

# Public Services & Safety Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
March 1, 2023

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

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by chairperson Jennifer Consolino.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:02 p.m. were chairperson Jennifer Consolino, Will County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jeff Taylor, Public Works Director Brent Woods, Village Engineer Brett Westcott, Homer Township Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Dave Bricker and Northwest Homer Fire Protection District Chief Todd Fonfara. Also present was staff liaison Chief Building Official Joe Baber.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda. None

5. Minutes.

- a) January 4, 2023

Chairperson Jennifer Consolino stated that the minutes from the January 4, 2023 Public Services and Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Brent Woods made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2023, seconded by Brett Westcott. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comments.

Resident Dan Slepawic spoke regarding his submitted request for consideration to amend the Village Code as it pertains to the movement of objects such as snow when it is relocated to a sidewalk after being cleared from said sidewalk. Discussion occurred regarding ongoing issues he has had with his neighbor for a number of years.

7. a) Chairperson Report

None

- b) Fire District Reports.

Homer Fire Protection District reminded everyone to be cautious as the weather gets warmer and more people are outdoors.

- c) Will County Sheriff Report

Lt. Jeff Taylor presented his yearly report and indicated Homer Glen is a safe community. There was an increase in motor vehicle burglaries and thefts which was

due in part to vehicles which had been left unlocked with keys and valuables left inside. A group involved with several of the burglaries has been neutralized.

d) Emergency Management Agency Report.

None

e) Development Services Director Report

Brett Westcott presented and discussed the schedule for the Bell Rd. widening project. It was recommended that the information be forwarded to the business owners in the area affected as well as postings on the Village of Homer Glen website and social media outlets.

f) Building Official Report

Joe Baber reported he completed a traffic study report for stop signs in the area of Hiawatha & Teakwood. It was determined that stop signs were not required at this location. Internal tasking of this report saved the Village money. He also reported he is a member of the Behavioral Health and Addiction Recovery Committee which is looking at ways to educate the community on a number of topics which may aid the need for first responders.

g) Public Works Director Report- Brent Woods reported they are ready for the anticipated snowfall. Public Works will be receiving new snow plows for next year and they are considering a "name a plow contest" through local students.

8. Old Business.

a) Opticom Installation- Dave Bricker provided a brief history of the Opticom Installation recommendations and cost sharing agreements with Lockport for the installations at 167<sup>th</sup> & Cedar and 159<sup>th</sup> & Gouger. A motion was made by Dave Bricker to recommend approval of the Opticom Emergency Safety Traffic Preemption Installation in the amount of \$21,699.50 which is a portion of the original invoice amount of \$86,798.00, seconded by Brent Woods. All voted unanimously in favor.

b) Long Run Creek Discussion- Discussion occurred regarding what has occurred previously with Long Run Creek. Brett Westcott indicated he has spoken to Dave Buckley regarding the creek and adjacent properties. He will be attending a stormwater seminar soon and have an opportunity to ascertain and provide additional information.

9. New Business.

a) Snow Removal Discussion- Amending Code section 92-50B as requested by a single resident was discussed. This request seems to be an isolated incident between two residents and not a Village wide problem. It was indicated enforcement would be difficult.

b) Megaplex parking discussion- Parking on Bell Road has seemed to cease. The Will County Sheriff's Department had spoken to the owners of the Megaplex and the Attack volleyball club. Signs have been posted on the Megaplex entrance warning attendees of events not to park on Bell Rd. It was recommended that all parties involved with Megaplex events be notified of the upcoming roadwork project.

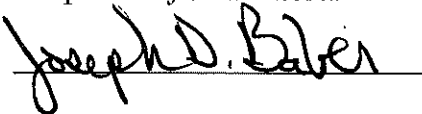
Under additional new business it was recommended with the possible impending spring storms public information be provided via printed and social media avenues on the do's and don'ts of drainage around their homes and properties.

It was also mentioned a date be investigated for the Touch a Truck, Safety Day Event which usually coincides with a Market in the Glen date. Joe would investigate.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Brent Woods, seconded by Dave Bricker. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph D. Baber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joseph D. Baber  
Chief Building Official