



Village of Homer Glen

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

January 13, 2021

**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 January 13, 2021, 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 Ruben Pazmino, Sharon Sweas, Broque Backal, Keith Gray, Carlo Caprio, and Beth Rodgers. Also present on behalf of the Village were, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Assistant to the Village Manager Matt Walsh, Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, and Village Manager Karie Friling. *A quorum was established.*

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**E. MINUTES**

1. Motion to approve the following closed session minutes, all of which shall remain sealed until future Board consideration and approval to release for the following 2020 meetings; May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 12 and August 26.

Trustee Backal motioned to approve, second by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

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

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We have a lot of things to look forward to in 2021. Staff and I have been working on the State of the Village report, and it should be out to the community in early February. I would like to just give a sneak peek on a few things from last year, we have to be proud of:

- We are now debt free, which saved \$492,000 in future interest
- We had 19 new businesses open last year, even during the pandemic
- We had over \$4 million in private investment in our town last year
- We opened a new neighborhood park and our disc golf course
- We helped our businesses, with loans, fee waivers and loosened codes
- We are planning for our future, with future design plans for the park, our 20th anniversary and our new branding.

Mayor's Report-

Unfortunately, there has been a lot of mis-information out in the public, as well. We work very hard to communicate with our residents and businesses. Our social media engagement increased by 60% last year. We launched our new channel 6, we direct mailed to every home our newsletters and flyers. Yet, there are people who still don't know what is going on or don't want to really know the truth.

So, we are going to try something new. We are launching the Rumor Mill - which will be hosted on our Village website. This page will address rumors and misinformation. If you have a question or hear a rumor - you can send it to us, via the rumor mill, and we will set the record straight. If we hear things that are not true, we will also set the record straight. Hopefully, this will help with communicating accurate information about the Village.

1) Trustee Backal –

Wanted to let the police officers in our community know that we support them and stand behind them.

2) Trustee Sweas –

Reporting for the Environment Committee:

On December 15th, the metro mayors caucus held a presentation on community solar. We asked for a representative to give a presentation to the Environment Committee at their January 5th meeting. It is a very interesting concept and if the board grants a consensus tonight, Mr. Pruitt can do a presentation to the board at their January 27th meeting. Mc2 (one of Com Eds approved list of providers) works with municipalities as well as residents and small business owners to secure the source of the solar supply. As I understand it, the only requirement is to have a smart meter. Mc2 currently arranges for community solar for the village of Oak Park, city of Highland Park and Evanston. The Board agreed to have the presentation take place at a future meeting.

I regretfully announce the resignation of former Trustee Margaret Sabo from the Environment Committee. She will be greatly missed and we deeply appreciate all that she has done for this Village. The Environment Committee has a few openings. Please contact the Village if you are interested.

3) Manager Friling –

Pointed out that a drafted abbreviated Summary for the Annual report was placed at the dais for the Board to review.

4) Lt Holuj –

Thanked the Board for their constant support.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

H. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. The Accounts Payable for the Period of December 11, 2020 through January 14, 2021 in the amount of \$618,361.33.**
- 2. Payment of the Village of Homer Glen's November 2020 Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC in the amount of \$19,423.75.**
- 3. The financial close-out of the Heritage Park Active Core Project and the payment of Pay Request No. 12 to Integral Construction in the amount of \$292,396.15, conditional upon receipt of warranty documentation.**
- 4. Payment of TRIA Architecture's Invoice No. 3537 for Heritage Park Design Services, in the amount of \$25,237.09.**
- 5. Payment for Pay Estimate Nos. 2 & 3 from Len Cox & Sons Excavating for the 2019 Drainage Improvement Program, in the combined amount of \$220,256.91.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Trustee Backal.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to approve Ordinance 21-001, an Ordinance Amending the Village Code relating to Water and Sanitary Sewer Fees.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve, second by Trustee Rodgers.

Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz gave an overview of the Ordinance amending the Village Code relating to the water and sanitary sewer fees.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

- 2. Motion to approve a Proposal from Christopher B Burke Engineering, Ltd. for Engineering Services to Prepare Plans and Bid Documents to Restore the Oak Valley Subdivision Stormwater Drainage Outlet, which discharges onto Forest Preserve District of Will County property, in the Not to Exceed amount of \$34,900.00.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

3. Motion to recommend approval of the Plat of Easement Abrogation, for Lots 48 & 49 in the Glenview Walk Estates Subdivision, as part of the consolidation of these two lots.

Trustee Gray motioned to approve, second by Trustee Pazmino.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

K. OLD BUSINESS –

Trustee Gray read the following statement:

At the last Board meeting, Trustee Sweas shared her thoughts on my demeanor in our November 11, 2020 meeting as being disrespectful to a guest expert Mr. Chris Luginbuhl. After reviewing the video, I can assure you that my comments were not made to Mr. Luginbuhl, they were made to you, my colleagues. I should have clarified to whom I was speaking to the November night. I try very hard to make sure my conduct in this chamber is respectful, and sometimes I fall short of that goal. I apologize to Mr. Luginbuhl for any inferred disrespect to him or his standing as an expert in the Dark Sky Community.

J. NEW BUSINESS –

Trustee Sweas made a recommendation for the Plan Commission meetings to be recorded. A few Board members agreed that it was a good idea.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rodgers motioned to enter Executive Session, second by Trustee Backal. Time 7:34pm. 5-minute Break.

- 1. Purchase or Sale of Real Property 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**
- 2. Potential of Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)**
- 3. Personnel 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**

The Village Board, Attorney Eric Hanson and Village Manager Karie Friling reconvened to the all Regular board meeting at 8:45 pm. No action was taken.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gray motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Backal.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Caprio, Backal, Pazmino, and Rodgers (via Zoom).

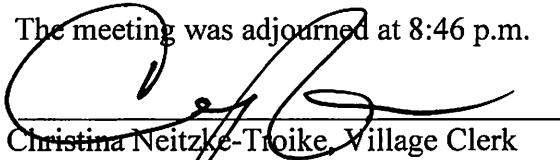
Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated February 24, 2021