

Village of Homer Glen

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

September 14, 2016

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on September 14, 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, Carlo Caprio and Christina Neitzke-Troiike. Trustee Brian Burian arrived at 7:07pm. 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, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Director of Planning and Zoning Michael Schwarz, Assistant Planner Caron Bricks, Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky, and Village Manager Mike Mertens.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

NONE

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. July 27, 2016 Minutes**

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the Board minutes of July 27, 2016, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, and Rodgers.

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Costa

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

Motion Carried

2. August 10, 2016 Minutes

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Board minutes of August 10, 2016, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

Motion Carried

3. August 24, 2016 Minutes

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the Board minutes of August 24, 2016, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, and Costa

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Absent: (1) Trustee Burian

Motion Carried

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Yukich

- **Traffic Alert- Bengston's Pumpkin Fest Opening this Weekend**

Bengston's Pumpkin Fest is opening this Saturday, September 17. Residents should expect increased traffic in the vicinity of the farm, especially on 151st Street between Parker and Bell Roads. Please drive with extra caution as there will be an increased number of pedestrians.

- **Heritage Park Open House**

With the assistance of our consultant, Planning Resources, the Village is in the process of developing a Master Plan for Heritage Park (former Woodbine Golf Course). We invite you to attend a Public Open House on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall, where we will be discussing potential uses for the property. The Village welcomes and values your input on this important project. Please visit the Village's website or call 708-301-0632 for more information.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Event**

The Village of Homer Glen, in partnership with Will County, will host a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on Saturday, September 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. here at the Village Hall. For a list of accepted items, please visit www.homerglenil.org. This event is open to Will County residents only.

- **IAW Forum**

The Village is working on setting up a forum at Lockport Township High School to gather testimony against Illinois American Water by residents in Homer Glen and residents from all of the affected communities so that their testimony can be presented to the ICC regarding the proposed rate increases.

2. Trustees

Trustee Caprio: On behalf of the Parade and Festival Committee: Seeking consensus from the Board to potentially move the 2017 Homer Community Festival to the Village property which would include the parking lot and a portion of the Heritage Park. The festival dates would be June 22 through the 25, 2017. We are hoping to incorporate a permanent festival site as part of the Heritage Park plan that is being prepared by PRI on behalf of the Village. I invite Trustee Costa to offer more insight on the subject. Trustee Costa added input mentioning temporary costs that would occur for one year, should the festival be placed in a temporary location that would not encompass infrastructure such as electricity and water. This type of infrastructure would hopefully be included in the park plan being developed by PRI.

Trustee Sweas:

- On behalf of the Environment Committee: The Environment Committee was contacted by a representative of the Adler Planetarium who works in the teen program department. They are working on a light pollution awareness project with high school students in Chicago and expressed interest in bringing some students to one of our future stargazing events. They are hoping to look at the night sky and collect information by using the "Loss Of The Night" phone app.
- The next Stargazing Event will take place on Friday, October 7th from 8 to 10pm at the Trantina Farm.
- The Community Nature and Harmony Award Ceremony will take place at the next board meeting on September 28, 2016 at 7pm.
- On behalf of the Homer Harvest Days Committee : Another Homer Harvest Days event is now history. The weather held for most of the event and I do believe everyone had a very good time. High Cotton entertained on Saturday, Miles Over Mountains on Sunday, and Innisfree throughout

the weekend. The committee would like to again thank our 2016 Sponsors: Konows Corn Maze, Nuway Disposal, Ozinga, Citgo, Silver Cross Health Center, Bengtsons Pumpkin Farm, Kurts German Autowerks, Animal Care Clinic, Nicks BBQ, Home Depot, Will Cook Ace Hardware and Countryside Bank.

Trustee Costa:

On behalf of the Public Safety Committee : Trustee Costa reminded residents to be cautious and cognizant of traffic in the construction zone on 159th as well as increased traffic along alternate routes.

Trustee Burian:

On behalf of the Economic Development Committee: The committee had its third round of orientation. The Village's Economic Development Director Janie Patch gave a presentation on the difficulties of recruiting retail and commercial development to Homer Glen. The committee also discussed the video gaming moratorium that was recently implemented by the Board. No action was taken by the Committee.

3. Treasurer - None
4. Clerk – Village Clerk Ann Holtz thanked Staff member Yelana Bowes for filling in and taking the meeting minutes for the August Board meetings.
5. Village Attorney - None
6. Public Safety Officials- None
7. Village Manager – None

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Marvin Pickering, Homer Glen resident, stated his concerns regarding proposed improvements to the Fiddymont Creek Forest Preserve by the Will County Forest Preserve. He's concerned about the timeline proposed by the Forest Preserve for the suggested improvements and feels like its a rush job. In his opinion, the numerous topographical changes to the area would likely cause future flooding along the creek, as has been the case in the past.
2. John Kooi, Homer Glen resident, expressed his concern about the local school district, Homer 33C, hosting their Board meeting the same night as the Village Board meeting, and that if the Village wanted to oppose a proposal by the school district, how would a representative attend on the same night? Additionally, he expressed his concerns about Joliet Junior College's local expansions and renovations and expenses in general and wants to know what the taxpayers can do to prevent the expenditures. He also asked if something could be done about the timing of the temporary turn signals on 159th during the construction zone, because they are timed poorly.

