

Village of Homer Glen

**14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

August 10, 2016

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
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Homer Glen, IL 60491**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on August 10, 2016 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151st Street, 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 Yelana Bowes Administrative Assistant, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Development Services Director Michael Salamowicz, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Director of Planning and Zoning Michael Schwarz, Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodinsky, Assistant Planner Caron Bricks and Village Manager Mike Mertens.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 13, 2016

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes of July 13, 2016, 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

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**1. Mayor Yukich:****• Welcome to the New Village Hall:**

Mayor Yukich welcomed everyone to the new Village Hall on behalf of the Village Board, stating that this is the first Village Board meeting held here. The Mayor noted that an official dedication ceremony will take place at a later date.

• Subscribe to the Mayor's Blog:

The Mayor suggested subscribing to the "Stay Informed" portion of the Village's website to be notified when new issues of the Mayor's Blog are posted. When subscribing, you will be prompted to enter your email address or phone number (for text messages) under the Method tab. If you have questions on subscribing, please call the Village Hall at 708-301-0632 or email village@homerglen.org.

- **New Options for Electric Recycling in Will County:**
Will County recently opened two new electronic drop-off locations near the Homer Glen community, New Lenox Township, located at 1100 S. Cedar Road in New Lenox is open the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Romeoville Public Works, located at 615 Anderson Drive in Romeoville is open the first and third Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Lockport Public Works, located at 17112 Prime Blvd. continues to operate every Tuesday and Friday from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. There is a limit of two televisions per vehicle. All centers are open to Will County residents (proof of residency required).
- **Condolences to Village Clerk Ann Holtz:**
Mayor Yukich asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Village Clerk Ann Holtz's Step Mother, Jura Scharf.

2. Trustees:

Trustee Caprio:

- **Reporting for the Parade and Festival Committee:**
The dates for next year's Homer Fest will be June 22-25, 2017. The committee will be considering the logistics of moving the fest to the new Village Park property which will result in some minor expenses requiring approval by the Village Board. The location would be on the west side of the building in the parking lot. Consideration of additional power requirements and generators will be needed.

The 2018 Festival site will be reviewed at a later date with a consensus by the Village Board.

Trustee Sweas:

- **Reporting for the Environment Committee:**
Community and Nature in Harmony Awards will take place at the Village Board Meeting on September 28.

Mosquito Spraying:

The 3rd community wide spraying took place on August 2, and the last spraying for the season will occur right before the Labor Day weekend.

Homer Glen Lands Day:

The committee is looking for suggestions for *Homer Glen Lands Day Tree Planting* locations in a public area, which takes place the last week of September. Please contact Sue Steilen at Village Hall – (708) 301-0632 with any suggestions.

On behalf of the Homer Harvest Days Committee:

Please mark your calendars for this year's Homer Harvest Days, which will be held September 10 & 11 at Trantina Farm. The fest offers entertainment, free pony rides, historical reenactments, craft vendors, food and fun for all ages. The committee is seeking volunteers for pre and post set-up each day. Please call the Homer Township office to volunteer at (708) 301-0522 or visit the website at Homerharvestdays.com.

Trustee Rodgers:

- I would like to remind everyone that school starts in the next two weeks. Please be cautious of school children waiting for school buses or being dropped off at bus stops and be alert to the speed limits throughout the town. Be ready for the children coming back to school.

Trustee Costa:

- No report

Trustee Burian:**• Reporting for the Community and Economic Development Committee:**

The committee held its August meeting at the new Village Hall. At the August 9 meeting the committees' main objective was the continued collection of Housing and Demographic data for the Village and surrounding towns. Janie Patch gave a very informative presentation on those statistics which was provided to the Village Board.

This meeting was the 2nd in a series of new member orientation series which seemed to be well received.

The committee discussed the potential for AED devices in Homer Glen. Further Discussion will continue after more research and data is completed.

The next meeting of the CED committee will be held Tuesday September 13 at 7 pm, residents are always welcome to attend

Treasurer:

- No report

Clerk:

- No report

Village Attorney:

- No Report

Public Safety Officials:

- No Report

Village Manager:

