

Village of Homer Glen

**14933 South Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

January 26, 2016

Special Village Board Meeting

**Village Board Room
14917 South Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, IL**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on January 26, 2013 by Economic Development Director Janie Patch at 8:10am in the Village Board Room, 14917 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**C. ROLL CALL**

Present were Trustees Sharon Sweas and Carlo Caprio. Both remained present throughout the meeting. A quorum was not established. Mayor Yukich was absent. Trustees Mike Costa, Brian Burian, Beth Rodgers and Christina Neitzke-Troike were absent. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Development Services Director Michael Salamowicz, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, and Interim Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky.

D. INFORMATIONAL SESSION AND UPDATE ON 159TH STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR HOMER GLEN 159TH STREET BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

Economic Development Director Janie Patch explained the purpose of the meeting was to update businesses and property owners on the road widening project. She introduced Mike McCoy of Stanley Consultants, the Contractor representing IDOT, to oversee the 159th Street Improvement Project in Homer Glen.

Mr. McCoy gave a brief progress update since the previous meeting hosted by the Village in October. He stated that the majority of the work that can be seen has been the work performed by the utility companies. The timeframe of the overall project is slightly behind schedule due to a delay in the utility relocation process. At the prior meeting he had explained that the original time frame for transferring the traffic to temporary lanes has been delayed approximately 3 months and will likely take place sometime midsummer. An optimistic timeframe for completion is August/September 2018.

Director Patch asked Mr. McCoy to update the business owners regarding scheduled power outages. He stated that the switchovers from the old lines to the new lines/poles require the power to be out for about 2-4 hours. The utilities are supposed to be notifying the property owners approximately one month in advance. Stanley Consultants is not in control of the utilities but can be a liaison in the event of any issues; however, he recommends property owners contact ComEd directly. Director Salamowicz stated the power switchovers are temperature sensitive and in the event of extreme weather they will reschedule with property owners. Mr. McCoy stated that he believes the power has been switched as far East as DiNolfo's banquets. Director Patch stated that she has been made aware of some outages but it's unclear if they have been recent or if they were due to the construction or some other cause. Mr. McCoy stated to contact him if it's unclear if the outage is due to construction and he should be able to verify the cause.

Mr. McCoy opened up the floor to any questions from the audience.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jodine Adelman from Bell Side 7 noted there had been a recent outage and that it must have been weather related since the power switchover hasn't reached Bell Road. She asked about the cause of the delay in Orland Park on the Route 45 project, and asked what is being done to prevent a similar situation from occurring in Homer Glen. Mr. McCoy stated they are aware of that project and said it was delayed because of utility companies being behind schedule. He noted that some of the contractors on this project are out East helping with the power outage crisis due to the massive

snowstorm. Larry Kilmer of the Chamber of Commerce asked if the power outages could be performed at night. Grant Spooner noted he had seen an ongoing ComEd project along 135th Street, where they are relocating poles for the upcoming widening of 135th Street. Mr. McCoy stated most of the 159th Street Project is being performed by sub-contractors for ComEd; so, that should not cause a delay on this project. Mr. McCoy stated that in terms of utility relocation this is one of the largest projects he has seen. In the case of ATT, they are also expanding their equipment, not just relocating, to accommodate future growth, as is ComEd.

2. Dawn Soukup from Sandbox School asked if there was something that could be done regarding the temporary barriers and silt fencing along the route, because their business sign is obstructed and not easily visible from the street. She is looking into a temporary sign to improve visibility, but notes that the Village restricts temporary signs to 90 days. She asked if this can be waived under the circumstances. Mr. McCoy stated he would look into the situation regarding the silt fencing and get back to her on whether the situation can be improved. Director Patch said the Village will discuss the 90 day restriction and see what can be done to assist business owners during this time.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.



Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated February 10, 2016