

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY -JULY 13, 2021
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Karen Washington, Trustee Vivian Harris-Jones, Trustee Lauren Roman, and Trustee Jay Heiferman. Trustee Barbara Dawkins was absent.

President Hofeld introduced staff: Village Manager Jim Marino, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, Director of Economic Development Angela Mesaros, Director of Public Works John Schaefer, Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, Police Chief Denise McGrath, Marketing Director Jennifer Quirke and Assistant Village Manager Napoleon Haney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2021 were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$480,535.34 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Roman to approve the Claims List.

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

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: Charles Dieringer addressed the board on flooding issues in the South Suburbs and suggested that the Calumet Country Club property could be used for stormwater retention.

PRESENTATIONS/ OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Anne Knoeppel who has accepted a full-time position as finance clerk. She had previously been a part-time employee in the Finance Department.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Rail Safety Week: President Hofeld recognized the week of Sept. 26, 2021 as National Rail Safety Week.

Suzie's Hallmark: Clerk Thomas read a proclamation thanking Fred and Suzie Sierzega for their 49 years as business owners in Homewood operating Suzie's Hallmark Store, and their continued support of the Homewood business district, as well as Fred's work on the Homewood Planning & Zoning Commission. Fred Sierzega addressed the audience thanking residents for their years of support.

Van Drunen Ford: Clerk Thomas read a proclamation thanking the Van Drunen family for their 91 years in business in Homewood as Van Drunen Ford. This was the oldest continuous business in Homewood until this year when the Ford dealership changed hands. Marvin Van Drunen told Trustees the Village's continued support of businesses, including Van Drunen Ford, was much appreciated.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Consider a motion to pass, approve, authorize, accept, or award the items A, B and D. Item C that appeared on the meeting agenda was removed from the consent agenda and deferred for consideration at a future meeting:

- A. M-2188/SPECIAL USE PERMIT/PARKING VARIANCE/18350 KEDZIE: Approve a special use permit and parking variance for Stay Essential Fitness for their proposed location at 18350 Kedzie Avenue, Suite 201.
- B. BID AWARD/HYDRANT MAINTENANCE/GPS SERVICES: Award a bid for Fire Hydrant Flow Testing Maintenance and GPS Services to M.E. Simpson Company of Valparaiso, IN in an amount not to exceed \$77,000.
- C. Deferred.
- D. BID AWARD/SEWER INSPECTION CAMERA SYSTEM: Waive competitive bidding procedures due to a cooperative purchasing contract and award a bid for the purchase and delivery of one Proteus sewer inspection camera system through HGACBuy Purchasing Contract #SC01-21 for a total amount of \$89,989.10.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve Items A, B, and D as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MC-1049/ADOPTION OF THE NEW MUNICIPAL CODE: Pass an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances for the Village of Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the adoption of the new municipal code as presented.

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

Clerk Thomas read the following amendments to the newly enacted municipal code for consideration by the Board:

AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE: Consider a motion to pass the following items “1” through “8”:

1. MC-1050/MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT/CLASS 7B LIQUOR LICENSES: Pass an ordinance eliminating the minimum seating requirement for class 7B liquor licenses.
2. MC-1051/INCREASE OF CLASS 7B LIQUOR LICENSES: Pass an ordinance increasing the allowed number of class 7B liquor licenses from one to two to accommodate the request from A V Coffee Inc., d/b/a Homebase Eatery for their proposed location at 18322 Governors Highway.
3. MC-1052/LIQUOR SALE HOURS: Pass an ordinance revising the hours that alcohol may be sold within the Village.
4. MC-1053/PUBLIC BODY/RULES FOR REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION: Pass an ordinance allowing remote participation at meetings.
5. MC-1054/PUBLIC DANCES: Pass an ordinance removing section 6-283(a) of the Homewood Municipal Code regarding public dances.
6. MC-1055/COMPELLING ATTENDANCE/BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS: Pass an ordinance removing section 2-31 of the Homewood Municipal Code regarding compelling attendance at regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.
7. MC-1056/PROHIBITING PARKING IN FIRE LANES: Pass an ordinance prohibiting parking in fire lanes.
8. MC-1057/DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION: Pass an ordinance removing sections 40-382, 40-383, and 40-419 of the Homewood Municipal Code regarding suspension of driver's licenses for failure to pay parking and red-light camera citations.

A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Purcell to accept the amendments as presented.

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

M-2189/ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF LICENSE, PERMIT, AND APPLICATION FEES: Pass an ordinance adopting a unified schedule of license, permit, and application fees for the Village of Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to accept the fees schedule as presented.

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

M-2190/ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULES REGULATING THE USE OF STREETS: Pass an ordinance adopting schedules regulating the use of streets within the Village of Homewood.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the schedule regulating the use of streets as presented.

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

R-3085/FORD OF HOMEWOOD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT: Pass a resolution declaring the Village of Homewood's intent to reimburse Steve Phillipos for TIF eligible expenses related to his acquisition of the former Van Drunen Ford dealership located at 3323 183rd Street.

Economic Development Director Angela Mesaros said the Village is considering developing a Tax Increment Financing District for the commercial area around 183rd Street and Kedzie Avenue. The resolution provides that if the Village establishes a TIF that includes the new dealership, the Village could reimburse the new owner for TIF-eligible expenses incurred prior to the TIF's creation.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Roman to approve Resolution R-3085.

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk