

Village of Homer Glen

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

February 24, 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 24, 2016 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 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, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, Facilities Manager John Robinson, Administrative Assistant Sue Steilen, Interim Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky, and Treasurer John Sawyers.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Trustee Rodgers motioned to add Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel and Land Acquisition. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burian.

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

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 10, 2016

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016, seconded by Trustee Costa.

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 Costa made a motion to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable for the periods January 29 through February 25, 2016, 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-Troike
 The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Yukich:

- **Village Hall Renovation Update**

As you know, at the February 18 Special Village Board Meeting, a construction contract was awarded to Troop Contracting for renovation work at the new Village Hall. A pre-construction meeting was held today to complete miscellaneous items before construction begins. As construction progresses, I will continue to provide updates through my weekly 'Mayor's Blog'

- **Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Cuts Recovery Estimate**

IMET has lowered the amount it expects to recoup after losses in an alleged fraudulent-loan scheme. Historical information about this issue is posted on the Government Transparency portion of the Village website. Finance Director John Sawyers will give us an update on this issue during his Treasurer's Report this evening

- **Moment of Silence for Allen Campbell**

Allen Campbell, a 16 year resident of Homer Glen, recently lost his battle to cancer. He was one of the original EMA volunteers with the Village. Please join me in a moment of silence for Allen.

2. Trustees - None

3. Treasurer

- Treasurer John Sawyers gave a report for January's ending fund balances:

General Fund (#10)	\$5,115,610.41
Special Event fund (#12)	\$89,365.91
Environment Fund (#14)	\$48,852.08
Motor Fuel Tax Fund (#20)	\$2,532,576.82
Land Acquisition Fund (#40)	\$23,565.65
Park and Recreation Fund (#50)	\$2,620,628.54
Debt Service Fund (#65)	\$752,291.09
Capital Project Fund (#70)	\$3,352,942.49
CIP EAB Tree Replacement Fund (#71)	\$484,712.30
CIP Bond Fund (#72)	\$15,201,498.30
TOTAL – All Funds	\$30,198,477.94

- **IMET.** The Village was notified on February 18, 2016 that the estimated net realizable value from theft and fraud was lowered from 53.5% to 47.6%. This was also reported in the business section of the February 21st Chicago Tribune. All IMET updates are posted on the Village's website through the "transparency portal." Treasurer Sawyers stated that Generally Accepted Accounting Principal (GAAP) rules, which govern IMET and its members, states that in order to be realizable, the event has to meet two criteria: 1 - It has to be likely to occur, and 2 - It has to be measurable. The first wave of recovery meets both of these criteria. The hard assets of the thief were willfully turned over to the receiver for liquidation into the IMET Trust. These assets included houses, luxury cars, jewelry, boats, promissory notes and five hotels. The fifth and final remaining hotel has a \$25 million bid pending the courts approval on February 29, 2016. After accounting for these liquidations and cost of recovery, the net realizable value was reduced to 47.6%. The next wave of recoveries are difficult to quantify and will take a longer time to recover so they are not included in the percentage 47.6% net realizable value. These recoveries include, but are not limited to:

- IMET's lawsuit against the US Department of Agriculture (Members have been leaning on their state representatives for support in the court system).
- Potential recoveries from claims against third parties (co-conspirators).
- Potential recoveries from fraud insurance coverage (both IMET and the advising agents coverage).
- Potential recoveries from litigation against third parties (from the more than 250 subpoenas issued).
- Recoveries from assets in the estate that the receiver/court currently have not been able to put a value on.

Treasurer Sawyers stated he would keep the Village Board informed of any future updates.

4. Clerk - The Homer Community Fest Committee is looking into possibly having a "vendor tent" at this year's fest. Any interested businesses who would like to sell their products or crafts can email me at aholtz@homerghen.org. I have also revamped the sponsorship opportunities, expanding the available sponsorships. Interested sponsors can contact me here at the Village Hall. Lastly, early voting begins on February 29, 2016 and runs until March 12, the hours are listed on the Village website.
5. Village Attorney - None
6. Public Safety Officials - None
7. Village Manager – A sub-committee was formed and we are reviewing the RFPs that were submitted for the new Village park. We are in the process of narrowing it down from 18 firms to two or three firms. It is our plan to have the top 2 or 3 firms make a presentation to the Board at the March 9, 2016 meeting.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Peter Turek, resident of Homer Glen, spoke about Illinois American Water and the recent announcement that they plan to apply for rate increases. Mayor Yukich thanked Mr. Turek and said he would be in contact with him to discuss his concerns in greater detail.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items of business:

