

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
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 Julie Willis, Trustee Jay Heiferman, Trustee Patrick Siemsen, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Village President Richard Hofeld. Those absent were Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Phillip Mason.

President Hofeld introduced staff present: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Village Attorney Chris Cummings, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Police Chief Denise McGrath, Director of Finance Amy Zukowski, Assistant Finance Director Lindsay Cabay, Director of Public Works Joshua Burman, and Assistant Village Manager Terence Acquah.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 26, 2025, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

**Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Roman and President Hofeld. NAYS – None.**

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$1,465,237.21 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

**Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Roman and President Hofeld. NAYS – None.**

President Hofeld said three items totaled 52 percent of the Claims List: \$94,000 for pavement markings, \$380,000 to the City of Chicago Heights for water, and \$290,000 for employee health insurance.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Allisa Opyd representing Anew (formerly South Suburban Family Shelter), a domestic violence crisis center who is celebrating 45 years with a Sneaker Ball on October 3, asked for sponsorship through ticket sales and donations to aid in helping people in crisis.

Amy Crump read passages from the book “On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century” by Timothy Snyder.

Caroline Chose, a resident of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, said there is continued support from the community for the road diet on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street. Residents have been requesting more yard signs to show their support.

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

- A. R-3234/Retirement/Steve Foley: Pass a resolution honoring Steve Foley on his retirement and 35 years of service to the Village of Homewood.
- B. M-2368/Multiple Raffle License/Tim Early Foundation: Pass an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a multiple raffle license to The Tim Early Foundation with the following exception: waive the limit of conducting a raffle to once in any seven-day period between October 18, 2025 and November 23, 2025 at 18400 Governors Highway.
- C. M-2369/Traffic Regulation Schedule/Stop Signs/Yield Signs: Pass an ordinance revising the Village of Homewood Traffic Regulation Schedule to add stop signs along Poplar Avenue between 183rd Street and 187th Street and remove yield signs at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Birch Road.
- D. Contract/Roof Restoration/Weatherproofing Technologies, Incorporated: Waive competitive bidding due to utilizing a cooperative purchasing program; and, authorize the Village President to enter into two (2) contracts with Weatherproofing Technologies, Incorporated (WTI), for roof restoration at the Landscape and Maintenance Building located at 18355 Pierce Avenue and the Police and Fire Facility located at 17950 Dixie Highway, in a total amount not to exceed \$542,460.89.
- E. R-3235/Class 8 Real Estate Tax Classification/3003-3025 183rd Street: Pass a resolution supporting a Class 8 Cook County real estate tax classification for the property located at 3003-3025 183rd Street, owned by PWP Homewood LLC.
- F. Redevelopment Agreement Amendment/CIG 2020 Homewood LLC/2018-2020 Ridge Road: Authorize the Village President to execute an amendment to the redevelopment agreement between CIG 2020 Homewood, LLC and the Village of Homewood to provide reimbursement for tax increment financing eligible expenses for improvements to the shared sanitary sewer connection at 2018-2026 Ridge Road, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

President Hofeld asked Joshua Burman if references were checked for the roofing company on Item D. Joshua Burman stated that many of the references were contacted and gave positive feedback about the company.

Before the vote, President Hofeld invited comments. There were no comments.

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

**Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Roman and President Hofeld. NAYS – None.**

OLD BUSINESS: Napoleon Haney recapped the presentation that was given by staff at the August 26 Board meeting concerning the 1% non-home rule local sales tax. He said this is an opportunity

that has been afforded to the Village by the State of Illinois to implement a 1% non-home rule tax without requiring a referendum.

Homewood resident, Kim Beatty, asked about the estimated amount to be generated from this tax. Napoleon Haney answered that conservatively it would be about \$3.4 million dollars.

Craig Frank said the 1% sales tax would be a death nail for small businesses. Napoleon Haney said the tax would put the Village of Homewood in parity with other communities. Trustee Roman stated that small business owners in Flossmoor, who recently experienced the implementation of a 1% non-home rule sales tax, were contacted and owners shared that the 1% tax had not negatively affected their business.

President Hofeld said the tax would be on an equal basis with surrounding towns. Trustee Siemsen said this tax would allow the Village to receive a return on investments from non-residents. Trustee Heiferman said it would be hard to imagine that this tax would negatively affect a purchasing decision because of an additional 1% in cost. Trustees Willis and Siemsen expressed their support of the 1% sales tax.

A motion was made by Trustee Heiferman and seconded by Trustee Willis to pass an ordinance approving the implementation of a 1% non-home rule sales tax effective January 1, 2026.

**Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Roman and President Hofeld. NAYS – None.**

**GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:** Trustees thanked residents for coming out. Trustee Siemsen is looking forward to future discussions on the 183<sup>rd</sup> Street traffic resolution. Trustee Roman wanted to let everyone know that not only are there conversations being had and heard - from residents in the Board room, but elected officials are also having conversations with and hearing from numerous residents in the community. Trustee Roman also shared that School District 153 is searching for new superintendent and there is community survey online if anyone would like to add some input.

President Hofeld commended Steve Foley on his retirement and thanked him for his thirty-five years of service.

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

**Roll Call: AYES --Trustees Willis, Heiferman, Siemsen, Roman and President Hofeld. NAYS – None.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nakina Flores  
Village Clerk