



Village of Homer Glen

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

May 13, 2020

**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 May 13, 2020 by Mayor Yukich at 7:02 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 Ruben Pazmino, Beth Rodgers (via Zoom), Sharon Sweas (via Zoom), Keith Gray, and 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, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, and Village Manager Karie Friling. *A quorum was established.*

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Trustee Rodgers motioned to table I.2, second by Trustee Gray.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Special Joint Village Board, Plan Commission, Parks & Recreation Committee, Environment Committee and Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting

Trustee Gray motioned to appoint Carlo Caprio, second by Trustee Pazmino.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Gray, 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–****National Police Week**

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Police Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

In Homer Glen, we are grateful for the service provided to us by the Will County Sheriff's Office and to all law enforcement officers who protect our country; we would like to say thank you for your service. The men and women who protect our community each day not only have to face hostility from people who choose not to obey our laws but now also have to face health risks from the coronavirus pandemic. I would also like to ask our residents to join me in thanking our law enforcement officers by simply letting an officer know that you are thankful for their service to our community.

Road Improvements to Route 6

Road Improvements to Route 6 between Haas Road and Spring Meadows Drive began on May 4. There have been issues with seasonal flooding on Route 6. IDOT will widen and raise the road to correct and increase the drainage that flows under it. Construction began on Monday, May 4, with flagger-controlled lane closures. They will build a temporary side road, and beginning in June, this section of Route 6 will be down to one lane for the rest of the construction season of 2020. The traffic will be controlled by temporary traffic lights.

COVID-19 Meeting

On Monday night, I met with 5 other Will County Mayors to discuss the COVID-19 crisis. I want to thank Mayor Baldermann for hosting and inviting the Silver Cross Hospital doctors to this meeting. I'd like to share with the Village Board some comments regarding this meeting under Old Business – COVID-19 Update.

Trustee Holtz Resignation

As the Village Board is aware, Ann Holtz resigned from her trustee seat. I have accepted her resignation. I understand that she is moving out of State and the Village wishes her well.

Meeting Guidelines

In order to comply with the State's Executive Order we have been holding our Village Board meetings remotely. At times, it can be difficult to manage the board's comments, due to having both people on the phone and also in person at Village Hall. To try to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak without interruption, I will be recognizing each trustee who wishes to speak and providing them the floor. If you are on the phone and wish to speak on an item, please virtually raise your hand, and Matt Walsh will unmute you. I will then say your name and give you the floor to speak. If you are present in person, please raise your hand if you desire to speak, and I will say your name into the microphone and give you the floor. This way those that are on the phone will be able to know who has requested to speak and has the floor.

2) Trustee Reports: Trustee Gray –

Congratulations to Trustee Pazmino on his one-year anniversary.

3) Clerk Neitzke-Troiike –

Clerk Neitzke-Troiike thanked Mayor Yukich for gathering the 6 (six) local Mayors to discuss the executive order by Governor Pritzker. She would like to encourage Mayor Yukich and the other Mayor's to continue fighting for the local businesses.

Thank you to Trustee Rodgers and Trustee Gray for donating funds to make the signs created for the Village.

Clerk Neitzke-Troiike recognized Eileen Crement for her endless efforts of making masks for residents of Homer Glen, Loyola Hospital in Homer Glen, Silver Cross in Homer Glen and our local Senior homes. Eileen has made over 750 masks, including children size 3-6 years of age and donated them to the village to give to residents in need. Eileen was presented with a card and flowers for her efforts.

Clerk Neitzke-Troiike suggested we open a Facebook line for questions to be presented at the Village Board meeting to be answered and post the response on Facebook.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Shawn Wayne Felgenhauer – (via Zoom) Asked if the Village planned to continue to expand Heritage park with the economy the way it is today. Mayor Yukich explained we do not plan to do anything as of right now. Manager Friling stated we did not borrow from the General fund, we had a surplus. The Board chose to take that operating surplus and move it to the Parks fund.

