

# **Village of Homer Glen**

**14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

**January 11, 2017**

**Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, IL**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on January 11, 2017 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG****C. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor George Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Mike Costa, Brian Burian, Beth Rodgers, 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, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky, and Village Manager Mike Mertens.

A quorum was established.

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

**Trustee Sweas motioned to table item E, Minutes, until the next meeting. Trustee Rodgers seconded the motion.**

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. December 14, 2016

**Item Tabled****F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**

1. Mayor Yukich

- Discover Your Unclaimed Property

The Illinois State Treasurer's office is safeguarding more than \$2 billion in unclaimed property belonging to millions of Illinois residents. Visitors can stop by the Village Hall at 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, on Friday, February 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to check and see if they have unclaimed property. For more information contact the Village Hall at 708-301-0632 or visit [www.homerglenil.org](http://www.homerglenil.org).

- Village Hall Closed

Village Hall will be closed to the public on Monday, January 16. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17.

- Recycling Holiday Decorations

Holiday string lights can be recycled at the Village Hall throughout the month of January. Mini-lights, extension cords, rope lights and LED lights can be placed in the collection box located in the lobby during Village office hours, M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Natural Christmas trees may be recycled by dropping them off at the Homer Township Highway Department, 14400 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, through January 8. For

regular disposal, natural Christmas trees may be placed at the curb on your regularly scheduled waste pickup day.

2. Trustees

Trustee Burian:

- On behalf of the Community Economic Development Committee: We held the monthly meeting last night and we discussed potential boundary agreements with various surrounding municipalities. Additionally we were given a project status of the new Chipotle/Starbucks and were told they a tentative opening date sometime in March.

Trustee Rodgers:

- On behalf of the Public Safety Committee: Homer Glen has once again been named to the top ten list of the safest towns in Illinois and she read a brief quote from the article.

Trustee Sweas:

- On behalf of the Environment Committee: Request for proposals for the Spring tree planting program have been sent out. We are in the process of establishing a date for the 2017 stargazing events. The Committee is looking in to having the events at Heritage Park. The 2017 Earth Day-Arbor Day event will take place on May 20 at Konows Farm. We are looking for vendors for the event.

3. Treasurer – None

4. Clerk – None

5. Village Attorney - None

6. Public Safety Officials - Mike DeVivo, Homer Road District Commissioner, gave a brief update on the purchase of new vehicles for the district. He updated the Board on the work that has been completed on Crème Road, and that the road is now re-open. He gave information on the district's plan to tackle the freezing rain/ice storm that was predicted for the following morning, and stated that the crews would begin treating the roads beginning at 4am. Trustee Rodgers asked if there is a way for the road district to post a map on their website or Facebook that shows which roads are under the jurisdiction of the highway department, and which roads are handled by the County and/or IDOT. Commissioner DeVivo also pointed out the that the County's garages are a good 30-40 minutes away and it can take some time for them to reach our roads that are under their jurisdiction.

7. Village Manager – None

## G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. John Kooi, Homer Glen resident, spoke on his concerns about the proposed industrial park that is being considered by the Lockport City Council, to be located within Homer Township, and the impact this development would have on the surrounding community. Mayor Yukich and Village Manager Mertens explained that while the development is proposed to be located in Homer Township, it is located within the city corporate limits of Lockport. The Village does not have any jurisdiction with regard to the proposed development.

## H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to Approve Resolution No. 17-001, a Resolution approving the full release of the remaining Development Guarantee, for the Victorian Village development, in the amount of \$540,630.48.**

Trustee Costa motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**2. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 17 – 001, an Ordinance requiring Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) in Certain Occupancies within the Village of Homer Glen.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Rodgers.

