

# Public Services & Safety Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
July 1, 2020

**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 6:30 p.m. by co-chairman Broque Backal.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## 3. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:33 p.m. were Co-chairman Broque Backal, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Homer Township Fire Protection District Chief Chris Locacius, Will County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jim Holuj, Northwest Homer Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Todd Fonfara, Homer Township Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo, and EMA Director John Robinson. Also present was staff liaison Chief Building Official Joe Baber and Mokena Assistant Fire Chief Joe Cirelli.

## 4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Chris Locacius to add item "New Forest Preserve Bike Trail Detour Route" under New Business. Motion was seconded by Carlo Caprio. The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Minutes.

## a) June 3, 2020

Co-chairman Broque Backal stated that the minutes from the June 3, 2020 Public Services & Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Mike DeVivo made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2020 meeting; seconded by Mike Salamowicz. Co-chair pointed out a minor date error which would be corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Reports and Communications.

## a) Chairman's Report

Broque Backal asked that residents refrain from fireworks, as the Sheriff's Department has other issues to deal with.

## b) Fire District Reports.

Joe Cirelli reported the Mokena Fire Protection District is awaiting the next phase of the Covid-19 orders and the related effects.

c) Will County Sheriff Report.

Lt. Jim Holuj expressed appreciation for the support of the other first responder agencies, the community and Village staff. He also the importance of planning for events.

d) Emergency Management Agency Report.

None

e) Homer Township Road District Report.

Mike DeVivo reported they are concluding portions of their summer maintenance program. This involves paving, concrete and other repairs. Mike also reported their back-up generator is up and running, the pole barn is up, and the basement locker room/ lunch room is still being worked on.

f) Development Services Director Report.

Mike Salamowicz reported the Country Woods project is completed and the Stadler Ridge project is awaiting some work needed by ComEd.

g) Building Official Report.

Joe Baber reported on speeding issues related to Woodland Dr. and Mallard Dr. He also reported the increase in building permit activity.

7. Public Comments.

Residnet Arlene See wanted to keep in contact regarding the discussions of the Long Run Creek clean-up efforts. Agenda item 8.b would be about the letter which would go out to residents along the creek.

8. Old Business.

a) 151<sup>st</sup> Speed Limit Reduction Implementation- Discussion occurred about driver notification of the speed limit reduction to 35mph on August 1<sup>st</sup> for the section of road between Cedar Rd. and Will/Cook Rd. Mike Salamowicz and Mike DeVivo stated their would be message boards going up prior to the speed limit reduction date.

b) Long Run Creek clean-up discussion- A draft copy of the letter which the Village of Homer Glen would send out to residents along the creek, creek Do's and Don'ts and creek clean-up form was presented to the committee. Discussion occurred on how to make it easy for the residents to return the form, possibly with a self-addressed stamped envelope. A motion was made by Carlo Caprio to send out the letter and related information to the residents along the creek, seconded by Mike DeVivo. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Parker S curve signage update – Discussion occurred regarding various options for improved signage, lighting, or safety features for the Parker S curve. Mike DeVivo stated he would have a traffic engineering study done for the location and report back to the committee.
- d) Heritage Circle Traffic Calming Status – Coordination needs to occur so the traffic calming devices can be placed on the pavement and the Fire District is able to have their vehicles take a test drive over the devices.

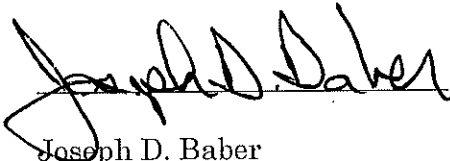
9. New Business.

- a) Lawn Mowing and Maintenance of Landscape Areas within the 159<sup>th</sup> St. right-of-way from Will-Cook Rd. to Gougar Rd. – Mike Salamowicz presented information pertaining to the maintenance of the 159<sup>th</sup> street corridor. One bid was received from Alpha Building Maintenance Services and a summary of the costs was presented. A motion to recommend approval of a multi-year contract with Alpha Building Maintenance Services, Inc. for lawn mowing and maintenance of the 159<sup>th</sup> St. right-of-way, from Will/Cook Rd. to Gougar Rd. was made by Carlo Caprio, seconded by Mike Salamowicz. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) New Forest Preserve Bike Trail detour route- Mike Salamowicz presented maps which reflected proposed detour routes associated with a CMAC grant project for a bike trail parallel to I-355. The detours and closures would affect traffic for approximately 30 days. There was concern for the detour route which put truck traffic at the intersection of 167<sup>th</sup> and Bruce Rd. These concerns would be forwarded to the Forest Preserve District.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Carlo Caprio, seconded by Mike Salamowicz. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Joseph D. Baber  
Chief Building Official