

# Public Services & Safety Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
February 7, 2018

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
Village Board Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Trustee Beth Rodgers.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:05 were Co-chairperson Beth Rodgers, co-chairperson Keith Gray, Homer Township Fire Protection District Chief Chris Locacius, Homer Township Fire Protection District Division Chief Dave Bricker, Homer Glen EMA Coordinator John Robinson, Will County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jim Holuj, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Northwest Homer Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Todd Fanfara, Homer Township Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo, and Chief Building Official Joe Baber.

Also present were Village Manager Mike Mertens and Mokena Fire District Assistant Chief Joe Cirelli

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion was made by John Robinson to add item (g) Outdoor Warning Sirens to new business. Second by Chris Locacius, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Chris Locacius to move public comment up in the agenda following approval of minutes. Second by Keith Gray, motion passed unanimously.

5. Minutes.

- a) January 3, 2018

Trustee Beth Rodgers stated that the minutes from the January 3, 2018 Public Services & Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Chris Locacius made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting; seconded by Todd Fanfara. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports and Communications.

- a) Chairperson Report.

Beth Rodgers welcomed Keith Gray as co-chair of the Public Services and Safety Committee.

- b) Fire District Reports-

NWHFPD-Todd Fanfara discussed the ongoing CPR training offered by the

District.

HTFPD- Chris Locacius discussed the new mobile health follow up program now offered in conjunction with Silver Cross Hospital.

MFPD- Joe Cerelli discussed burn prevention awareness and CPR training programs available in their district.

c) Will County Sheriff Report-

Lt. Jim Holuj thanked the Village for the AED's now available to the patrol deputies. Also reported that recent information showed Homer Glen to be the 5<sup>th</sup> safest community in the state.

d) Emergency Management Agency Report-

None

e) Homer Township Highway Department Report-

Mike DeVivo reported on their recent purchase of a drone. A video using the drone over the Village Hall and Heritage Park was shown. Discussion on how the drone could be used was also discussed.

f) Development Services Director Report

Mike Salamowicz reported the flashing pedestrians warning signs have been installed at the 143<sup>rd</sup> & Pheasant location.

g) Building Official Report-

Joe Baber reported a traffic complaints tap would be added to the Village Web site for residents use to submit issues to the Village.

7. Old Business-

a) Speed Radar/Traffic Updates – discussion occurred regarding the citations issued on Woodland Dr. Lt. Jim Holuj commented that the WCSD is continuing to regularly monitor areas which have had reported speeding problems.

b) Monthly Public Safety Alerts- Joe Baber submitted a list of monthly Public Safety Awareness topics for the committee's recommendation. All agreed with the proposed topic schedule.

8. New Business

a) 911 Address Requested Corrections- Joe Baber requested support from the committee to proceed with address changes in two areas as requested by Will

County 9-1-1. Two specific areas included the 16400 area on Parkers Rd. and various addresses in the Mallard Lake Estates subdivision. The committee unanimously supported this request. The committee also recommended in situations where addressing affects public safety response the address changes occur without the need for further committee recommendation.

b) Tree Trimming Policy Update- The committee reviewed the proposed Tree Trimming Policy being drafted by the Environment Committee and Homer Highway Department. The trimming of foliage which may affect safety was mentioned.

c) Public Works & Utility Improvements-151<sup>st</sup> Phase I, Road District Pavement Management Program- Plans of proposed improvements to 151<sup>st</sup> St. were reviewed. Mike DeVivo stated talks are occurring with property owners regarding land which may be affected by the road widening. Mike also discussed the Road District Pavement Management program which would provide a schedule of road resurfacing needing immediate maintenance which in turn would save money for major repairs to areas which have been neglected for maintenance. Mike also presented information regarding the Chickasaw Road Project. The need for work in this area and the issues associated with the area was also discussed.

d) Creek Clean-up- Discussion occurred regarding the implementation of actions towards and evaluation and possible funds being available for creek clean up. The use of the Highway Departments Drone for creek evaluation was discussed.

e) Chickens & Bees- Joe Baber requested the committee's support to move forward in drafting an ordinance regarding the keeping of chickens and bees in the Village. The committee supported this request.

f) Cell Tower Public Safety Co-locations- The committee discussed the need to have an ordinance drafted to require cell tower companies to allow public safety radio equipment the use of these towers for their communication equipment. This policy is used in other communities and sample ordinances would be gathered and forwarded the Village staff for use in drafting of the ordinance.

g) Outdoor Warning Sirens- John Robinson presented a written history, coverage areas and underserved area map of warning sirens in the Village. Cost estimates were also presented for use in developing the Village's budget. The committee recommended this item move forward and be added to the proposed Village budget.

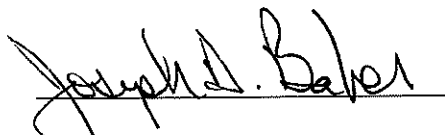
## 9. Public Comments

Resident Tim Dougherty addressed the committee regarding the speeding issues he observes on Meath Dr. Mr. Dougherty would also like the Village to consider the installation of sidewalks along this roadway. Beth Rodgers stated issues like this would be part of the Strategic Plan which is being worked on by the Village. Discussion regarding the need to do traffic and speed counts in this area could occur weather permitting.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Chris Locacius, seconded by John Robinson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph D. Baber", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph D. Baber  
Chief Building Official