

Village of Homer Glen

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

January 27, 2016

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on January 27, 2016 by Mayor Yukich at 7:03 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14917 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen.

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

Present were Mayor George Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Mike Costa, Beth Rodgers, Brian Burian and Carlo Caprio. Trustee Christina Neitzke-Troiike was absent. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Development Services Director Michael Salamowicz, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Director of Planning and Zoning Michael Schwarz, Interim Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky, and Treasurer John Sawyers.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 13, 2016

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Special Board meeting minutes of January 13, 2016, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Rodgers, Sweas, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

F. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Rodgers made a motion to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable for the periods November 26 through January 28, 2016, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS1. Mayor Yukich:● **Park Planner Consultant RFP Update**

As you know, the Village issued a request for proposals for professional services related to the creation of a master park development plan for the Village of Homer Glen's future Village Hall Park. Proposals were due to the Village on Monday, January 25. The Village received 18 responses to the RFP. I will be forming a review committee tasked with narrowing down the candidates for this project. Presentations to the Village Board from potential firms are anticipated to begin in March.

● **Future Village Hall Renovation Project Update**

As many of you know, the Village continues to work with Tria Architecture on the remodeling of the future Village Hall building. The ads requesting bids for the remodel and the furniture package have been published on our website and in local papers. **Sealed bids for the remodel are due on February 4 at 3:00 p.m. Sealed bids for the furniture package are due on February 10 at 2:00 pm.** Visit the Village's website for more information.

● **Illinois American Water- Potential Rate Increase**

If you have not already heard, Illinois American Water recently filed a request with the Illinois Commerce Commission to increase rates starting in January 2017. The Daily Southtown recently published an article about the proposed increases. For those of you who did not see the article, it will be included in my next Mayor's Blog. The Village Board and I are committed to fighting this ridiculous rate increase on behalf of the Village of Homer Glen. If necessary, we will take our fight to Springfield.

● **Congratulations to the Lockport Freshmen and JV Cheerleading Squads**

I want to congratulate the Lockport Freshmen and JV Cheerleading squads on their first place titles at the ICCA State Competition held on January 10 in Springfield. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the JV squad took home the first place trophy.

● **Lockport Lions Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

The Lockport Lions Clubs is hosting their 31st annual Spaghetti Dinner at the St. Dennis Parish Center on Saturday, January 30 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

2. Trustees:

Trustee Sweas:● **Reporting for the Environment Committee:**

The proposed dates for the Stargazing event will be for June 10 and October 7 2016. This will be brought before the Committee at the February 2, 2016 meeting. The Earth Day-Arbor Day Committee met last week to discuss the layout for entertainment, animal shows and vendors. This event will take place on May 21 at the Konows Farm. As a reminder, staff is accepting broken Christmas tree lights for recycling through Friday at the Village Office.

● **Reporting for the Homer Harvest Days Committee:**

Our first meeting of the year will take place tomorrow evening in the Township Office. We will discuss 2015 financials, the 2016 budget and applications for entertainment, activities and vendors. This event will take place during the weekend of September 10 and 11.

● **Reporting for the Parks and Recreation Committee:**

During our meeting on Monday, the Committee discussed the maintenance burns at the Erin Hills Park and the dragonfly restoration area, which will take place this Spring. Discussions were continued regarding the park naming contest. We also conducted an annual review of the committee's Standard Operating Procedures. A consensus was made to erect a Park Rules sign at the Erin Hills location, similar to other signs in the Village parks. eighteen firms submitted

proposals for professional services related to the creation of a development plan for the Village Park which were due on Monday. Review of the proposals will begin immediately.

Trustee Costa:

- **On behalf of the Public Services and Safety Committee:** The next meeting will take place February 3, 2016. It was previously stated that we would be discussing AED devices at that meeting but that topic has been postponed until the March meeting, as our legal counsel has a conflict and is unable to attend. We will be addressing the ongoing speeding issues, including bringing possible recommendations to the Board regarding purchasing various speed control devices. Also on the agenda will be the possibility of constructing a sidewalk along 143rd from Will Cook Road heading West. With regard to the bike path crossing on Parker Road, the crossing devices at that location are currently amber colored warning lights. We will be discussing changing these to red flashing lights instead, which would require drivers to come to a complete stop. We will also discuss the possible installation of a similar crossing device at the 143rd Street bike path crossing at Pheasant Lane.
- **Reporting for the Parade and Festival Committee:** In 2013, the Committee discussed purchasing weather related festival insurance. This type of insurance allows financial reimbursement in the event of torrential rains. This year the Committee decided to entertain this idea again, so we are currently evaluating a few proposals that were submitted. The Committee would like the consensus of the Board if it would be acceptable to have the Village's legal counsel review the proposals. The Board consensus was yes to legal review of the potential contract/proposals of weather insurance.

Trustee Burian:

- **On behalf of the Economic Development Committee:** Just a reminder that we are still looking for volunteers for the Committee. Anyone interested should contact the Village or the Mayor.

