



Village of Homer Glen

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

April 28, 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 April 28, 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 (arrived at 7:07pm), Sharon Sweas, Broque Backal, Beth Rodgers and Keith Gray. Also present on behalf of the Village were, Village Attorney Eric Hansen, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Interim Village Manager Matt Walsh, Finance Director & Treasurer John Sawyers, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Director of Planning and Zoning Vijay Gadde, and Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troiike.
A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**E. MINUTES****1. April 14, 2021 – Village Board Meeting****Motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 Village Board Meeting.**

Trustee Backal motioned to approve, second by Trustee Rodgers.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Sweas, Rodgers, Backal, and Gray

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Caprio

Absent: (1) Trustee Pazmino

The motion carried

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**1) Mayor Yukich –**Thank You

Tonight is the final Board Meeting for four of our colleagues; Broque Backal, Carlo Caprio, Keith Gray and Sharon Sweas. These four have dedicated themselves to the Village for several years, putting in hundreds of hours at meetings, reading over policies and budgets and talking with residents and business owners. I will miss each of these trustees and I could not be prouder of the work we have done to make Homer Glen what it is today.

Public Works Department

On April 18, Commissioner DeVivo and I signed the closing documents to acquire the assets of the Homer Township Road District. On April 19, Commissioner DeVivo and staff recorded the documents with the Will County Recorder of deeds, making the transfer official. Hours later, the appellate court denied a motion to prevent the transfer from taking place. The residents of Homer Glen now have their own public works department.

Over the past week, the transition has moved full steam ahead. Road district employees have been hired as Homer Glen employees, and you will soon see the Village logo on public works trucks and letterhead. Your roads will be maintained by the same staff and equipment as it always has been, and the Village Board will make sure it is run as efficiently and conservatively as we have with every other department. Over the coming weeks, the Village will keep residents informed about the transition, including new contact information and processes.

Long Run Creek

The Village has hired Homer Tree Service to perform cleanup efforts along Long Run Creek, beginning with the area affected by the brush fires early this month. Representatives from Homer Tree met with Village staff today to plan access routes and target areas. Homer Tree will begin over the next two weeks.

- 2) **Trustee Sweas** – Reporting for the environment committee – the Committee will have a tent set up at the Kite Fest, please pick up cleaning supplies. I want to thank the Mayor and fellow board members for their friendship and support during the past 8 years, which has been an amazing experience.

I want to thank our incredible staff for doing what they do, day in and day out. You are greatly appreciated and I will really miss each one of you.

I have been on the Environment Committee since 2008, as a member, chair and co-chair and would like to thank our present and past committee members for all of their hard work, which also made Homer Glen known worldwide as a Dark Sky Community. Our members actually live by the Village motto - Community and Nature in Harmony.

Ecology and Economy needs to work hand in hand.

I wish the new board members well.

It takes a lot of time, effort, preparation and hard work to do this job and I hope each and everyone of them understands that.

In closing, there is a saying:

If you want to test a person's true character...just give them some power.

- 3) **Trustee Rodgers** – Reminded residents of the kite event. Trustee Rodgers wanted to let residents know the new Glenview Walk Park cost the Village \$1.00. Trustee Rodgers also stated she will miss the Board members
- 4) **Trustee Pazmino** – Trustee Pazmino thanked Trustee Sweas, Trustee Backal, Trustee Gray and Trustee Caprio for their time and hope they continue to be active members in the community.
- 5) **Trustee Caprio** – Trustee Caprio thanked everyone for being given the opportunity to serve the community.
- 6) **Trustee Gray** – Trustee Gray thanked everyone for all their hard work and specially thanked his family.
- 7) **Trustee Backal** – Reporting on Public Safety – Homer Tree was out looking at the access to Long Run Creek. Trustee Backal also thanked the Board and the Staff for all they have done. Trustee Backal also thanked the residents and his Family for all the support. Trustee Backal also wished the new Trustees the best of luck.
- 8) **Village Clerk Christina Neitzke - Troike** – Pop tab challenge is doing well. Clerk Neitzke-Troike stated this current board has released 114 executive session minutes of the roughly 222 executive session meetings. Clerk Neitzke – Troike thanked the Trustees for their time and wished the new trustee's luck, that their success is our success and look forward to working with all of them.
- 9) **Village Attorney** – Attorney Hansen discussed the transfer of the Highway Department.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 1) Mitch Atkinson – Concerned Resident regarding the Nicor Gas work being done and no notification to the residents of the work being done as the gas smell was strong. Suggested the Village should have some sort of Emergency notification policy to alert residents.
- 2) Beth Verdun – Wanted to thank Trustee Sweas, Backal, Caprio and Gray for their efforts, services and for keeping the resident's best interests in mind.
- 3) Cathy and David Boo – Wanted to thank the Board members for all they have done for the Village and approving the Gas station etc.
- 4) Jennifer Consolino – Came to reiterate her comments from the last board meeting. Ms. Consolino stated this is the last lame duck meeting for the outgoing Trustees and feels the road being purposed is the least resident and environmentally friendly. Ms. Consolino wished the outgoing Trustees well but wanted to voice her disagreements.
- 5) John Walters – Thanked the Board for everything they have done and stated he had taken Sharon up on her recommendation to join the Environmental Committee. Mr. Walters read an email provided by Mark Gawron.

