

Village of Homer Glen

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

February 14, 2018

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on February 14, 2018 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 Yukich, Trustees Beth Rodgers, Sharon Sweas, Keith Gray, Carlo Caprio, Brian Burian and Christina Neitzke-Troike. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Village Attorney Marji Swanson, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Director of Planning and Zoning Vijay Gadde, Assistant Planner Kyle McGinniss, Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky, and Village Manager Michael Mertens. *A quorum was established.*

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. December 27, 2017, Committee of the Whole**

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the minutes of December 27, 2017, Committee of the Whole, second by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Neitzke-Troike, Burian, Caprio and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

2. January 17, 2018, Committee of the Whole

Trustee Neitzke-Troike made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018, Committee of the Whole second by Trustee Burian.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Neitzke-Troike, Burian, Caprio and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**1. Mayor's Report:****• Village Hall Closed for Presidents Day**

As a reminder, Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day.

Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, February 20.

- **Homer Glen #5 Safest City in Illinois 2018**

The National Council for Home Safety and Security has placed the Village of Homer Glen as #5 on their Safest Cities in Illinois 2018 list. Way to go Homer Glen! We are proud to live in a great community.

- **Will County Division of Transportation Public Meeting**

The Will County Division of Transportation invites you to attend the open house public meeting to learn about the proposed improvements to 143rd Street between Lemont Road (State Street) and Bell Road. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 4 p.m. It will be located at Hadley Middle School at 15731 Bell Road, Homer Glen.

- **Thank you Homer Township Road District**

Earlier this week Homer Glen was hit with between 24 and 28 inches of snow. We would like to thank Homer Township Road District Commissioner, Mike DeVivo and the Homer Township Road District for working hard and making sure the roads were cleared. We thank you for your dedication and hard work.

2. Trustees

Trustee Rodgers: The April meeting of the Public Services and Safety Committee will be held at the new Will County Sheriff's building at 16911 W. Laraway Road. All of the Village's officials are invited to attend the meeting and take a tour of the new building.

3. Treasurer - None

4. Clerk – No Report.

5. Village Attorney – No Report

6. Public Safety Officials – Lt. Holuj acknowledged the passing of CPO Bauer, and stated the Will County Sheriff's office will have a contingent attending the services. He thanked the Board and the Village residents for the accolades received after being listed as the 5th safest community in the State of Illinois.

7. Village Manager - No Report

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Katy Lindgren, Homer Glen resident, voiced her concerns regarding the exorbitant rates of IAW. *Her remarks are attached.*
2. John Kooi, Homer Glen resident, agreed with the sentiments expressed by Ms. Lindgren. He stated he thinks the Village should pay to install additional inline meters next to the IAW meters to ensure the customers are being charged for accurate usage. Mr. Kooi had three pictures (copies attached) for the Board to review. He is concerned that sidewalks are still not installed alongside 143rd street and he is disturbed when residents are walking in the center median and would like to see the Board do more to install and maintain new/existing sidewalks.
3. Josh Lund, Homer Glen resident, echoed the sentiments expressed by Ms. Lindgren. He added that much of the public record regarding the IAW Eminent Domain lawsuit, has been in Executive Session, which he understands, but with a lot of questions still unanswered, he would like to know what residents can do to apply pressure on IAW or other agencies to see some results.
4. Megan Howard, Homer Glen resident, echoed the sentiments about IAW as well. She stated she had representatives from IAW visit her home because her bill doubled from the previous month. She explained that IAW offered no answers as to why the bill was twice the amount. She pleaded to the Board for assistance in seeking answers and solutions.

Mayor Yukich acknowledged the Public's comments and agreed the situation is unconscionable. Unfortunately, the Village does not have the money to construct or take over the distribution and sewer system. He explained that the first part of the lawsuit by the Northern Will County Water Agency to acquire the Bedford Park Transmission Line was successful, and now the suit is in the valuation stage. The reason the Village doesn't have more to say on the topic is there really isn't much to add, as the legal process is a slow one. He did state he would like to see residents get more involved by contacting the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). He would like more residents to attend the meetings and complain to the ICC about the unfair situation here in the Village. He would like to see residents write letters to their Senators and Representatives in Springfield, and to file complaints with the ICC, because there is strength in numbers. If anyone has any questions, feel free to call him, and if he doesn't have the answer he'll find someone who does. He stated he would like to get the ICC to come here to the Village for a town hall meeting with residents.

