

Public Services & Safety Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
May 5, 2021

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

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by co-chairman Broque Backal

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:03 p.m. were Co-chairman Broque Backal, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Homer Township Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Dave Bricker, Will County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jim Holuj, Northwest Homer Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Todd Fonfara, and EMA Director John Robinson. Also present was staff liaison Chief Building Official Joe Baber.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

5. Minutes.

- a) March 3, 2021

Co-Chairman Broque Backal stated that the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Public Services and Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Todd Fonfara made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting, seconded by Dave Bricker. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports and Communications.

- a) Chairman's Report

Broque Backal gave the following report which the Village received from the Cook County Building and Zoning Department. Parcel 22-32-403-027 has received two violations for debris and unregistered vehicles. Parcel 22-32-403-026 has received five violations for unregistered vehicles, maintenance, tree removal, excavation and adding fill to the creek. Parcel 22-300-013 had no violations but currently has a violation in Cook County for a road installed without a permit. Parcel 22-33-301-010 currently has pending violations and will be getting additional violation notices for bring in fill, setting up a storage facility and someone living in a trailer.

- b) Fire District Reports.

Homer Township Fire Protection District reported they have responded to a few outside fires related to landscape burning outside of homes.

c) Will County Sheriff Report.

Lt. Jim Holuj reported they are a member of the Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the prescription drop box will be getting installed soon. The Lt. also talked about the Will County Sheriff's Department free mobile App which is now available for download for both iPhone and android. Some features include crime tip submission, active warrants, sex offenders, and more. He also thanked the fire districts for sharing the app information. It will also be posted on the Village of Homer Glen web site.

d) Emergency Management Agency Report.

John Robinson reported EMA has been preparing for Homer fest and aided with traffic and people control at the kite fest.

e) Homer Township Road District Report.

None

f) Development Services Director Report.

Mike Salamowicz reported the Eagle Ridge Dr., Stadler Ridge and Chickasaw drainage projects are concluding.

g) Building Official Report.

Joe Baber reported he is working on ordinance prohibiting certain activities by ATV's, golf carts, and motorized cycles. The Building Department is also working on closure of entrance permits which were previously handled by the Highway Department.

7. Public Comments.

Dave Buckley commented on the activities associated with Long Run Creek and requested additional efforts be made to address violators actions.

8. Old Business.

a) Long Run Creek Update – Mike Salamowicz reported he has met with Homer Tree Service and a clean up of tree piles and debris from the creek has been scheduled. Residents will be informed as the schedule becomes available.

b) Parker Road S-curve – Mike Salamowicz presented a map and product description paperwork for additional signage and lighting at the Parker Rd. location. He explained the flashing signs would be approximately \$12,000 and the street lights would be approximately \$19,000 with wood poles. Metal poles would be preferred but would cost more.

9. New Business.

a) Flock Safety Cameras- Dirk Obermayer with the Will County Sheriff's Department gave some background information regarding a pro-active approach to burglarized motor vehicle and stolen car investigation with the installation and ongoing subscription for the use of ten (10) Flock license plate cameras. These cameras would be utilized at key entrance points into and out of the Village and the two entrance points into Heritage Park. The other eight identified locations include 159th & Gougar, 159th & Will-Cook, 143rd & State, 143rd & Will-Cook, 143rd & Bell, 151st & Will-Cook, 151st & Gougar, and 167th & Will-Cook.

The license plate cameras integrate automatically with county wide multi-jurisdictional law enforcement including Mokena, New Lenox, Joliet and Frankfort, providing the capability to share information for real time alerts. The initial cost to install the ten cameras and the first year's subscription is \$27,500. The annual subscription of \$25,000 will start in 2022. Funds would be used from the current general fund surplus and Cares Act Revenues with the annual subscription added into the 2021/2022 budget item Safety Network 10-22-60-210. A motion was made by John Robinson, second by Mike Salamowicz to recommend approval of a proposal from Flock Safety for ten license plate cameras, solar power, wireless network, installation, poles, and cloud hosting in the amount of \$27,500 and the annual subscription of \$25,000 starting in 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

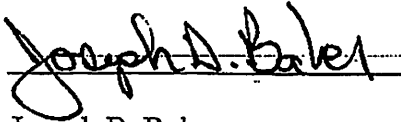
b) Leaf Burning Permits- Joe Baber stated he has received a few requests from residents for a change in the duration for which a leaf burning permit is valid from the current six-month period to one year for permit validity. Currently there are 357 total properties where leaf burning permits have been issued. He commented that this would be easier on the residents as well as staff. A motion was made by Mike Salamowicz, second by Dave Bricker to recommend approval amending Village Code Article Five, Open Burning of Leaves, Section 107-30 Permit required, extending the time period a permit is valid from six months to one year. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Heritage Park Camera Solar Panel- John Robinson explained that due to the location of two of the Heritage Park cameras, it is economically and logistically better to use a solar power system. A motion by Mike Salamowicz, second by Todd Fonfara to recommend approval of the proposal from Imperial Surveillance for the installation and maintenance of a solar power system for the Heritage Park camera at a cost of \$29,000 in addition to a \$598 per month service contract.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by John Robinson, seconded by Mike Salamowicz. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Joseph D. Baber
Chief Building Official