Trustee Backal spoke to the non-truths stated in previous comments regarding the flooding at the Woodbine Golf Course. Trustee Backal stated he was at every meeting in which any discussion was had regarding flooding and development of Heritage Park.

Mayor Yukich also responded to some previous comments made.

- 6) Dave Buckley – Thanked Trustee Backal and Mayor Yukich. He also discussed Long Run Creek and how important it is to continue the efforts and funding. He stated those complaining about spending need to continue to move forward and educate themselves on Long Run Creek.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **The Accounts Payable for the period of April 16, 2021 through April 29, 2021 in the amount of \$588,604.40.**
2. **The Treasurer's Reports of Cash and Investments for the period ending March 31, 2021.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-019, an Ordinance approving [1] a Special Use Permit for a Major Amendment to the Goodings Grove Planned Unit Development (PUD) with the following exceptions: (a) to increase the maximum height of a monument sign from ten (10) feet to fifteen (15) foot six (6) inches, (b) to reduce the required landscape front yard from thirty (30) feet to twelve (12) feet, (c) to increase the base of a monument sign from a maximum four (4) feet to five (5) feet, and (d) to allow a wall sign on a building elevation adjacent to a residentially zoned property, pursuant to §220-903, Compliance and Amendments, of Chapter 220 Zoning of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen, [2] Special Use Permits for (a) an outdoor seating area associated with a permitted restaurant with an exception to allow a reduction in the amount of fencing where outdoor seating areas are required to be fully enclosed, and (b) a drive-through establishment, [3] a Site Plan, and [4] a Variance from the Exterior Construction Standards of §75-67F of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen to permit a combination of masonry and EIFS with accents of Nu-Tech Wood in the design of the first-floor elevation of a Commercial Building, for certain real property generally located in the C-3 General Business District on Lot 11 of the Goodings Grove PUD, Homer Glen, Illinois, subject to the following conditions.**

1. **The plantings in the area identified in yellow on sheet L01 be installed within 6 months of substantial completion of the County 143rd Street Roadway Improvement Project.**
2. **Increase three (3) more bollards on the east side of the seating area.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve, second by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 2) **Motion to approve the amended Mayor and Village Board Standard Operating Procedure No. 002.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve, second by Trustee Rodgers.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 3) **Motion to recommend approval of the Finance Director's recommendation to initiate the proposed general fund transfer equal to General Fund surplus for FY2021 on April 30, 2021 in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure No 2.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve, second by Trustee Rodgers.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 4) **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-020, an Ordinance Adopting the Village of Homer Glen's Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022.**

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 5) Motion to approve Addendum No.1, for construction engineering services, for the 2019 Drainage Improvement Program, in the not to exceed amount of \$18,048.00.**

Trustee Gray motioned to approve, Second by Trustee Backal.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Caprio, Backal, Gray and Pazmino

Nays: (2) Trustees Sweas and Rodgers

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 6) Motion to approve Addendum No.2 for the 151st Street Widening Project, Between Cedar Road and Bell Road, in the amount of \$25,897.84.**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve, Second by Trustee Caprio.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Caprio Backal, Gray, and Pazmino

Nays: (2) Trustee Sweas and Rodgers

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 7) Motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Homer Glen and Will County regarding certain improvements along Bell Road, as Part of the County's upcoming Bell Road Improvement Project, from 159th Street to 151st Street? It is understood that the Village will be responsible for the cost of these additional improvements, which include concrete sidewalk from Meadowview Lane to Woodland Drive, grass topped medians and upgraded landscaping, in the amount of \$158,251.50, and that the Village will be responsible for the future maintenance of these facilities.**

Trustee Rodgers motioned to approve, second by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 8) Motion to approve the proposal from Tria Architecture for construction observation for the Heritage Park cul-de-sac project, in the amount of \$53,850.**

Trustee Backal motioned to approve, second by Trustee Gray.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (1) Trustee Pazmino

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The Mayor also voted Aye

The motion carried

9) Motion to approve a special event permit for a disc golf tournament at Heritage Park on May 29 and 30, 2021.

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

10) Motion to appoint Beth Rodgers as Chair of the Homer Community Festival Committee.

Trustee Caprio motioned to approve, second by Trustee Backal.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

11) Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-021, an Ordinance amending §83-68 of the Code, Decreasing the Number of Class G Liquor Licenses by One (RDK Ventures LLC) d.b.a. Circle K 4706714, 12810 W. 143rd Street Homer Glen, IL?

Trustee Gray motioned to approve, second by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

J. OLD BUSINESS – None

K. NEW BUSINESS – None**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

1. Personnel
2. Potential of Pending Litigation
3. Real Estate Purchase
4. Executive Session Minutes

Executive Session meeting ended at 8:44pm. Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 8:45pm.

M. ACTION BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rodgers motioned to approve the following Executive Session Minutes, second by Trustee Sweas.

**August 14, 2019
September 11, 2019
November 13, 2019
January 8, 2020
May 27, 2020
June 10, 2020
June 24, 2020
July 8, 2020
July 22, 2020 (with discussed changes)
August 12, 2020 (with discussed changes)
August 26, 2020
September 9, 2020
January 13, 2021
January 27, 2021**

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

Trustee Rodgers motioned to Release the following Executive Session Minutes, second by Trustee Backal.

**August 14, 2019
September 11, 2019
November 13, 2019**

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

N. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gray motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Backal.

Voice Vote:

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


Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.


Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated June 9, 2021