



# **Village of Homer Glen**

**14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

**February 24, 2021**

**Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, IL 60491**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on February 24 2021 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> 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 was absent. Also present on behalf of the Village were, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Community Relations Coordinator Sue Steilen, Communications and Recreation Services Coordinator Amy Blank, Assistant to the Village Manager Matt Walsh and Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troiike. *A quorum was established.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None****E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****1. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 Village Board Meeting.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve the minutes, second by Trustee Sweas.

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

*The motion carried*

**2. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 Village Board Meeting.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve the minutes, second by Trustee Backal.

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

*The motion carried*

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

The Village is organizing a food drive for the month of March. A trailer will be placed in front of Village Hall on Monday, March 1 through Friday, March 26 to collect food for the Lockport Food Pantry. Monetary donations can also be made directly to the Food Pantry on their website at: <https://lockportfoodpantry.com>. A list of suggested items to donate can be found in the Special Events section of the Village website. Thank you in advance for your generosity!.

Thank you to the Homer Township Road District for all their hard work keeping the roads clean during these few weeks of snowy weather.

**2) Trustees**

**Trustee Pazmino** – Thank you to the individuals who contributed and donated their time, goods and funds to the TLC Animal Shelter and the Lockport Fish Food Pantry. The drive was a huge success and it was very uplifting to see many of our residents and businesses come together and participate in such a worthy cause. I would like to commend our neighbors Mark Gawron, Jennifer Consolino, Dan Fialko, Rose Reynders and John Walters for organizing this event. I would also like to commend Tazza restaurant, my staff at Rubi Agave and the HTRO for helping collect the goods for this worthy cause. I would also like to thank Mike Allen, the owner of Habano Cigars for lending us his truck in which we were able to deliver a full truck of goods.

**3) Village Clerk** – The collection for the seniors at Marian Village was amazing. We had several residents help with the event. We made over five hundred treat bags and Wedgewood Highland did an amazing job collecting items for the gift bags. I wanted to thank Mayor Yukich, Trustee Rodgers, Trustee Backal, Trustee Caprio, Sue Steilen, Amy Blank and the residents that came out and helped with putting the treat bags together and delivering them as well.

**4) Village Attorney** – No Report

**5) Public Safety Officials** – No Report

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None**H. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. The Accounts Payable for the period of February 12, 2021 through February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$485,800.42.**
- 2. The Treasurer's Reports of Cash and Investments for the period ending January 31, 2021.**

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

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

*The motion carried.*

## **I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-005, an Ordinance Determining the Need for Certain Property and Requesting the Transfer Thereof by the Homer Township Road District to the Village of Homer Glen?**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

Trustee Sweas asked the Village Attorney Eric Hanson the above ordinance.

Attorney Eric Hanson explained that the above ordinance takes the next step of the process towards the transfer. The ordinance is the final formal step that the Village Board needs to take to execute the transfer. The ordinance declares the need for acquisition of Road District property and requests the transfer by deed of Road District Property to the Village. The ordinance also authorizes the Mayor and Village Clerk to execute the necessary contracts.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

*The motion carried.*

### **2. Motion to approve the proposed calendar of special events and recreational programs for 2021?**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve, second by Trustee Pazmino.

Assistant to the Village Manager Matt Walsh gave a brief overview of all the proposed special events and recreational programs for 2021. Some of the events taking place were the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Village of Homer Glen Celebration, Kids Essay Contest, Homer Glen "History in the Making" event, Kite Fest & Anniversary Picnic, Cupcake Celebration and Homer Fest. Other special events included food drives, Tulips in the Park, Market in the Glen, Movie Under the Stars, Stargazing, Chalk it Up, Harvest Bags Tournament, Scarecrow Walk, Spooky Park, Trunk or Treat, Veteran's Day Celebration, Snowman Stroll and Homer for the Holidays. Trustee Sweas thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for reaching out to the Will County Forest Preserve for some of their programs which will be helping the environment programs. Trustee Gray, Trustee Pazmino and Trustee Caprio also thanked the

committee for their hard work in putting the events together for the residents.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

*The motion carried.*

#### **J. OLD BUSINESS – None**

#### **K. NEW BUSINESS – Motion to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance establishing a Parks and Recreation Subcommittee focused on improving facilities and recreational offerings for the Special Needs Community.**

Mayor Yukich noted that Nicole La Ha will be a member of the new committee and is very happy to have her helping out. Trustee Backal thanked Nicole La Ha for attending the meeting. Trustee Backal stated that he is very proud and pleased to have worked to help on forming the new subcommittee with others and it is truly a compassionate program that shows the heart of Homer Glen. It will coordinate not just with the Parks and Recreation Committee but also with every other committee and I do see room for new initiatives and recommendations to the Public Safety Committee coming from this new special need committee along with recommendations to every other committee and I believe this will be a great new addition to the Village of Homer Glen.

Village Clerk Netizke-Troiike stated that she is very grateful to everyone that put the committee together and as a parent of a special needs child she is very excited to work on the committee and is excited for all it has to offer. Trustee Caprio noted that Homer Fest has always had a Special Needs Day which has always been an important part of Homer Fest. He stated he is looking forward to see how they can expand their Special Needs Day even more with the help of the new subcommittee.

Trustee Backal made a motion to approve the above motion, second by Trustee Caprio

*Voice Vote:*

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

*The motion carried.*

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Backal motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Sweas.

*Voice Vote:*

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

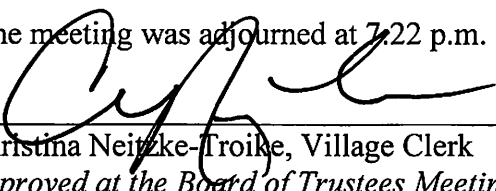
Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Rodgers

*The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



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Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Village Clerk

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