3. Treasurer

Treasurer John Sawyers briefly provided a report of November's ending fund balances since the December 23 meeting was cancelled. Then he gave a fully report for December's fund balances:

General Fund (#10)	\$5,015,747.04
Special Event fund (#12)	\$89,365.91
Environment Fund (#14)	\$48,852.08
Motor Fuel Tax Fund (#20)	\$2,505,090.81
Land Acquisition Fund (#40)	\$23,556.52
Park and Recreation Fund (#50)	\$2,643,549.12
Debt Service Fund (#65)	\$527,784.29
Capital Project Fund (#70)	\$3,351,654.76
CIP EAB Tree Replacement Fund (#71)	\$454,084.21
CIP Bond Fund (#72)	\$15,262,419.18
TOTAL – All Funds	\$31,127,827.22

4. Clerk - None
5. Village Attorney - None
6. Public Safety Officials - None
7. Village Manager - None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Schmidt, Homer Glen resident, asked about Trustee Costa's statement about changing the bike path crossing. He wants to know who was going to enforce this change.
2. Joe Bargiel, Homer Glen resident, stated he had appeared before the Village Board last Fall to inquire as to why he was being denied a leaf-burning permit, which he had been given in the past. He asked

for further consideration and stated that in his opinion the area in question (the Village's right-of-way) is maintained by him even though it's not technically part of his property and yet the inclusion of this area is what is preventing him from obtaining the permit. Mayor Yukich stated he would meet with Chief Building Official Joe Baber regarding the issue and get back to him.

3. John Kooi, Homer Glen resident, expressed his concern about the recent proposed rate hike by Illinois American Water. He also expressed concern about the high taxes in the area. He thought it might be worthwhile for the Village to host seminars for the area residents on how to appeal tax bills, similar to what Orland Township is hosting.

I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-003, an Ordinance Granting Approval of (1) a Variation to Reduce the Required Front Yard Setback from 40 Feet to Approximately 32 Feet for an Existing Detached Single-Family Home in Order to Allow the Expansion of a Non-Conforming Structure for a Proposed Rear Room Addition and Handicap Ramps and (2) a Variation to Allow Parking in the Required Front Yard for an Existing Driveway, for Certain Real Property Located at 14049 S Oak Street, Homer Glen, IL (William and Darlene Oglesby; Case No. HG-1517-V).**

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Trustee Sweas asked for a brief background of the project and the Plan Commission's recommendation which Planning and Zoning Director Schwarz provided to the Board. Trustee Sweas thanked the petitioners for attending the meeting.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

- 2. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-004, an Ordinance Granting Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Yoga Studio in the C-2 Local Business District, for Certain Real Property Located at 14911-14913 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen, IL 60491 (Rising Lotus Yoga, Inc.; Case No. HG-159-S).**

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Burian.

Trustee Sweas stated she wanted to make sure the Petitioner was aware that the park area behind the plaza (the Healing Garden) is not available for use for commercial activity. Director Schwarz stated he would ensure she was notified. Trustee Caprio asked if there was enough parking. Director Schwarz stated there was; especially, if you factor in the parking in the rear of the building.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

3. Motion to Approve the IDOT Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Preliminary Engineering (Phase II) for the Goodings Grove Extension to the Village of Homer Glen's Heroes Trail.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Agreement, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

4. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 16-001, a Resolution Designating the Park and Recreation Fund as the Source of the Local Match for Preliminary Engineering (Phase II) of the Goodings Grove Extension to the Village of Homer Glen's Heroes Trail.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

5. Motion to Approve the IDOT Local Public Agency Amendment No. 1 for Federal Participation for Construction and Construction Engineering for the South Extension to the Village of Homer Glen's Heroes Trail.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Amendment, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

Trustee Sweas asked about the location; specifically, where this extension was beginning, stating that there is a grove of trees in the area. She wanted to ensure the trees would not be affected. Director Salamowicz stated the project has already started and will tie into the Healing Garden adjacent to this grove of trees and they have not and will not be affected.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

6. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 16-002, a Resolution Designating the Park and Recreation Fund as the Source for the Local Match for the Local Public Agency Amendment No. 1 for the Construction of the South Extension to the Village of Homer Glen's Heroes Trail.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

7. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter Designating the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as the Village of Homer Glen's Convention and Visitors Bureau Agency of Record.

Trustee Burian made a motion to approve the Agreement, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

Trustee Sweas asked if there was a fee involved. Interim Village Manager Kokodynsky clarified there is no fee to the Village.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

8. Motion to Approve the Village's 2016 Membership Dues for the Will County Governmental League.

Trustee Rodgers made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Caprio, Rodgers, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

J. OLD BUSINESS - None**K. NEW BUSINESS** – None**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Costa motioned to recess to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Land Acquisition and Personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Rodgers, Sweas, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

**Executive Session began at approximately 7:50pm. Executive Session concluded at 8:15pm.
The regular meeting resumed at 8:17pm.**

Trustee Costa motioned to adjourn Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Caprio.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Rodgers, Sweas, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

M. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Burian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Rodgers.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Rodgers, Sweas, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated 02.10.16