1. Consider for Approval the Village of Homer Glen's 2016 Chicago Wilderness Dues in the amount of \$300.00.
2. Consider for Approval the Village of Homer Glen's portion of the Northern Will County Water Agency's Biannual Budget for FY 2016 in the amount of \$57,354.16.
3. Consider for Approval the Village of Homer Glen's December Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman and Cross, LLC. in the amount of \$2,502.08.
4. Consider for Approval the Village of Homer Glen's January Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman and Cross, LLC. in the amount of \$6,907.99.

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

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. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS.

1. Motion to Approve the Audit Engagement Letter From MPS for Audit Services FY 04/30/2016 – 04/30/2019.

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

Trustee Rodgers stated that she was going to abstain and explained that she has a working relationship with the firm in her day-to-day employment.

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-Troike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

2. Motion to approve a Public Utility License Agreement and an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Homer Glen and the Forest Preserve District of Will County Related to the Construction of the 159th Street Water Main.

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

Director Salamowicz gave a brief history of the plans for the project, stating that the reason we need this agreement is due to the fact that while most of the line is located in the IDOT easement, part of the main will be located in the easement of the Forest Preserve.

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-Troike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

3. Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Mayor and Village Board SOP's 1 and 2. It is understood that no changes have been made to SOP's 3-11.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the annual review and approval of changes, seconded by Trustee Caprio. Trustee Sweas noted for the record that there were very minimal changes to the SOPs.

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-Troike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

4. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-004, a Resolution Directing Village Staff to Not Enforce the Ninety-One (91) Days Maximum Annual Display Time Permitted for Temporary Signs, Section 10.6-5.b(2), for 159th Street Corridor Businesses through December 31, 2016, with Further Deadline Extension beyond December 31, 2016 Subject to Village Board Approval.**

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

A brief discussion took place in which it was clarified that this applied only to businesses along 159th street and said businesses would still have to apply for a sign permit.

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-Troike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

5. **Motion to waive the formal bidding process and approve an Agreement with Landscape Supply, Inc. for the Spring 2016 Public Parkway Tree Planting Program at a not to exceed amount of \$58,500 and Fall 2016 Public Parkway Tree Planting Program at a not to exceed amount of \$58,500.**

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

Administrative Assistant Sue Steilen explained why Staff recommended waiving the formal bidding process for the 2016 Spring Public Parkway Tree Planting Program. A bid was sent out for the previous spring planting to 45 landscaping companies, and 9 firms responded. Landscape Supply was the lowest bidder and they did a great job. Due to the short planting window in the Spring and time being of the essence, Staff feels it would be proactive to keep this firm for the 2016 Spring planting.

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-Troike

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

6. **Motion to approve the purchase of equipment in the amount of \$198,661.52 for the future maintenance of the Village's Parks and Trails. It is understood that this amount will be funded from the FY 2015-16 Park Fund.**

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

Facilities Manager John Robinson provided a brief background regarding the need to purchase the equipment. He gave a list of all of the services that were NOT included in the prior year's contracts

with the previous park maintenance companies. Now that all of the maintenance responsibilities will be handled in house, there are specific areas that need to be addressed and equipment that needs to be purchased and in the long run there will be overall cost savings versus contracted services.

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 Approve an Invoice in the Amount of \$3,471.00 from General Code for the Finalization and Delivery of the Code Books.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Invoice, seconded by Trustee Rodgers.

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 Tria Architecture’s invoices for Professional Services related to the Village Hall Renovation Project in the total amount of \$111,809.03.

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

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

K. OLD BUSINESS - None

L. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Costa stated that at a previous Village Board meeting he had reported that the Parade and Festival Committee was looking into purchasing weather insurance for the 2016 Homer Community Fest. At the last Parade and Festival Committee meeting, the Committee decided not to purchase the weather insurance, stating the amount was rather costly and not factored into the Committee’s budget. The Committee’s consensus was to offer it to the Village Board and the Township Board to determine if they wanted to

purchase the insurance independently. Trustee Costa distributed copies of 2 quotes to the Trustees for their review and consideration.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Caprio 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 7:54pm. Executive Session concluded at 9:08pm.
The regular meeting resumed at 9:10pm.**

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

N. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Costa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated March 23, 2016