



# **Village of Homer Glen**

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

**April 22, 2020**

**Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting**

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on April 22, 2020 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 Yukich, Trustees Ruben Pazmino, Beth Rodgers (via Zoom), Ann Holtz (via zoom) Sharon Sweas (via Zoom), Keith Gray, Carlo Caprio. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Director of Planning & Zoning Vijay Gadde, Assistant to the Village Manager Matt Walsh, Chief Building Official Joe Baber and Village Manager Karie Friling. *A quorum was established.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None****E. MINUTES****Motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Village Board Meeting.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve October 23, 2019, second by Trustee Gray.

*Voice Vote:*

*Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Holtz, Caprio, Rodgers, and Pazmino*

*Nays: (0)*

*Abstained: (0)*

*Absent: (0)*

*The motion carried*

**F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS****1) Mayor's Report–**

This week we are celebrating our Local Heroes. If anyone has a family member or friend that is serving on the frontlines they would like to celebrate, please send this information to [ablank@homerglenil.org](mailto:ablank@homerglenil.org). We will give them a shout out and thank you on our facebook page.

We are also planning a food drive for our local pantry located in Lockport for April 27-30th. The village will have a trailer in front of Village Hall for the collection of nonperishable items. Please stop by and place your items in the trailer. This is a contactless safe way to support our residents who may be in need. The Village will deliver the items to the food pantry on May 1st.

Information on all of our outreach efforts and resources available to our businesses and residents can be found on our website - [www.homerglenil.org](http://www.homerglenil.org).

**2) Trustee Gray –**

On April 9th, Gov. Pritzker recommended canceling summer events, concerts, and other large gatherings throughout the State.

In light of that news we scheduled and held a Special Meeting of the Homer Fest committee on April 14th to discuss the impact on our June event.

9 out of 10 of our voting members were able to attend, either in person or via telephone and we had many of our volunteers and supporters attend as well.

After much discussion we voted unanimously to recommend cancellation of the 2020 Homer Fest. This was a brave decision, not lightly taken by any of our committee members. There are many rumors and theories swirling online and in social media and thankfully our committee was able to put much of that rhetoric aside and concentrate on the facts.

In the end, the safety and wellbeing of our guests and residents was our only priority.

I would like to thank and commend our committee members and supporters for all of their hard work and dedication to Homer Fest and our community. We have been working hard since the close of our last event. We know that this decision will be a disappointment but we could not risk the health of our community.

We look forward to bringing an amazing event in 2021!

Stay safe and healthy and we will see you next year!

Let's make sure during this time of isolation we remember those who may be suffering from depression, thoughts of suicide or emotional anxiety. Social distancing does not need to be social despair. Be sure to reach out for help to friends or therapists. First responders and health care professionals are facing daily challenges they could have never imagined. But even heroes need help. Reach out and make everyone in your life know they are valued.

### **3) Trustee Sweas –**

Today, marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Although we cannot celebrate in person this year, we can still take sustainable actions at home that support the environment. Simple things like reducing the use of plastic bags, reducing food waste or becoming more aware of your energy usage.

We can also celebrate Earth Day by exploring the Village trails, or planting a tree, since Arbor Day is on Friday! In honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day, the Village is offering 3 different types of Oak tree saplings which are located near the community door with planting instructions for your convenience. It's no secret that trees help us feel better, both physically and emotionally. So pick up a few saplings for your yard.

To celebrate Arbor Day, which is April 24th, the Homer Glen Environment Committee is sponsoring the Big Tree Champions Contest. We are asking residents to search for the biggest trees in the Village of Homer Glen. Nominations for every species of living tree that exists are encouraged to be submitted. The application and more information is posted on the Village Website.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT - None****H. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. The Accounts Payable for the period of April 10, 2020 through April 23, 2020 in the amount of \$484,585.99.**
- 2. The Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments for the Period Ending March 31, 2020.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Trustee Caprio.

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

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Caprio, Gray, Rodgers, Holtz, and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried.*

**I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS****1. Arbor Day Proclamation.**

Trustee Pazmino motioned to approve the attached proclamation declaring April 24, 2020 as Arbor Day in the Village of Homer Glen, second by Trustee Sweas.

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

Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Holtz, Caprio, Pazmino, and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried.*

**2. Ordinance No. 20-010, Exterior Construction Standards, Variance for 14717 S. Hawthorne Court.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve No. 20-010, second by Trustee Pazmino.

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

Ayes: (5) Trustees Gray, Holtz, Caprio, Pazmino, and Rodgers

Nays: (1) Trustee Sweas

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried.*

**3. Ordinance No. 20-011, Site Plan Amendment for Aqua Pools.**

Trustee Holtz motioned to approve the Site Plan Amendment for Aqua Pools, second by Trustee Caprio.

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

Ayes: (2) Trustees Holtz and Pazmino  
Nays: (4) Trustee Gray, Sweas, Caprio, and Rodgers  
Abstained: (0)  
Absent: (0)  
*The motion carried.*

**4. Ordinance 20-012, Increasing the Number of Liquor Licenses in the Village of Homer Glen.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve Ordinance No. 20-012, second by Trustee Rodgers.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*  
Ayes: (5) Trustees Holtz, Gray, Sweas, Caprio, and Rodgers  
Nays: (0)  
Abstained: (1) Trustee Pazmino (conflict)  
Absent: (0)  
*The motion carried.*

**5. Ordinance No. 20-013, Assigning a Class Q Liquor License to Marian Village.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve Ordinance No. 20-013, second by Trustee Rodgers.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*  
Ayes: (5) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Caprio, Holtz, and Rodgers  
Nays: (0)  
Abstained: (1) Trustee Pazmino (conflict)  
Absent: (0)  
*The motion carried.*

**6. 2020 Homer Community Festival Cancellation.**

Trustee Gray motioned to cancel the 2020 Homer Fest event, second by Trustee Caprio.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*  
Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Pazmino, Caprio, Holtz, and Rodgers  
Nays: (0)  
Abstained: (0)  
Absent: (0)  
*The motion carried.*

**7. Accepting the Bid Proposal from The Kenneth Company.**

Trustee Gray motioned to accept the Bid Proposal from The Kenneth Company, second by Trustee Rodgers.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*  
Ayes: (6) Trustees Gray, Sweas, Pazmino, Caprio, Holtz, and Rodgers  
Nays: (0)  
Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried.*

**K. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**L. NEW BUSINESS –**

Trustee Holtz asked the Village Board what their plans were, if any, on moving forward if the governor extends the “stay at home” order. Mayor Yukich stated he would like to go along with the State and CDC and wait to see what happens until the week of May 18, 2020 - May 25, 2020. Trustee Gray also stated he would like to follow the recommendations from the state and CDC. Trustee Holtz asked what will our board policy would be if the Governor extended his current order. Trustee Rodgers asked Trustee Holtz in return, and she stated she does not feel we, at the local level should be enforcing the order and not giving citations to businesses who choose to open and/or revoking licenses. Trustee Caprio feels it is impossible to come up with a policy until we know for sure what is to happen.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Caprio motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Pazmino.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Holtz, Caprio, Rodgers, and Pazmino

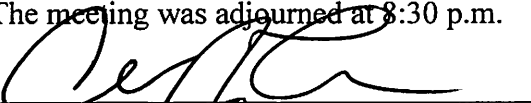
Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Christina Neitzke-Trojke, Village Clerk

*Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated July 8, 2020*