

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY -FEBRUARY 8, 2022
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: President Hofeld called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Due to the Governor's emergency order because of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing recommendations, and the Village President finding that, pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, an in-person meeting is not prudent, elected officials are permitted to participate via video/audio. The public was invited to observe and listen to the meeting via Zoom. The public was invited to submit comments by email before the meeting. All elected officials were able to hear one another and all discussion.

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

President Hofeld introduced staff: Village Manager Napoleon Haney, Assistant Village Manager Justine Bruno, Attorney Christopher Cummings, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, with Public Works Director John Schaefer via video.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2022, were presented. There were no comments or corrections.

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

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

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List in the amount of \$518,536.12 was presented. There were no questions from the Trustees.

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

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

President Hofeld said one item -- \$239,407.03 for February employee health insurance -- totaled 46 percent of the Claims List.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: No comments were submitted for inclusion.

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Roman and seconded by Trustee Harris-Jones to approve the reappointments of Christopher Cummings to the Fire Pension Board for a 3-year term ending on February 8, 2025; Gregory Knoll to the Police Pension Board for a 2-year term ending on

February 8, 2024; Charlene Dyer to the Veterans Committee for a 3-year term ending on February 8, 2025; and Larry Garth to the Veterans Committee for a 3-year term ending on February 8, 2025.

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

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

- A. R-3098/Motor Fuel Tax/Supplemental Salt: Pass a resolution appropriating \$69,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of purchasing salt for maintaining streets and highways in winter under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code.
- B. R-3099/Assignment of Redevelopment Agreement and TIF Note Proceeds/CNB Bank & Trust, N.A.: Pass a resolution approving the assignment of a redevelopment agreement and TIF note proceeds to CNB Bank & Trust, N.A. of Alton, IL to secure construction loans given to HCF Homewood, LLC for the Hartford Building at Ridge Road and Martin Avenue.
- C. Budget Amendment/Emergency Purchase/Water Control Valve: Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$21,917 for the replacement of a 1983 water reservoir actuator control valve at Water Plant #1 that cannot be repaired; waive competitive bidding for an emergency purchase; and authorize the replacement of the water reservoir actuator control valve by Metropolitan Pump Company, of Romeoville, IL in the amount of \$21,917.
- D. Agreements/Plan Review Services/HR Green Inc., and TPI Building Code Consultants Inc.: Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with HR Green Inc. of New Lenox, IL; and TPI Building Code Consultants Inc. of South Elgin, IL for plan review services beginning March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Fees for their services will be assessed to each permit applicant.

Trustees offered their thanks to Director Schaefer for all the work he and his staff at Public Works did the previous week to clear the foot of snow from Village streets. Mr. Schaefer said side streets didn't get salted because the Village is running out of salt. He anticipated a salt delivery sometime this week. Once the salt is delivered, Public Works crews will be out salting side streets.

Trustee Heiferman asked if the Village routinely plows state and county roads. Mr. Schaefer said yes, the Village takes on that responsibility so that residents and drivers can move around freely. He said state and county plows eventually would come through the Village, but they would not provide the prompt service our residents have come to expect. He said the Village does get a road maintenance fee from the State of Illinois.

Trustee Heiferman also asked for clarification on the assignment of the redevelopment agreement and TIF notes to CNB Bank re: Hartford Building loan (Item B). Attorney Cummings said an assignment for the benefit of the lender is common for commercial loans. It provides that should the developer default, the bank would be entitled to the financial incentives that normally would have gone to the developer. He said the agreement also is benefits the Village since it also provides that in case of a default, the bank or a new owner would only be entitled to incentives if it complied with all the terms of the agreement.

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

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

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Washington wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day weekend.

President Hofeld said that would be the weekend for the Village’s Chocolate Fest. He hopes the event can return in 2023 once the community and the nation are past COVID-19 restrictions.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas

Village Clerk