- No Report

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Kaman, Homer Glen resident, was pleased to be the first resident to speak at the new Village Hall. He thinks the building is "awesome" and congratulated the Board on its completion. Bob stated he saw the agenda item for resurfacing the Village Hall parking lot and thinks this is a great idea since some of the pot holes are quite large. He also suggested putting up directional signs.
2. John Kooi, Homer Glen resident, stated his concerns about taxes; especially, school taxes, after attending a meeting with the Township and County Assessors. Mr. Kooi reported approximately 65-70 people were in attendance; however, he did not see anyone from here. He is concerned with the amount of taxes the residents are paying for the schools, as 65% of our taxes go to schools, with Homer Glen being one of the higher percentages in the county. Homer 33C has had a 38-40% increase in salaries in the last plus or minus 7 years, which is a lot of money. Mr. Kooi read that two school districts are seeking to post bonds and asked if we are going to let the school districts dictate higher taxes. He feels it is time to do something about this and try to control this spending so our taxes do not continue to go up. Mr. Kooi also stated he understands that the firemen are asking for raises on an upcoming referendum.
3. Lynn McGary, from Homer Township Chamber, invited everyone to attend the "Drive-In Movie Night" at Ruffled Feathers on August 25, to see Caddy Shack. There will be food and drinks, attendees will sit in golf carts to view the movie. The cost is \$10 per ticket and the event should be a lot of fun.
- 4.

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-032, an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Special Use to Permit the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages as an Ancillary Use to a Permitted Restaurant for Certain Real Property Located at 14407 Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL (KIEM TIET VO D.B.A. LILY GARDEN RESTAURANT, Case No. HG-1608-S).**

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

No Discussion.

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. 16-033, an Ordinance Amending §83-68 of the Homer Glen Code, Increasing the Number of Class F Liquor Licenses Issued within the Village of Homer Glen (KIEM TIET VO D.B.A. LILY GARDEN RESTAURANT, Case No. HG-1608-S).**

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

Mayor Yukich stated there is a moratorium on gaming at this time, so there will be no gaming licenses issued until the Board has made a decision on it; however, the liquor license will be issued for this establishment.

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

- 3. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-034, an Ordinance Assigning an Available Class F Liquor License (Beer and Wine Retail Sale) to KIEM TIET VO D.B.A. LILY GARDEN RESTAURANT, 14407 S. Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL.**

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Ordinance, 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

4. Motion to Approve a Reduction of \$369,237.14 from the Letter of Credit for the Evlyn's Gate Subdivision and a Close-out Agreement.

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the Reduction and Close-Out Agreement, seconded by Trustee Costa.

Trustee Sweas commented that Exhibit A shows the repair binder TAC code and asked if they will be finished as listed.

Mayor Yukich confirmed that the repairs will be completed. The bank has agreed to do a sign off on it, so the Village will have control over it.

Trustee Rodgers asked the Mayor to explain to the public what we are doing exactly.

Mayor Yukich stated that Evlyn's Gate and Evlyn's Gate North, which we do not have a Letter of Credit for, both need roads repaired and completed. The Builder is willing to do the repairs and upgrades to the streets, along with fixing the curbs, so these repairs will not fall back on the Village to complete. The monies from the LOC will be used for the repairs, which will be approved by the bank with the Village signing off on it. The Builder will also be making repairs at the park in the subdivision. The monies from the LOC are being spent for exactly what they were intended for, stated Mayor Yukich.

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 Addendum No.1 from HR Green for Phase 1 Engineering Services for the Widening of 151st Street, Between Cedar Road and Bell Road.

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

Trustee Rodgers stated the Administration and Finance Committee discussed concerns about not getting additional bids. Trustee Rodgers, through due diligence, found the HR Green bid to be comparable to others and stated that it does make sense since that is the surveyor doing work up to that point and should continue from Parker to Bell Road.

Mayor Yukich and Trustee Caprio both agreed.

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 SOP No. 12 Village of Homer Glen Community Meeting Room Policy.

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the SOP, 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

7. Motion to Approve the Proposal from PT Ferro for the Resurfacing of a Part of the Village Hall Parking Lot.

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

Trustee Rodgers stated she would have liked to see the site plan and asked if the resurfacing was to the end of the building or how far west it would be paved.

Village Manager Mertens responded that it would go driveway to driveway, and to the first cut, almost parallel to the building; this will be part of this first phase.

Trustee Caprio asked if the remainder would be crack filled.

Director Salamowicz stated proposals for seal coating and striping for the northern section will be brought to the next Village Board meeting.

Trustee Caprio asked if this proposal includes striping.

Mr. Salamowicz stated that it is included for the current proposal.

Trustee Sweas inquired whether this would interfere with visitors coming into the Village Hall and are they going to do it in sections?

Mr. Salamowicz stated it would be coordinated so that access is still available, although access might be pushed to one side.

