

# **Village of Homer Glen**

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

**February 10, 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 February 10, 2016 by Mayor Yukich at 7:01 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, Christina Neitzke-Troike, Brian Burian, Carlo Caprio, Beth Rodgers, and Mike Costa. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Deputy Clerk Kathy Carik, Administrative Analyst/Project Manager Sean Keane, Staff members Gina Spino and Dorene Shemanski, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, and Interim Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky.

A quorum was established.

**D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Trustee Rodgers made a motion to table Agenda Item L.1 until a future meeting date. The motion was seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troike.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Rodgers, Costa, Caprio, Burian and Neitzke-Troike

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****1. January 26, 2016 Minutes**

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the Board minutes of January 26, 2016, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Rodgers, Costa, Caprio, Burian and Neitzke-Troike

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**2. January 27, 2016 Minutes**

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the Board minutes of January 27, 2016, seconded by Trustee Costa.

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troike

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**F. APPOINTMENT**

1. Appointment of Kyle Sanders to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Trustee Neitzke-Troike made a motion to approve the Appointment, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Rodgers, Costa, Caprio, Burian and Neitzke-Troike

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**

1. Mayor Yukich:

- **Village Hall Closed for Presidents Day**

As a reminder, Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, February 16.

- **Village Hall Renovation Update**

The Village continues to work with Tria Architecture on the remodeling of the future Village Hall building. On February 4, 2016 the future Village Hall Renovation project bids were opened at the current Village Hall. Tria Architecture received fourteen separate base bids. Later tonight, the Board will discuss the bids that were received. The Village is on schedule with the remodel project and we will continue to keep the residents informed as updates become available.

2. Trustees:

Trustee Sweas:

- **Reporting for the Environment Committee:**

Our Committee has been working on the entertainment for the May 21st Earth Day-Arbor Day event at Konows Farm. We plan on having the Big Run Wolf Ranch, Cold Blooded Creatures, Monkeys and more, Northern Illinois Raptors and Incredible Bats. A tree planting by Instant Shade is also being proposed. As a reminder, our next Earth Day-Arbor Day meeting will be on Feb 17.

- Our Committee has been contacted by "The 50+ Club from the Hoffman Estates Park District. They are planning on having our June 10th Stargazing event selected as one of their bus trips and plan on dining in our area as well. This will be a great way to showcase Homer Glen!

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

During our last meeting we discussed the possibility of replacing the Homer Harvest Days ground signs since they are getting brittle and faded. The Committee continued to discuss the 2016 budget and reviewed entertainment, demonstrators and vendors, along with possible new uses for the barn. We keep trying to look for new ways to grow the event.

- **Reporting for the Parks and Recreation Committee:**  
During the month of February, several members of the Board along with staff will be reviewing all of the 18 proposals received from the various firms regarding the creation of a master park development plan for the former Woodbine property. We will then select a certain number of firms for the Committee and the Board to review with presentations to follow.
- 3. Treasurer - None
- 4. Clerk – The last day to register to vote for the March 15, 2016 primary election is next Tuesday, February 16. Grace period voting allows residents to register and vote at the same time. It is only available at the Will County Clerk’s office in Joliet. Same day registration on March 15, 2016 will now be available at all Will County Polling Places. Election Judges will act as Deputy Registrars. Early Voting will take place here at the Village Hall, beginning February 29<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9am until Noon and 1pm until 4pm. Also available Saturdays from 9am until Noon. For additional voting information, please visit the Will County Clerk’s website, [www.thewillcountyclerk.com](http://www.thewillcountyclerk.com).
- 5. Village Attorney - None
- 6. Public Safety Officials- None
- 7. Interim Village Manager:
  - I would like to award two more “Above And Beyond The Call Of Duty” (A.B.C. D.) awards. The award began in 2011 and its purpose is to recognize staff who go above and beyond their daily job responsibilities performing tasks outside of their normal job functions. Recognized tonight are Gina Spino and Dorene Shemanski. Gina Spino was hired last April as our Receptionist and Accounting Clerk. She brings positivity to her job event though she continues to work well with her fellow team members and she will always offer to lend a hand. That’s what makes her special. She also goes above and beyond with residents as well, her motto is “lets make it happen.” Outside of her assigned duties, she took it upon herself to offer much needed administrative assistance to Director Salamowicz. She helped him organize his office files even though no one asked her to do this work.

Also recognized tonight is Dorene Shemanski. Chief Building Official Joe Baber explained Dorene’s history with the Village. Having been a staff member for the Village for 10 years, she is the Administrative Assistant for the building department, responsible for maintaining the records of permits, inspections, and contractors registrations. She is the frontline contact person as well, responsible for answering questions from residents and contractors and while those answers can be difficult to hear, she manages the conversations professionally. She maintains the records for the adjudication court and auto impounds as well. At the request of Village Manager Kokodynsky, she recently completed FOIA training as well and now works with the Village’s FOIA team, and her addition to this team makes everyone’s life easier. Dorene recently launched a fundraising effort to donate to a local community organization. She selected TLC Animal Shelter and collected donations from Staff. She came in on her day off with her husband and collected the donations of food and toys and miscellaneous items and delivered it to TLC. She also organized a food drive for the Manteno Veterans Administration. Interim Village Manager Kokodynsky presented Gina and Dorene with a \$50 gift card to Homer Glen businesses and presented the Village’s ABCD Award Plaque with their names engraved.

## H. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to waive the formal bidding process and approve the Agreement for Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection between the Village of Homer Glen and Homewood Disposal Services, Inc., from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021.**

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

Interim Village Manager Kokodynsky introduced General Manager Tom Agema from NuWay to answer any of the Board's questions. She reported on the benefits to residents of the new contract including a \$3.00 per month discount to Senior residents. She also stated there would be a 2% increase to the rates each year of the term of the Agreement. The contract provides free refuse collection for the new Village Hall, as well as four free portable johns for the new Village park. Mr. Agema has been very good to the Village and continues to accommodate our needs. Trustee Burian asked for clarification on the monthly unit rate compared to the Village of New Lenox. Mr. Agema explained that the difference is the yard waste option and New Lenox's program is different than what is offered for Homer Glen.

Trustee Burian commended Interim Village Manager Kokodynsky on negotiating a favorable agreement.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Caprio, Rodgers, Neitzke-Troiike, and Costa

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**2. Consider for Approval a motion to Award the Construction Contract Renovation Work to be Completed at the New Village Hall, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen.**

Mayor Yukich stated that the motion would not be made tonight and there would only be discussion. He stated that staff and the Board are still reviewing the bids and considering specific details regarding the bids received. A motion would be brought forth at a Special Board Meeting; hopefully, on February 18, 2016. A discussion took place regarding the Bid "alternate options" to determine the best plan for moving forward with the construction, overall plans and cost impact.

**3. Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-003, A Resolution of Support for the Long Run Creek Watershed Plan.**

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

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Caprio, Rodgers, Neitzke-Troiike, and Costa

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**J. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**K. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Costa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Rodgers, Burian, Neitzke-Troiike, Costa, and Caprio

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

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Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

*Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated 02.24.16*