Trustee Rodgers stated that the Public Safety Committee has been working on this Ordinance for approximately 18 months. It stemmed from an unfortunate incident that resulted in the death of a resident. Following his passing, the Fire district learned the person was in Vfib. Had an AED been present at that time, it's possible that the person could have been shocked back in to a normal rhythm. The verbiage of the Ordinance has been reviewed back and forth with the attorney and the Committee. The Committee decided to start with large businesses over 100,000 square feet. Fire Chief Chris Locacius and Chief Todd Fonfara from the two departments that cover Homer Glen, as well as the Chief Scholfield from Orland Park (former Homer Township Chief) were present to talk about the advantages of having AED's present. Chief Locacius stated that if any business purchases an AED the department will teach it's employees CPR for free for the first 18 months of the Ordinance. Trustee Rodgers pointed out there is a varying price range for AED units. Chief Scholfield stated that Orland is considering implementing a similar Ordinance and is looking to see what Homer Glen is doing and how effective it will be. Trustee Sweas asked for clarification on the language in the Ordinance regarding training. Chief Locacius stated the units are easier to use than a fire extinguisher and that training is not specifically necessary. The units will walk you through operation of the unit, step by step, so training is not a must-have to operate the unit. The Committee practiced on Trustee Rodgers demonstrating how simple the units are to use even to an untrained user. Attorney Hanson stated the language is worded that way because of the Illinois Good Samaritan law.

Chief Building Official Joe Baber said he has spoken with the four businesses who will be affected by the Ordinance, and Meijer already has a unit in place. Trustee Costa stated as a heart attack survivor he is supportive of the Ordinance. He would like to see some of the bars/restaurants that can have large crowds at various times throughout the year be included in the Ordinance. Trustee Costa stated he would like to see some kind of cost sharing initiative included in the Ordinance as to encourage businesses to participate even if they are not required. Trustee Rodgers stated that 100,000 square feet is a good starting point and having the Ordinance in place now is a must. If the cost is an issue for a business they can always come before the Board to request a variance. She also stated the Ordinance can be amended in the future to include the businesses that Trustee Costa mentioned. Chief Locacius stated that the free CPR training they will offer is worth more than the \$1200 base price of the units (prices can be as high as \$4000). He stated there are also grants available for people to fund the AED units.

The Committee has discussed at length the funding issue and decided it was better to get the Ordinance in place and the funding issue can be revisited at a later date. Trustee Caprio pointed out the low maintenance costs involved with the units. Trustee Burian pointed out there can be a marketing campaign to encourage other businesses to participate in the AED program. Trustee Costa stated he will vote yes for the Ordinance with the understanding that the Public Safety Committee will continue to re-evaluate the Ordinance and consider possible changes.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**3. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 17-002 an Ordinance regulating activities and maintenance in public right-of-ways located in the Village of Homer Glen.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Costa.

Trustee Sweas asked for clarification on some of the verbiage. Joe Baber stated he is working with Commissioner DeVivo with regard to sight-line issues, and said issues will be handled on a case by case basis. He stated nothing will be "grandfathered". Trustee Rodgers stated this issue has also been discussed at length by the Public Safety Committee. She stated it's not the intent to tear out resident's mailboxes. Commissioner DeVivo stated he tries to cooperate with a property owner if there is a legitimate safety issue. If the property owner doesn't remove the right of way obstruction, he will remove it. These items will be considered illegal and be handled appropriately, but the goal is to coordinate and cooperate with property owners. The goal of the Ordinance is public safety. Trustee Burian asked if there would be a permitting process for installing mailboxes. Joe Baber stated no, property owners just need to comply with the regulations of the Ordinance.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**4. Motion to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Will for the provision of animal control services. It is understood this agreement is for a three year period.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement, seconded by Trustee Rodgers.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**I. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**J. NEW BUSINESS - None****K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Caprio motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion Pending Litigation, seconded by Trustee Burian.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**Executive Session began at approximately 8:10pm. Executive Session concluded at 8:22pm.**

**Trustee Costa motioned to adjourn Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Caprio. The regular meeting resumed at 8:22.**

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

**The discussion during Executive Session was regarding Pending Litigation. No action was taken during the meeting.**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Neitzke-Troiike

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.

  
Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

*Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated January 25, 2017*