Eric Hesse – (via zoom) Asked if we could hold off on item I.2 off longer than a week. Mayor Yukich stated it would be longer than a week as the next Board meeting isn't for two weeks. Mr. Hesse feels a 5mph will not make a difference. Manager Friling explained the Village is currently in phase one engineering for a 2 lane road with a middle turning lane. IDOT is required to review and approve all phases. In order to accept the approval they are requiring the board to adopt the resolution to lower the speed limit to 40mph rather than 45mph. If the Board did not, the Village would then have to redesign the road. Manager Friling also stated the Road will not be widened for another 2 years.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. The Accounts Payable for the period of April 24, 2020 through May 14, 2020 in the amount of \$133,093.78.**
- 2. TRIA Architecture's Invoices No. 3280 and No. 3281 for Heritage Park Architectural Services, in the amount of \$50,948.87.**

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Lockport Township Senior Class of 2020 Recognition Month Proclamation

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the attached proclamation declaring the Month of May 2020 as Lockport Township Senior Class of 2020 Recognition Month, in the Village of Homer Glen, second by Trustee Pazmino.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

2. Resolution No. 20-004, Authorizing the Reduction of the Speed Limit on 151st Street, From Bell Road to Cedar Road.

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3. Resolution No. 20-005, Authorizing the Release of Executive Session Minutes.

Trustee Gray motioned to approve Resolution No. 20-005, A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Executive Session Minutes, second by Trustee Pazmino.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor also voted Aye

The motion carried.

4. Reconsideration of the Vote on Ordinance No. 20-011, Aqua Pools.

Trustee Caprio motioned to reconsider the vote on Ordinance No. 20-011 related to a Site Plan Amendment for the proposed parking lot improvements to Aqua Pools located in the C-4 Highway Commercial District at 13445 W. 159th Street, Homer Glen, Illinois [Aqua Pools, Case No. HG-1835-SP], second by Trustee Pazmino.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor also voted Aye

The motion carried.

5. Ordinance No. 20-011, Aqua Pools Site Plan Amendment for Proposed Parking Lot Improvements.

Trustee Rodgers motioned to approve Ordinance 20-011, an Ordinance approving a Site Plan Amendment for the proposed parking lot improvements to Aqua Pools located in the C-4 Highway Commercial District at 13445 W. 159th Street, Homer Glen, Illinois, to include landscaped islands [Aqua Pools, Case No. HG-1835-SP], second by Trustee Gray.

The Village Board noted they will allow to hold off on planting until after July 4, 2020. The Board also recognized that vegetation planted in the islands do get ruined by salt.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor also voted Aye

The motion carried.

J. OLD BUSINESS - Village of Homer Glen COVID-19 Update

Small Business Assistance Loan Program:

The Village has funded 12 loans to small businesses in Homer Glen. Staff continues to work with our small businesses to process additional loans and assist them with understanding what other programs are available through the Federal Government.

Liquor License Deferral:

On April 8, the Village Board voted to defer liquor license payments for license holders that are affected by the Governor's Executive Orders. 20 license holders have taken advantage of the deferral.

Business Promotion:

In the Spring/Summer newsletter there are five pages of advertisements for 50 Homer Glen businesses. These ads were provided at no cost. The newsletter is being mailed to every household and business in Homer Glen and should begin arriving in the next week.

FB Promotions:

Staff has also been using the Village Facebook page to promote business. Each week, similar businesses are offered the ability to submit an ad to fit the theme of the week. Due to the number and diversity of business in town, the promotions will extend in to summer to allow each business a chance to participate. This past week was focused on Mother's Day.

Signs:

Village staff placed dozens of yard signs around the Village to promote local business and inspire residents to hang tough. Below is a comment from a resident regarding the signs. A limited number of signs are still available at Village Hall.

“I would love to say a HUGE thanks to the upbeat angel that put signs at various entrances in Homer to "hang in there" through this nasty virus!!! That's the spirit!”

Food Drive:

During the week of April 27, a trailer was placed in front of Village Hall to collect food for the Lockport Fish Food Pantry.

L. NEW BUSINESS – None

M. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Caprio motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Pazmino.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Clerk

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