

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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 Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Patrick Siemsen, Trustee Phillip Mason, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Trustees Vivian Harris-Jones and Lauren Roman were absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of May 26, 2026 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,635,635.06 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said three items totaled 86 percent of the Claims List: \$702,000 to the city of Chicago Heights for 2 months of water, \$295,000 for one month's employee health insurance, \$413,000 for Police and Fire Department roof replacement.

OATHS OF OFFICE: The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Sean Faulkner for the position of assistant director of public works in the Public Works Department.

APPOINTMENT: A motion was considered to approve the appointment of Seth Bransky as Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Trustee Siemsen and seconded by Trustee Heiferman to appoint Bransky.

PRESENTATION: Communication and Engagement Manager Antonia Steinmiller presented the Spring 2026 Graduates of the Citizens Civics Academy.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Resident Jackie Riffice from Books without Borders said the last meeting of her reading group covered the book *Don't Go*. Resident Kris Condon asked for the support of the Police and officials to enforce the Illinois law of no public use of fireworks, especially for the 4th of July holiday. Resident Amy Crump read from the book *Keywords for Capitalism*.

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

- A. M-2429/Traffic Regulation Schedule/Stop Signs/Yield Signs: Pass an ordinance revising the Village of Homewood Traffic Regulation Schedule to remove the existing yield signs and add stop signs on the northbound and southbound approaches of Howe Avenue at Cedar Road.
- B. Purchase Approval/Cook County Land Bank Authority/17924 Halsted Street: Authorize the purchase of a 15,600 square foot office building located at 17924 Halsted Street, per the Term Sheet once executed by the Village Manager and the Cook County Land Bank Authority; and, authorize the Village President, Village Manager, Village Attorney, and other necessary Village officials to take all necessary actions to effectuate the purchase and acquisition of the property pursuant to the Term Sheet, including preparation of a purchase and sale agreement to be presented for formal Board approval at a future meeting.
- C. M-2430/Special Use Permit/Drive-Through Facility/7Brew/17855 Halsted Street: Pass an ordinance granting a special use permit for a drive-through facility for the proposed location of 7Brew at 17855 Halsted Street, accessory to a permitted restaurant use at the same location.
- D. M-2431/Variance/Perimeter Landscape Zone/7Brew/17855 Halsted Street: Pass an ordinance granting a variance from Section 44-05-06.(f).(3).b. to allow for the reduction of the required width of the parking area perimeter landscape zone from 15 feet to 11 feet and seven inches for the proposed location of 7Brew at 17855 Halsted Street.
- E. M-2432/Redevelopment Agreement/Second Amendment/Raizes Restaurant Inc./Anguiano Guido Properties LLC/18136 Dixie Highway: Pass an ordinance approving the Second (2nd) Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement between Raizes Restaurant Inc., Anguiano Guido Properties LLC, and the Village of Homewood for the redevelopment of property at 18134-18138 Dixie Highway.
- F. M-2433/Disposal of Surplus Property/Contents of Homewood Auditorium/2010 Chestnut Road: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to sell, donate, or dispose of the property and materials as needed to commence the renovation of the Village Auditorium at 2010 Chestnut Road.
- G. M-2434/Amendment to Cell Tower Agreement/New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)/2536 Hickory Road: Pass an ordinance authorizing the Village President to sign an amendment to the agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) of Atlanta, GA for the continued leasing of space on the Village-owned water tower located at 2536 Hickory Road for telecommunications equipment

Before the vote, President Hofeld invited comments.

Item D: Resident Amy Crump asked why a variance was needed for the project and Noah Schumerth answered sufficiently to satisfy Amy Crump.

Item E: Trustee Heiferman expressed that while he would support the current extension request for Tequila Raizes project, he would not be amenable to supporting any additional extensions. Item D: Trustee Siemsen said 7 Brew will be a great addition.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked residents for coming to the board meeting. Trustees congratulated civics graduates and were in support of enforcement for fireworks. Trustee Mason said the Art and Garden Fair was nicely done. Trustee Siemsen said Homewood is dedicated on acquiring high quality employees and mentioned what a good job the Police Department did on the Torch Run for Special Olympics. President Hofeld said he is in support of our police department's efforts as it relates to fireworks enforcement.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nakina Flores
Village Clerk