

VILLAGE OF HOMewood
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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: 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, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Chief of Police Thomas Johnson, Chief of Fire Bob Grabowski, Director of Finance Amy Zukowski, Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros, Director of Public Works Joshua Burman, and Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

MINUTES: The minutes of January 9, 2026 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$330,946.19 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said one item totaled 25 percent of the Claims List: \$83,000 to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District.

OATHS OF OFFICE: The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Brandon Taylor for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic.

Clerk Flores also administered the oath of office to Thomas Johnson for the position of Chief of Police.

PRESENTATION: Angela Mesaros updated the Board on the development proposals for 2066 Ridge Road (Matrix building) and 2024 Chestnut Road (Village Hall parking lot). Staff will narrow down the field from four developers to two developers. The two developers' proposals will be presented to the Board at the February 10, 2026 meeting and staff will ask the Board to select one. TIF funds

are being requested for these projects. Ryan LLC, our TIF consultants, will be reviewing the TIF requests and staff anticipates that a final decision will be made by the Village Board on March 24, 2026.

Communication and Engagement Manager Antonia Steinmiller updated the Board on the 2025 Communications Report. The report showed growth on all social media platforms; there was a total of 5.5 million views across all Village social media platforms and there were 2180 people who downloaded the Village app. The Civics Academy had 117 graduates and a hot topic meeting about TIF districts was held for the public.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Rev. Doyle Landry shared that there was a weapon found on Homewood-Flossmoor High School campus. He wants teens to become more literate to lower violence.

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

- A. M-2394/Special Use Permit/Hertz Car Rental/1148 175th Street: Pass an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a motor vehicle rental facility in the M-1 Limited Manufacturing zoning district at 1149 175th Street.
- B. Agreement/2026 Traffic Signal Maintenance/Meade Electric Inc.: Authorize the Village President to enter into an amended service agreement for traffic signal maintenance with Meade, Inc. of Willowbrook, IL for a cost of \$198.81 per location, per month in a total amount not to exceed \$21,471.48, effective from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
- C. Approval/Homewood Railroad Platform Rehabilitation/BEAR Construction Company: Waive competitive bidding due to utilizing a professional contractor identified from Gordian's Job Order Contracting (JOC) process and award the work to BEAR Construction Company of Rolling Meadows, IL for the rehabilitation of the Homewood Railroad Platform in a total amount not to exceed \$64,456.05.
- D. Budget Amendment/Change Order Approval/2026 Sanitary Slip Lining Project/Insituform Technologies USA LLC: Approve a budget amendment of \$17,950 for the Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project; and approve a change order with Insituform Technologies USA, LLC of Romeoville, IL allowing for the additional labor costs required to complete the slip lining of an additional 4,340 linear feet of sanitary sewer and reestablishment of 68 service connections.

Before the omnibus vote, President Hofeld invited comments.

Item A: President Hofeld stated that he is looking forward to having a rental car business in town.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustees thanked residents for coming out to the meeting. Trustee Harris-Jones reminded everyone to attend the indoor farmers market on January 31. Trustees congratulated the new Chief of Police Thomas Johnson and Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Taylor. The Board was pleased with the presentations from Angela Mesaros and Antonia Steinmiller. Trustee Siemsen mentioned that he is looking forward to working with the new Chief of Police on some of the issues. Trustee Roman stated that there should be a police presence in the schools and the children should feel comfortable around them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones 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 7:41 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Roman 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 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nakina Flores
Village Clerk