



Village of Homer Glen

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

February 10, 2021

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on February 10, 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, and Carlo Caprio. Trustee Beth Rodgers attended the meeting through Zoom. Also present on behalf of the Village were, Village Attorney Jim Murphy, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Facilities Manager John Robinson, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Assistant to the Village Manager Matt Walsh, Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troike and Village Manager Karie Friling. *A quorum was established.*

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**E. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS****1) Mayor's Report–**Covid-19 Update

I am happy to report that our region is now in Phase 4. We are continuing to make progress in the right direction.

Thank You

I want to thank the road district crews and our maintenance staff for their hard work during the various snow events that we have had. They have kept us all safe and open throughout the village.

Letter from Resident

All too often we receive more complaints than compliments from various people in the village. However, this week we received a very nice hand written letter from a resident - Margie Murphy thanking the Village of Homer Glen for all the work they do. Mayor Yukich read the letter out loud.

2) Trustees

- **Trustee Gray** – On behalf of the Community and Economic Development Committee, last night we held our first meeting of the year. The committee was able to go over some of the major Village accomplishments for 2020.

2020 Business Recap: Over 85,000 square feet of commercial space filled as a result of new and retained businesses. Twenty new businesses opened in 2020. Over four million of private investment in improvements by new and existing businesses.

On Going Projects Include: The Square at Goodings Grove. So far about thirty building permits of seventy six proposed units. Gas N Wash at 159th Street and Gougar opens tomorrow, February 11 with a planned ribbon cutting on March 19. This will also be the site of our Western Gateway sign to be built soon. **Our Newest Businesses:** Recently opened business are Floral Bliss Florist at Jewel Center, Fratelli's Pizza, Sam's Restaurant and Bar, Be Well Physical Therapy and State Farm agent Meaghan Good's Office at Ace Hardware Plaza. **Coming Soon & On-Deck:** The Phoenix Kitchen & Cocktails making great progress for late spring opening. Game On Bar & Grill at Megaplex. Pet Supplies Plus- in for building permit for late summer opening.

On February 5th, Development Director Janie Patch, Village Manager Friling and myself had a productive brainstorming session with members of the Heritage Corridor Business Alliance (our Chamber) to discuss ways we can work cooperatively to advance the Village and the Village businesses.

The Economic Development Department is working on a Recruitment Brochure and a Virtual Roadshow and they have already activated a Welcome New Business page on the Village website. A Virtual Ribbon Cutting campaign is also being developed to show our support for businesses opening during the Covid restrictions.

I would encourage all to go to the website to view all of the activity and see links to the new businesses. As always, Shop & Dine in Homer Glen!

- **Trustee Backal** – On behalf of the Public & Safety Committee, we had a very constructive meeting last week. We had several residents of Long Run Creek in attendance. Long Run Creek residents have been very motivated and have done a great job clearing the logs and large trees from the creek. We are now in contact with Homer Tree to assist us with clearing the logs and debris that the residents accumulated. This has been a large undertaking and a lot of the work has not only been done by the residents but by staff as well and I would like to thank those that have been behind the scenes doing a lot of work to help me along with this project and especially Mayor Yukich, Village Manager Friling, Joe Baber, Michael Salamowicz and Carlo for all of their help. Thank you.
- **Trustee Sweas** – On behalf of the Environment Committee, we still have a few openings on the Environment Committee. If anyone is interested please contact the Village or please send me an email at ssweas@homerglenil.org. Thank you.
- **Trustee Caprio** – Just to add on a little bit to Public Services & Safety Committee, it was a very constructive meeting. I wanted to just add the fact that not only did we get a big turn out from the Long Run Creek residents, it really made us ponder the thought that we really need to make a bigger effort in the Village as a whole to really look at our water ways and make sure we are trying to accommodate and clean up those creeks along the way as a consistent message to the community.
On behalf of the Parade and Festival Committee, we met and we are moving forward. We currently do not have plans for a social distancing fest but are still moving forward with the fest for 2021 with the Village's 20th anniversary approaching us. We want to make sure it's an extravaganza above anything we have done in the past. I appreciate the opportunity to report that.
- **Trustee Pazmino** – On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Committee, we had to cancel our last meeting due to the weather. We are currently working on new programs which we will have more information to share with you in the next coming weeks.