Trustee Caprio stated that the Parade and Fest committee discussed the need for an entrance on the far west side of the parking lot. This would mean building an entrance for carnival traffic and patrons to get into the fest site. Trustee Caprio stated that it may be prudent to look at this option for parking. Attendees parking on the east could walk on the sidewalk and a temporary entrance could be built on the west side. This could be coordinated with the current resurfacing phase before completion.

Mayor Yukich asked if the resurfacing be completed over a weekend. Also, it should be done while they are grinding up the pavement and lay asphalt as the same time.

Mr. Salamowicz responded he could check with the contractor.

Trustee Rodgers asked if the grindings would be taken away.

Director Salamowicz stated Facilities Manager John Robinson needs to do some repairs of the roadways and access to maintenance buildings, so instead of buying materials, they can use these grindings. This would save us from having to purchase additional materials and saves hauling this material out with additional trucks.

Mayor Yukich noted that the landscaping would be done in another phase.

Trustee Burian asked if this bid was the low bidder.

Mayor Yukich stated that this bid was the low bid and PT Ferro has done previous work for the Village. Also, because the state is not doing alot, companies have no work, so this is a good time to get things done at lower costs.

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

8. Motion to Consider for Approval the Village of Homer Glen's June Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC in the Amount of \$3,558.75.

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

No discussion.

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

9. Consider for Approval PRI's June Invoice for Professional Services Related to the Master Park Development Plan for the Village's Heritage Park in the Amount of \$5,936.85.

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

Mayor Yukich asked Trustee Sweas how far along the committee is with what they are doing?

Trustee Sweas stated that they have started setting up some focus groups and have done some site visits.

Mayor Yukich responded that considering what Trustee Caprio was talking about for the festival, we know a pavilion will need to be put up and if we do it this way, it is a cost saving. We also want to start with the building and keep everyone up to date.

Trustee Rodgers asked if the new schedule is online for the public.

Village Manager Mertens replied that it will be put online.

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

10. Consider for Approval the Village's Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Membership Dues in the Amount of \$1,089.00.

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

No Discussion

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

11. Consider for Approval the Return of the Remaining Letter of Credit Funds to the Developer of the Hunt Club Meadows Subdivision, Mr. Vince Bianco.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the return of the LOC funds, seconded by Trustee Costa.

No Discussion

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

12. Consider for Approval a Motion Authorizing the Hiring of a Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the hiring of a Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, seconded by Trustee Caprio,

Mayor Yukich wants to keep the public up to date, and stated that we are getting busier with building permits and more complaints are coming in regarding the way properties are being kept. This is overwhelming for one part-time code enforcement officer for just 20 hours a week, therefore we need to put someone on full time to be able to get this done and eliminate some of the headaches in the Village.

Trustee Caprio reiterated that we are taking a part-time position and making it into a full time flexible position adding building inspections.

Trustee Rodgers and Mayor Yukich agreed that this position is included in the budget.

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:

Mayor Yukich stated because of the summer's gas tax received by the Village for parks, he would like to begin a discussion with the Board, for the build-out of the park at Goodings Grove. This park will cost over \$200K, however, we do have an Oslad Grant that was approved, and the monies should be freed up soon from the state and come back to us quickly. The Mayor believes this is a good time to get this project going because of the state situation, costs are less and this would give the residents on the east side of the Village a park.

Mayor Yukich stated that now that we are no longer paying rent and have our new Village Hall completed, the opportunity is here with costs down, to begin to get things started in the new park. The Mayor asked the Board if they would be willing to get discussion started for the next Board meeting agenda.

Trustee Caprio stated that this is part of the Park Plan.

Trustee Sweas wanted to verify that the Goodings Grove Park is north of Home Depot off of Greystone.

Mayor Yukich explained that there is some confusion because of the Goodings Grove School baseball field and park. The Village does not have any control over that property; however, the land we are going to develop for the Goodings Grove Park is paid for. The grant has been approved and the design plan is made and paid for.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Caprio made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Resident Bob Schmidt asked to speak. Mr. Schmidt stated that the building is nice, but asked if something could be done about the sound in the room so people in the back of the room can hear. The sound of the air-conditioning motor is too loud. So if there is some way to change it that would good.

Mayor Yukich stated that we will make sure everyone is speaking into their mics and thanked Bob for the information. There are speakers throughout the room and there is an echo.

Trustee Caprio replied that we can look into some acoustical panels.

Trustee Burian stated that this is a “soft opening” and we encourage feedback. This is an older building with a build out, so we appreciate the feedback and look forward to the grand opening.

Mayor Yukich called for a second to the motion to adjourn:

Motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Rodgers.

Mayor asked for a vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Yelana Bowes, Administrative Assistant *Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated September 14, 2016*