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-037, an Ordinance Granting a Variance to Reduce the Required Sign Setback from Fifteen Feet (15') to Eleven Feet (11') (§220-1005F(3)d of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen) for Certain Real Property Located at 12261 W. 159th Street in Homer Glen, Illinois. (Helen Owens d.b.a. Homer Chiropractic Clinic; Case No. HG-1619-V).**

Trustee Rodgers made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

- 2. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-038, An Ordinance Granting Approval of (1) a variance to reduce the required sign setback from fifteen feet (15') to two feet (2'); (2) a variance to increase the allowable number of tenant name panels from four (4) to five (5) for a proposed freestanding commercial sign; and (3) a variance to waive the requirement that the predominate construction material for a proposed freestanding commercial sign shall be masonry or stone, for certain real property located at 14302-14330 S. Will-Cook Road, Homer Glen, Illinois. [Lunar Management, Inc., Case No. HG-1617-V].**

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

Trustee Rodgers asked to see a sample of the proposed material for the bottom of the sign as depicted in the exhibit to the proposed ordinance. The sample of the urethane material was examined by each of the members of the Board. The Petitioners stated the product has been used in the industry for years. It was used for the Greek Orthodox Church sign on Bell Road. The production process of the urethane product makes it molded and formed to look like stone. It is very low maintenance and durable; yet, cheaper than stone, according to the Petitioner. Trustee Sweas stated it does not meet the codes required by the Village. Additionally, the sign installed by the church was approved as a temporary sign. Trustee Rodgers agreed and stated the requested variance does not meet the qualification for a hardship. A discussion proceeded regarding the product and existing signs in the Village. Petitioner asserted that numerous signs in the Village do not comply with the sign ordinance. Staff stated that the only sign that does not comply is the temporary sign installed by the aforementioned church. Trustee Burian stated he empathizes with the Petitioner since this is their third time coming to a Village meeting and the expenses involved. Trustee Burian suggested that perhaps the sign ordinance should be revisited. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike suggested the issue be tabled while further research is conducted. Village Manager Mertens asked if initial construction of the base of the sign can begin while said research is conducted should the Board agree to the urethane alternative. The Petitioner stated that the base construction is different dependent upon the final application. The Petitioner eventually agreed to use a stone veneer instead of the sample product.

Trust Costa amended his motion to reflect that the Petitioner would use a stone veneer in accordance with the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

- 3. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 16-039, an Ordinance Granting Approval of a variance to reduce the required sign setback from fifteen feet (15') to two feet (2') for certain real property located at 12542-12550 S. Will-Cook Road, Homer Glen, Illinois. [Mary Cernauskas; Case No. HG-1621-V]. The motion was corrected to reflect the address is on 159th Street, not south Will-Cook Road.**

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

4. Motion to Approve the Invoice for Village Hall Roof Repairs from Nick Treantafeles in the amount of \$8,860.00.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

Mayor Yukich stated that the proposals received were three times this invoice. The Homer Glen resident awarded this contract achieved a huge savings to the Village in relation to other proposals from companies that approached \$40,000.00

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

5. A. Motion to Approve a proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for engineering services related to the design and preparation of construction documents for 2016 Drainage Improvement Project No. 1, for a not to exceed amount of \$24,200.00.

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

B. Motion to Approve a proposal from HR Green for engineering services related to the design and preparation of construction documents for 2016 Drainage Improvement Project No. 2 (A thru D), for a not to exceed amount of \$29,929.00.

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call

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

Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

6. Motion to Approve the July 2016 Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC legal bills, in the amount of \$3,361.25.

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

7. Motion to Approve TRIA Architecture's Invoices for Professional Services Related to the Village Hall Renovation Project in the Total Amount of \$4,817.22.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the invoices, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

8. Motion to Approve PRI's July Invoices for professional services related to the master park development plan for the Village's Heritage Park in the amount of \$8,605.55.

Trustee Neitzke-Troiike made a motion to approve the invoices, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call
Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
Motion Carried

9. Motion to approve the Village's August Professional Services Invoice for Village Hall Renovations from Troop Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$33,774.08.

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

10. Motion to Approve the full-time Deputy Clerk job description and salary range of \$54,849.91 to \$64,849.91.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the job description and salary range, seconded by Trustee Costa.

A discussion took place about the prior salaries and ranges for the previous employees in the position. Trustee Caprio stated that as a member of the Administrative and Finance Committee it was his understanding that the range would be between \$53,000 and \$63,000 and he was agreeable to that salary range. Trustee Rodgers concurred. Trustee Neitzke-Troiike stated she was at the meeting and recalled that discussion. Trustee Caprio amended his motion to reflect a salary range of \$53,000 to \$63,000 . The motion was seconded by Trustee Costa.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call

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

Nays: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

11. Motion to Approve the revised Village of Homer Glen organizational chart.

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

12. Motion to Approve the Proclamation Designating September 12-16, 2016 as Chamber of Commerce Week in the Village of Homer Glen.

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

13. Motion to Approve the attached proclamation designating September 26 – October 2, 2016 as Diaper Need Awareness Week in the Village of Homer Glen.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

14. Motion to Approve a proclamation in support of National Public Lands Day and designating September 24, 2016 as Homer Glen Lands Day.

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 Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Caprio, Costa, Rodgers and Burian

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

15. Motion to Approve the Proposed Village Lighting Code Review by Dark Sky Partners in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,400.00.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the review of the Village's Lighting Code, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried

I. OLD BUSINESS – None

J. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Caprio requested the consensus of the Board to direct the festival committee to proceed with a proposal to relocate the annual Homer Community Festival to the Village Hall parking lot and Heritage Park grounds in 2017. The Board agreed that if the Township Highway Commissioner put in writing that the festival will not take place on the Highway Department Property in 2017 then the alternative proposed location on the Village grounds should proceed as soon as possible due to the complex nature of the logistics of relocating the festival.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

Motion Carried

Trustee Neitzke-Troiike left the meeting at 8:26.

Executive Session began at approximately 8:36pm. Executive Session concluded at 8:52pm.

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

Motion Carried

The regular meeting resumed at 8:53pm.

No action took place as a result of Executive Session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53p.m.

Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated October 12, 2016.