- 3) **Village Clerk** – I would like to remind the everyone that the Village of Homer Glen and Sweet Homer Glen are collecting candies, sudoku games and cards for our seniors until February 12 at 3:00 p.m. I would also like to thank all the residents that have already contributed.
- 4) **Village Manager** – I would just like to follow up with Trustee Pazmino, that we will have the next Board meeting approval of the special events programs for the upcoming year. We are kicking off our sponsorship program and have had a lot of interest from our local businesses and we are in the middle of planning for the Village of Homer Glen's 20th birthday party. There will be more information going out to the community soon on all of these upcoming events that we will be having over the months ahead.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **The Accounts Payable for the period of January 29, 2021 through February 11, 2021 in the amount of \$103,624.70.**
2. **Payment of the Village of Homer Glen's December Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC in the amount of \$15,957.12.**
3. **Payment of Tria Architecture's Invoices No. 3540 and 3569 for Heritage Park Design Services, in the amount of \$22,369.27.**
4. **Pay Estimate No. 4 from Len Cox & Sons Excavating for the 2019 Drainage Improvement Program, in the amount of \$184,427.83.**
5. **The Village's 2021 membership dues for the Will County Governmental League in the amount of \$17,429.83.**
6. **The purchase of five (5) Starcom Portable Radios for the Homer Glen Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$22,993.65.**
7. **A Motion to release the remaining Letter of Credit balance, for Letter of Credit No. LG/MIS/NY-030730, in the amount of \$98,015.00, for the Firestone Development, located at 14018 S. Bell Road.**

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, Rodgers, Caprio, Gray, Backal, and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to approve a 5-year Contract Extension with Nu-Way (dba., Homewood Disposal Service, Inc.) and Waive Competitive Bidding Process?**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

Trustee Caprio thanked everyone for their patience with tabling the above item at the last meeting. Trustee Caprio stated that he was sick at the last Board meeting and didn't have time to review the above item. Trustee Caprio wanted it known that he is in full support of the above motion and was in favor of the new benefits being added to the new contract and felt it was extremely beneficial to the residents of the Village of Homer Glen.

Mayor Yukich gave a statement on why he is in support of the new contract.

Trustee Pazmino stated that he does approve the fees in the contract because they do seem fair and stated that NuWay does a wonderful job. However, Trustee Pazmino addressed his concerns with the Village not going out to bid. He stated that the last RFQ (Request For Qualifications) was in 2008 and the contract with Nuway has been extended from that point forward. Trustee Pazmino also stated that if we are not going out to bid so we can compare the cost from other companies, do we truly know that we can't do better from another company. Trustee Sweas stated that in the Board Packet there is a community analysis which shows what other communities pay for garbage pick up compared to the Village of Homer Glen and is in favor of the contract with Nuway. Trustee Sweas also stated that NuWay does a wonderful job.

Trustee Backal stated that he agrees with the statement that Trustee Caprio gave and is also in favor of extending the contract with Nuway. Trustee Gray stated that he received several emails from residents stating that the Village receives great service from NuWay and also stated he feels comfortable with the data being shown and we are receiving a great deal and is also in favor of extending the contract.

Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (1) Trustee Pazmino

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

- 2. Motion to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with one or more firms to assist the Village in the removal of debris from the creeks, for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000? It is understood that as part of the aforementioned authorization, the Village Board approves the use of burning, as an acceptable method to dispose of the material removed from the creek.**

Trustee Backal motioned to approve, second by Trustee Caprio.

Trustee Backal updated the Board with the issues that the residents of Long Run Creek have been dealing with over the year. Trustee Backal stated that it is his goal to help the residents fix the problem and it's a problem that can no longer be ignored.

Trustee Caprio discussed that more work needs to be done with the water ways and environment of the Village and Long Run Creek is just the first endeavor of many to be addressed.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

3. **Motion to approve a proposal from Imperial Surveillance for camera equipment, outdoor wireless network, video server and service contract to install and maintain a video security system for Heritage Park, in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$71,250.00 plus \$1,677.00/month service contract subject to Village Manager and Attorney policy review?**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

Trustee Caprio discussed the advantages this service will be to Heritage Park and how it will be a great asset to the Village, the residents and the police force.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0) Trustee

The motion carried.

4. **Motion to accept a performance bond in the amount of \$32,436.80 in lieu of a letter of credit as financial security for the Pet Supplies Plus development at the southwest corner of 143rd Street and Bell Road?**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve, second by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

I. OLD BUSINESS – None

J. NEW BUSINESS – None

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Cancelled

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Backal motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Gray.

Voice Vote:

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

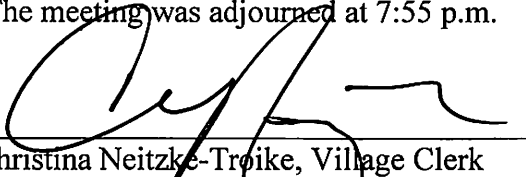
Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated April 14, 2021