

Administration & Finance Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
February 1, 2023

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

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Mayor George Yukich.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 4:09 p.m. were Mayor George Yukich, Trustee Dan Fialko, Trustee Ruben Pazmino and Village Manager Carmen Maurella.

Also Present: Chief Building Official Joe Baber

Members absent: Trustee Beth Rodgers and Finance Director John Sawyers

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

5. Approval of Minutes.

a) November 2, 2022

Mayor Yukich stated the minutes from the November 2, 2022 Administration & Finance Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Trustee Pazmino made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Fialko. The motion passed.

Trustee Fialko stated he was not present for the November 2, 2022 A&F committee meeting and asked Trustee Pazmino if he agreed with the minutes that were presented. Trustee Pazmino stated yes. Trustee Fialko stated in the November 2, 2022 minutes on page 4 where it states, "Trustee Pazmino asked what the plan was after the previous board approved the merger with the Road District. He asked if that was supposed to be a one-time levy? Mayor Yukich stated yes, it was supposed to be a one-time levy." Trustee Fialko stated as he has reviewed documents from the past, what was supposed to be a one-time levy actually ended up being a double taxation. Trustee Fialko stated that at the Village Board meeting of October 2020, former Village Manager Karie Friling stated the tax would be reoccurring. Trustee Fialko stated he wanted this stated for the record.

b) December 7, 2022

Mayor Yukich stated the minutes from the December 7, 2022 Administration & Finance Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Trustee Pazmino made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Fialko. The motion passed.

Trustee Fialko stated he appreciated all the detail that is included in the minutes. Finance Analyst Gina Spino thanked Trustee Fialko for his compliment and she also

stated that Assistant to the Village Manager Gia Cassin prepared one set of the two sets of minutes presented.

6. Public Comment.

None

7. Reports and Communications from Staff.

a) *Village Manager*

1. Village Manager Maurella stated he passed out a settlement agreement document regarding the IAW lawsuit. Trustee Fialko wanted to confirm that the Village of Homer Glen has participated by contributing funds along with other municipalities. Village Manager Maurella stated yes. Trustee Fialko asked if the Village will only receive some funds back upon the settlement and is no longer contributing funds. Village Manager Maurella stated yes. Trustee Fialko asked approximately how much the Village of Homer Glen has contributed to the lawsuit. Village Manager Maurella stated it is approximately \$971,000. Trustee Pazmino asked if there will be communication sent out regarding the settlement. Village Manager Maurella stated The Village of Bolingbrook is going to prepare a communication for review and will send upon approval.

2. Village Manager Maurella stated Finance Director Sawyers will not be attending the meeting and shared the revenue chart information and revenue article.

b) *Finance Director*

1. Finance Director Sawyers absent.

c) *Chief Building Official*

1. Chief Building Official Baber verbally shared the Building Department year end numbers.

8. Old Business

Trustee Fialko stated with regard to the revenue charts, he wanted to call attention to the motor fuel tax information. He asked if the motor fuel tax funds that are collected go towards Parks. Village Manager Maurella stated yes as well as road resurfacing. Trustee Fialko stated we might want to be concerned because the gas prices in Homer Glen are higher than surrounding areas and consumers may choose to go elsewhere. Trustee Fialko stated this might be something that should be discussed at the Parks Committee Meeting. Village Manager Maurella stated yes.

9. New Business.

- a) Consider a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Village's December Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC in the Amount of \$7,291.25.

Trustee Pazmino made a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Village's December Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC in the amount of \$7,291.25; seconded by Trustee Fialko. The motion passed.

Trustee Fialko asked Village Manager Maurella if he had a chance to review and verify the billing. Village Manager Maurella stated yes.

Village Manager Maurella stated he is having discussions with Mahoney Silverman & Cross regarding a third party that submitted an invoice to the Village of Homer Glen.

- b) Consider a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Village's December Legislative Attorney Bills from Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath in the Amount of \$7,122.50.

Trustee Pazmino made a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Village's December Legislative Attorney Bills from Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath in the amount of \$7,122.50; seconded by Trustee Fialko. The motion passed.

Trustee Fialko asked Village Manager Maurella if he had a chance to review and verify the billing. Village Manager Maurella stated yes. Trustee Fialko asked how much of our legal budget we have used thus far. Village Manager Maurella stated approximately 63%. Trustee Fialko stated that we probably expected that with all the negotiations with the Local 150 union. Village Manager Maurella stated we start mediations next week.

- c) Consider a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Opticom Emergency Safety Traffic Preemption Installation Shared Invoice in the Amount of \$21,699.50 which is a portion of the original invoice Amount of \$86,798.00.

This item has been tabled. The Committee requested this item be sent to Public Services & Safety Committee for review.

Trustee Fialko stated he would like this item sent back to Public Services & Safety to determine the path this project took. He also stated he is unfamiliar if this item went to A&F or a Village Board Meeting. Chief Building Official Baber stated this item did go to a Public Services & Safety Meeting in February 2021 and the installation took a while. He also stated the minutes from the Public Services & Safety meeting where this topic was discussed are in this A&F packet.

- d) Consider a Motion to Recommend Approval of Quote from one (1) of four (4) Quotes for Two (2) Stand and Ride Lawn Mowers for Maintenance of 159th Street right of way and Median cutting.

Trustee Pazmino made a Motion to Recommend Approval of Quote from one (1) of four (four) Quotes for Two (2) Stand and Ride Lawn Mowers for Maintenance of 159th Street right of way and Media cutting; seconded by Trustee Fialko. The motion passed.

The Committee would like to amend the above original motion to state the following: Consider a Motion to Recommend Approval to Purchase two (2) stand and ride lawn mowers for maintenance of 159th Street right of way and median cutting from Shorewood Home & Auto.

Trustee Pazmino asked to clarify and asked if this expense is to replace the service from a third party that was previously maintaining the 159th right of way. Village Manager Maurella stated yes and added that this price is for two mowers. He also stated the Village was spending approximately \$40,000 a year with Beary Landscaping just to the cut the right of way and did not include the herbicide. The Committee discussed the different brands of mowers that all four businesses that provided quotes offer. Trustee Fialko stated that his recommendation would be to go with Shorewood Home & Auto to work with a local business that offers American made products. Trustee Pazmino stated he agrees with Trustee Fialko on his recommendation.

- e) Consider a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Quote from CDW-G for Adobe Software in the Amount of \$8,306.04.

Trustee Pazmino made a Motion to Recommend Approval of the Quote from CDW-G for Adobe Software in the amount of \$8,306.04; seconded by Trustee Fialko. The motion passed.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Trustee Pazmino; seconded by Trustee Fialko to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Gina Spino
Finance Analyst