Trustee Neitzke-Troiike stated she wants residents to know that this is the number one issue that the Board is concerned with but in many ways their hands are tied. She assures residents the Board does care and is doing everything they legally can. Trustee Gray commented on the poor customer service Ms. Howard received, feels it is unacceptable, and wanted to know if there was something the Village could do outside of the lawsuit to try and have IAW change its practices. The exchange of ideas and information between the audience members and the Board continued for an additional 30 minutes. The Mayor reassured the public that the Village continues to do everything within their power to seek relief and resolution to the situation with IAW.

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 18-004, an Ordinance Granting a Variance to increase the maximum permitted height for a fence located in the corner side yard from four (4) feet to five (5) feet for certain real property located in the R-3 Single-family Residential District [Section 220-812A(4) (Fences, walls and swimming pools) of Chapter 220 (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen] at 12228 W. Shellbark Drive, Homer Glen, Illinois [Prodehl, Case No. HG-1802-V].**

Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the Ordinance, second by Trustee Caprio.

Trustee Sweas asked for clarification on the modifications to the fence and why a variance is requested. Assistant Planner McGinnis explained that a section is missing but will be installed. The new fence will be the same style as that of the existing fence.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

2. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-003, an Ordinance Amending §114-10, Development Services, of Chapter 114, Fees, of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen.**

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

- 3. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-005, an Ordinance Amending §10-6, Membership, of Chapter 10, Boards, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen.**

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the Ordinance, second by Trustee Gray.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Burian, Caprio and Rodgers
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

- 4. Motion to approve the Village's 2018 Will County Governmental League Membership dues in the amount of \$16,987.82.**

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the dues, second by Trustee Burian. Trustee Burian stated this agenda item is very timely, as the League is on the front lines down in Springfield advocating for our Village to the legislature to pass a budget and provide push back on some of the proposed changes, which includes taking a portion of the sales tax that would normally be issued to municipalities.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Burian, Caprio and Rodgers
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

- 5. Motion to recommend approval of the Pay Estimate for Supplement No. 7 from General Code for Codification Services in an amount not to exceed \$12,290.00.**

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the Pay Estimate, second by Trustee Gray.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Neitzke-Troiike, Burian, Caprio and Rodgers
Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

6. Motion to Approve Pay Estimate No. 5 & 6, from Frank Burla & Sons Builders, Inc. for the Goodings Grove Park, in the amount of \$150,336.14.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the Pay Estimate, second by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

7. Motion to Approve Pay Estimate No. 3 from Airy's Inc. for 2017 Drainage Improvement Project No. 1 (Erin Hills Subdivision), in the amount of \$35,105.32.

Trustee Neitzke-Troiike made a motion to approve the Pay Estimate, second by Trustee Gray.

Director Salamowicz gave an explanation of the change order that was included in this pay estimate at the request of Trustee Rodgers.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

8. Motion to Approve TRIA Architecture's Proposal for Professional Design Services for Heritage Park's Amenities.

Trustee Caprio made a motion to approve the Proposal, second by Trustee Rodgers.

At the request of Trustee Sweas, Village Manager Mertens gave an explanation of TRIA's sliding scale fee schedule. Trustee Sweas asked Jim Petrakos of TRIA Architecture if his firm has designed any similar projects. He stated he is working with PRI (the firm that completed the overall plan) and HR Green (the firm that helped obtain the 319 Grant as well as design the storm water detention and sewer system). Trustee Gray asked if the fee schedule includes overall oversight of the project. Jim Petrakos confirmed this and went into detail as to TRIA's role as project lead, coordinating the contractors for a more cohesive and efficient process. TRIA will also handle the bid process. Soil boring/testing is also part of the proposal. Trustee Sweas asked about lighting for the overall project. Mr. Petrakos stated the infrastructure is there, but the actual decisions on the type or fixtures or location, should be planned ahead so we are not digging up completed areas to install additional lighting.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)
Abstained: (0)
Absent: (0)
The Mayor did not vote.
The motion carried.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Neitzke-Troike motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Caprio.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Neitzke-Troike, Burian, Caprio and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated March 14, 2018