

# **Village of Homer Glen**

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

**March 23, 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 March 23, 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, Carlo Caprio, and Christina Neitzke-Troiike. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Village Attorney George Mahoney, Development Services Director Michael Salamowicz, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Facilities Manager John Robinson, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, Director of Planning and Zoning Mike Schwarz, Assistant Planner Caron Bricks, Administrative Analyst Sean Keane, Interim Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky, and Treasurer John Sawyers.

A quorum was established.

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

Trustee Sweas motioned to table item I.6. The motion was seconded by Trustee Costa.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## 1. February 24, 2016

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2016, seconded by Trustee Costa.

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

Absent: (0)

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 February 26 through March 24, 2016, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

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:

**Recognition of Oak Prairie & Homer Jr. High Students for Participating in the Village's Park Naming Contest**

Mayor Yukich recognized the following students from Oak Prairie & Homer Jr. High for their participation in the Village's Park Naming Contest: Melanie Esposito, Michael Parmigioni, Emma Knight, Angelina Bohde, Lindsey Herk, and Olivia Stojak. The students were invited to submit name suggestions for the Village's newest park along with a brief explanation for the name that they chose. A committee of teachers from the schools selected the suggestions of the six students present to be recommended to the Village's Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration. Thank you all for participating in the contest and for providing input towards this very important project for the Homer Glen community.

Mayor Yukich invited the students to come up to dais and receive a gift from the Village and pose for a group photo.

The Parks and Recreation Committee also asked that residents submit a name suggestion through a form on the Village's website or at Village Hall. Thank you to all of the residents that made a suggestion. The Parks' Committee will take all suggestions, including those from the schools, resident's suggestions and the Committee's own suggestions into consideration. The Parks and Recreation Committee will then recommend their top 3 names to the Village Board for consideration, among other suggestions, at the April 13 Village Board meeting.

2. Trustees:

Trustee Sweas

• **Reporting for the Environment Committee.**

There will be two household hazardous waste collections open to Will County residents only. The first one is on April 2 from 8am to 3pm at the Plainfield Public Works parking lot. The second collection will be on April 16, from 8am to 3pm, at the Lincoln Way East High School parking lot in Frankfort. Details are posted on the Village's website [www.homerglen.il.org](http://www.homerglen.il.org). On the home page of the Village's website, type into the search box "hazardous waste" to see details on which items that are acceptable and the exact location.

There will be a document shredding event on April 30 at the American Legion post parking lot at 15052 Archer Avenue in Lockport. A \$5 charge will be collected per box to fund projects for veterans and active military.

As a reminder, please mark your calendars for the Earth Day-Arbor Day event, which will take place on Saturday, May 21 at the Konow farm. There will be a variety of vendors, new demonstrators and animal shows.

#### Trustee Costa

- **Reporting for the Parade and Festival Committee.**

As previously reported, Homer Community Festival will take place June 23-26, 2016. Plans are falling into place, and we are looking forward to another successful event. We are in the process of finalizing the fireworks display, which will take place on Thursday night once the sun sets. Mr. D's magic show will return, taking place around 6:30 or 7pm. The exact time should be determined soon. Rain date (or in the event of high winds) for the fireworks show is Friday night. Mega passes go on sale at the beginning of June. This year they are priced at \$55 before the festival, once the festival starts, they will be \$65. Once again we will host the community's families with special needs on Friday, June 24 from 2:30-4:30, call the Township offices to preregister. Parking opens at 2pm on that day. As always, volunteers are needed, and it's a great way for high school students to get those mandatory service hours before graduation. New this year will be a Vendor Tent, where local independent business owners can sell their products and merchandise. We are in the process of finalizing the details. Check out [www.homerfest.com](http://www.homerfest.com) for more information as it becomes available.

#### 3. Treasurer

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

General Fund (#10)	\$5,132,736.91
Special Event fund (#12)	\$89,365.91
Environment Fund (#14)	\$56,483.08
Motor Fuel Tax Fund (#20)	\$2,564,246.07
Land Acquisition Fund (#40)	\$23,565.65
Park and Recreation Fund (#50)	\$2,617,579.06
Debt Service Fund (#65)	\$962,659.65
Capital Project Fund (#70)	\$3,242,321.02
CIP EAB Tree Replacement Fund (#71)	\$484,874.42
CIP Bond Fund (#72)	\$15,149,569.28
<b>TOTAL – All Funds</b>	<b>\$30,299,835.40</b>

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

## H. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Schmidt, Homer Glen resident, thanked the Mayor for the update of the renovation of the new Village Hall. He stated he visited the location to take a look around and is looking forward to completion as it will be a great place to visit. Mr. Schmidt expressed his concern regarding the notable "inconsistencies" with gas prices here in Homer Glen versus surrounding communities, by as much as \$.30 per gallon. He's concerned that the stations in town are taking advantage of residents because of the new \$.03 gas tax that was imposed by the Village earlier this month. Mayor Yukich responded that he too has noticed this trend, going so far as to stop at the various stations to discuss it with the managers. Mayor Yukich will continue to work towards resolving this issue. Mr. Schmidt also stated his concern about the presence of an informal road-side memorial on Bell Road, two years after the young man's death. He wants to know what the Village's position is on the memorial and what plans if any they have regarding it.
2. John Kooi, Homer Glen resident, relayed his concerns regarding IAWs proposed rate increases and plans to close certain facilities in Homer Glen. He stated some of his ideas to organize a unified protest

effort. He stated he hopes that the Village is going to take steps to launch an organized protest against IAW's plans. Mayor Yukich stated the Village shares his concerns and stated there are plans in the works to organize a unified effort to combat the proposed increases.

