the bid for High-Visibility Crosswalk Improvements to Iroquois Paving Corporation of Watseka, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$176,917.65 and authorize the Village Manager to execute the necessary contract documents.
- G. MC-1101/Amendment to Class 7B Liquor Licenses: Pass an ordinance amending the language for Class 7B liquor licenses to allow the sale of flavored malt beverages (FMBs) and low alcohol by volume canned spirits in addition to beer and wine.
- H. Agreement/Website Redesign/CivicPlus: Waive competitive bidding; and, authorize the Village President to enter into a four-year agreement with CivicPlus of Manhattan, KS, to develop the Village's new website. The agreement includes a one-time implementation fee of \$45,000, followed by annual maintenance and hosting fees of \$23,000 for the remaining three years, with a 3% annual increase.
- I. M-2438/Lead Service Line Replacement Program/Public Water Supply Loan Program: Pass an ordinance providing authorization to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program in a total amount not to exceed \$3,939,722 to be used to fund

the Village's Lead Service Line Replacement Program in the year 2027 if the Village is approved for bypass funding by the IEPA.

- J. M-2439/Lead Service Line Replacement Program/Public Water Supply Loan Program: Pass an ordinance providing authorization to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program in a total amount not to exceed \$4,001,322 to be used to fund the Village's Lead Service Line Replacement Program in the year 2027 if the Village is approved for bypass funding by the IEPA.
- K. M-2440/Special Use Permit/Fun As You Grow Daycare/3355 W. 183rd Street: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit for a child care center in the B-3 General Business zoning district at 3355 W. 183rd Street.
- ~~L. M-2441/Special Use Permit/L & J Budget Truck Rental/900 Ridge Road: Pass an ordinance grant a special use permit for a motor vehicle rental facility in the B-4 Shopping Center zoning district at 900 Ridge Road, subject to the following condition: Prior to the issuance of any business operation certificate or building permit associated with the proposed use, documentation shall be provided to Village staff demonstrating valid proof of a legal parking location for all commercial vehicles associated with the use, including any required applications for off-site parking within the Village of Homewood.~~
- ~~M. R-3264/Incentive Agreement/Healthy Hounds Pet Nutrition/18646 Dixie Highway: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into an incentive agreement with Cameron and Lisa Payette to provide financial assistance from the Non-TIF Business Incentive Program for \$12,218 for building improvements at 18646 Dixie Highway for the proposed location of Healthy Hounds Pet Nutrition.~~
- N. MC-1102/Amendment to Municipal Code/E-Bikes and E-Scooters: Pass an ordinance amending Section 40-36 and Section 40-251 of the Municipal Code regulating the operation of Motor-Driven Scooters, E-Bikes, and E-Scooters.

President Hofeld removed item M from the omnibus.

Item N: Deputy Chief of Police Brandenburger explained some of the new laws for e-bikes and that there are three different classes. This information is limited and more information can be found on the Secretary of State website. They are proposing more changes on January 1, 2027 as this is very complex.

Class 1- 10 mph and under sidewalks only except for downtown

Class 2- 10 mph and over use bike lanes only restricted for 18 yrs and older

Class 3- 16 years of age and older and up to 28 mph only use bike lanes

No laws on helmets. President Hofeld said the riders have been hazardous.

Ms. Ward is concerned for the safety of small children in her neighborhood and asked what she should do and was told she can call the police.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments.

Item I and J: Amy Zukowski answered Amy Crump's question - that the Village is required to remove 10 percent of our overall lead line inventory per year. Quincy Crump asked what the difference was between the two agenda items and Amy Zukowski said the price difference that equaled to about one lead line removal/replacement.

Item L: Trustee Willis asked where the Budget Truck Rental business would park their inventory of trucks and Noah Schumerth said that parking at this location was not an option and that the

business location was only an office location. Trustee Heiferman said it will be hard to direct the vehicles to the correct off-site location and would like to know more about where the vehicles would park, so he would like to table this until they are able to hear from the business representative. Item N: Trustee Roman is glad to get some e-bike laws as there have been more injuries.

A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Siemsen to approve the Omnibus Report without items L and M.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked residents for coming out to the meeting and expressed empathy for anyone who experienced any damage due to the recent storms. They thanked staff for the cleanup efforts and thanked everyone for a successful Fourth of July parade. Trustee Siemsen says other towns are outlawing e-bikes and all we can do is be responsible. He thanked the police and fire for the cleanup and for their assistance with the Fourth of July parade.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nakina Flores
Village Clerk