

Public Services & Safety Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
November 7, 2018

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

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Trustee Keith Gray.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:03 p.m. were Chairman Keith Gray, Will County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jim Holuj, Homer Township Road District Commissioner Mike DeVivo, Homer Township Fire Protection District Division Chief Dave Bricker, EMA Director John Robinson, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, and Chief Building Official Joe Baber. Also present were Mokena's Assistant Fire Chief Joe Cirelli and Interim Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura. Homer Township Fire Protection District Chief Chris Locacius arrived at 6:52 p.m.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

5. Minutes.

- a) October 3, 2018

Trustee Keith Gray stated that the minutes from the October 3, 2018 Public Services & Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Mike DeVivo made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting; seconded by Mike Salamowicz. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports and Communications.

- a) Chairperson Report-

Trustee Gray reported the New Lenox Fire tax increase referendum passed during the recent voting period. He and Trustee Rodgers visited Homer Glen residents who reside in the New Lenox Fire District. Also, he reminded the committee about the Veteran's Day event being held November 11 at the Konow Farm.

- b) Fire District Reports-

Northwest Homer is hosting a free CPR class on Saturday, Nov. 10th, Also the Fire Districts had a safety meeting with School District 33C. Homer Township Fire Protection District distributed their station call out report to the committee.

c) Will County Sheriff Report-

Lt. Jim Holuj reported the Will County Sheriff's Department made their presence visible on Halloween with neighborhood patrols throughout the community. Vehicle content thefts continue to be a problem and he reminded all to lock your vehicles and to call 9-1-1 if you see something suspicious in your neighborhood.

d) Emergency Management Agency Report-

John Robinson reported EMA assisted at the November 4 fire event in New Lenox and the Nov. 5 car in pond incident in the same community.

e) Homer Township Road District Report-

Mike DeVivo reported they have not received their salt allotment but have been told it will be arriving soon. The traffic count numbers during the Bengtson's event are available and will be forwarded to Village staff.

f) Development Services Director Report

Mike Salamowicz gave an update on the 159th St. water main and sanitary sewer projects.

g) Building Official Report-

Joe Baber reported he received a request from a resident for a "No Outlet" sign to be installed on McCarron Rd. at the intersection of O'Connell Dr. The resident noted cars are continually turning around in his driveway which is a dead end road. Mike DeVivo said he can install the sign on the existing sign. Mr. Baber also gave an update on the traffic counts and speeds on Crystal Lake and Meath Dr. Both locations had 85% speeds which are at or under 29mph.

7. Public Comments –

Resident Josh Krecek was attending the meeting after their home was broken into. Discussion occurred regarding the incident and comments from the WCSD.

Resident Mary Jane McDermott spoke regarding the ponds located at the entrance to the Pebble Creek subdivision at 143rd and Heatherwood Dr. She has concerns regarding the safety and maintenance of these ponds. Staff responded that they are privately owned. Staff will investigate further and possibly contact the owner. The maintenance of the ponds may possibly lead to a future a future SSA situation.

Chris Birakdar voiced her concerns of a neighbor parking commercial vehicles on the street across from her home. Staff previously contacted this resident and will continue to monitor with the assistance of the WCSD.

8. Old Business-

a) Evaluation of Traffic Calming Program-

Staff is going to re-evaluate the current traffic calming program and make recommendations based on examples from other communities which have been reviewed. Staff may increase resident engagement and have a flow chart of actions taken after a complaint is received.

b) Discussion of Lighting Detection Systems-

Discussion regarding the funding source for such systems was discussed. Contact with Lockport to gather information regarding their system was discussed. Evaluation of the work which is ongoing in Heritage Park and consideration of a detection system possibly being installed was discussed.

9. New Business-

a) 2019 Meeting Dates-

A motion was made by Mike DeVivo, seconded by Todd Fanfara to recommend the approval of the PS&S meeting dates for 2019. It was noted the time would change to 6:30 p.m. starting in 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Evlyn's Gate Pedestrian Crossing Signage-

A motion was made by John Robinson, seconded by Mike Salamowicz to maintain the installed pedestrian crossing signs located in the Evlyn's Gate subdivision. The motion was approved unanimously.

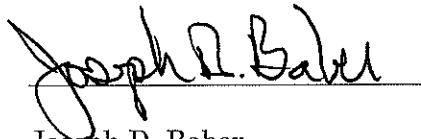
c) Heritage Circle Street Lights-

Discussion occurred regarding the lights on Heritage Circle and the committee recommended leaving the lights on from dawn to dusk. Safety concerns and potential vandalism were noted as reasons to keep this public roadway lit as much as possible. Discussion occurred regarding the trail markers installed on the Village's trails and this information will be forwarded by John Robinson to the Fire Districts and WCSD. This will be revisited at the committee's January meeting for discussion on how to distribute this information to the residents.

10. Adjournment-

Motion by Mike DeVivo, seconded by Mike Salamowicz. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Joseph D. Baber
Chief Building Official