3. Lynn McGary, Homer Glen resident, speaking on behalf of the Homer Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone of the upcoming State of the Village Address that will take place on March 31, 2016 at DiNolfo's Banquets on 159<sup>th</sup> Street in Homer Glen, beginning at 11:30a.m. She stated tickets were still available.

## I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Motion to Grant an Extension of the Final Development Plan for Waterfall Place in Homer Glen, Illinois. It is understood that this extension is for an additional One (1) Year Period Beginning on March 26, 2016 and continuing through and including March 26, 2017. It is further understood that if approved, this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> one-year extension granted to the Waterfall Place Development.**

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

Trustee Sweas asked Director Schwarz to give a brief update on the history of the project and the reason for the Extension. Director Schwarz explained that some of the delay is related to the road widening of 159<sup>th</sup> Street. He also stated that under the tree preservation ordinance, a plan is required and the project's engineer is working on that currently and expects it to be resolved shortly. Trustee Sweas asked for clarification that once the project does begin, the developer is required to comply with the ordinances that are in place at that time. Director Schwarz confirmed this was the case. Trustee Costa questioned if the property was being used by Judlau as previously approved by the Board. Director Schwarz stated there are some details and items that the Village is waiting for from Judlau. The Developer, Boris Predovich, stated the project was put on hold for multiple reasons, the recession hit, then the plans for the road widening, and trying to resolve a minor dispute with IDOT about the ingress/egress from the property. He hopes to have successful resolution to all of these issues and looks forward to a continuing successful relationship with the Village and is invested in the project and is optimistic that it will come to fruition in a few short years.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

2. **Motion to Accept the Proposal from Planning Resources, Inc. (PRI) for Professional Services Related to the Creation of a Master Park Development Plan for the Village of Homer Glen's Former Woodbine Golf Course Property. It is understood that the total cost of this project is \$78,900 and the Master Park Development Plan shall be delivered no later than October 31, 2016.**

Trustee Caprio made a motion to accept the Proposal, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

Trustee Rodgers stated she would abstain from the vote because she was not present for the presentations but trusts the opinions of the other Trustees with regard to this vote. Trustee Caprio

stated he felt that PRI did a great job with the proposal and also with answering his questions via email. He looks forward to a successful relationship with PRI.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

3. **Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-007, an Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official 2016 Zoning Map of the Village of Homer Glen. It is understood that this adoption includes map amendments and map corrections, as discovered by staff over the course of 2015.**

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

Director Schwarz explained the corrections were a result of inconsistencies that staff discovered in the course of evaluating various projects.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

4. **Motion to Approve Ordinance 16-008, an Ordinance Accepting the Remaining Public Improvements in the Hunt Club Meadows Subdivision.**

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

Director Salamowicz gave a brief explanation of the history of this issue since the Letter of Credit was pulled in 2014. He stated the roads were accepted in 2013 so that the Homer Road District could maintain the roads. Trustee Rodgers asked if anything related to drainage was taken care of as well. This was confirmed by Director Salamowicz.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, and Burian

Nays: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

5. **Motion to Approve Ordinance 16-009, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-038 Section 2, Prohibiting and Regulating the Growth of Grass and Weeds for the Village of Homer Glen.**

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

Chief Building Official Joe Baber gave a brief explanation of the advantages of passing this ordinance; specifically, where it pertains to undeveloped versus developed properties and enforcing the ordinance.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**6. Motion to Approve a Proclamation designating April 4-10, 2016 as International Dark Sky Week in the Village of Homer Glen.**

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**7. Motion to Accept and receive the Will County Sheriff's Office Homer Glen Policing Unit 2015 Annual Report.**

Trustee Costa made a motion to accept and receive the Report, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Trustee Burian commended the Sheriff's department for a record low crime rate and a job well done.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**8. Motion to Accept the Bid Proposal for Voice/Data Wiring in the New Village Hall from Team Logic IT in the amount of \$8,859.00.**

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

Trustee Rodgers stated that in contrast to what was stated in the Board packet, she respectfully disagrees that the A&F Committee unanimously accepted this proposal at the meeting, and that the

first time she saw this proposal was at the meeting. That the proposal was not moved forward to the Board for approval until after the A & F meeting.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**9. Motion to Accept a Proposal from HR Green to Complete Phase 1 Engineering Services for the widening of 151<sup>st</sup> Street, between Cedar Road and Parker Road, for a not to exceed amount of \$85,857.05.**

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

Mayor Yukich stated with the Village moving to this location, the widening is much needed; however it would not be completed until after the 159<sup>th</sup> Street road widening project is complete.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**J. WORKSHOP ITEM**

1. Presentation From Finance Director John Sawyers of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2016 and Ending April 30, 2017 (this presentation is available at [www.homerglenil.org](http://www.homerglenil.org).)

**K. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**L. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.  
*Motion Carried*

**Executive Session began at approximately 8:54pm. Executive Session concluded at 9:18pm.  
The regular meeting resumed at 9:19pm.**

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

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

#### **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Costa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

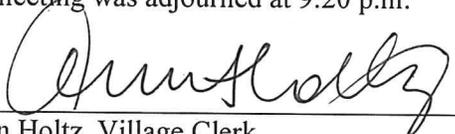
Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

*Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated April 13, 2016*