

Village of Homer Glen

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

July 14, 2021

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on July 14, 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, Beth Rodgers, Dan Fialko, Rose Reynders, Jennifer Consolino and Nicole La Ha. Also present on behalf of the Village were, Village Attorney Eric Hansen, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Interim Village Manager Matt Walsh, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Director of Planning and Zoning Vijay Gadde, and Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troike.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- 1) Trustee Rodgers motioned to table I.1, second by Trustee Fialko.

Trustee Rodgers stated she would like to see this come back as a Committee of a Whole to include the Parks and Public Safety Committees.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 2) Trustee Fialko asked to have Personnel added to Executive Session.

E. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

- 1) **Mayor Yukich –**

Homer Glen Senior Rate

Residents of Homer Glen that are 65 and older are eligible for a senior discount on their garbage service from Homewood Disposal. Residents must complete and submit an application in order to receive the discount. The application can be found on the Village website, Homewood Disposal's website or you can call (708) 798-1004 for more information.

- 2) **Trustee Fialko** – Trustee Fialko thanked the Volunteers for their time spent making the Fest a success. Trustee Fialko also thanked Trustee Rodgers for making the Fest a great success.

- 3) **Trustee Reynders** – Trustee Reynders reported on the Community and Economic Development Committee. Upon approval of the Board, the Community and Economic Committee is recommending the Commercial Improvement Grant. This program is supported by a \$40,000.00 place hold in the Economic Development Account in the 2022 Budget.
- 4) **Trustee Pazmino** – Reporting for the Environment Committee, Trustee Pazmino reported with heavy heart the passing of one of the Committees long standing members, John L Lobick. The Board had a moment of silence for Mr. Lobick.

This was the first meeting for Trustee Consolino to join the Environment Committee, and it was very welcomed and well received by all of our board members.

We approved the winners for the “Big Tree Contest” for 2021. We received 8 nominations and 5 of these nominations were verified as being the biggest of their species. The awards will be scheduled for the August 11th board meeting.

Nominations for the “Community and Nature in Harmony Awards” are still being discussed. We currently have 8 nominations, and although the deadline was June 20th, we would still like to encourage and accept more nominations. Our committee is looking for a few volunteers to help assist us in visiting the locations and taking pictures over the next few weeks. We are hoping to submit the winners to the Village board by the end of August or beginning of September.

“National Public Lands Day” will be Saturday, September 25th. Our Environment committee celebrates this by having a Fall Tree Planting and Community Cleanup Day. For the fall planting we purchased two Norway Spruces earlier this year, in which we planted during the spring in front of the Village Maintenance Building on 151 Street. The committee is still working on scheduling a Community Cleanup Day and we will keep the board and the Village posted on that date.

During Public Comment we had a larger than usual attendance of neighbors expressing concerns about a property that may possibly allowing semi-diesel truck parking. The property was inspected and was not found to be in any violation of said diesel truck parking. It was also brought to our attention by a resident that one of our Homer businesses may be in violation of the practice of overnight semi-diesel truck parking and idling. Village staff and the Will County Sheriff’s Department have been made aware of this allegation will be inspecting for code violations.

A representative from the CARE organization, one of Will County’s oldest environmental groups, spoke regarding diesel particles and its possible harmful effects on both humans and the environment. The residents who came to speak at the meeting expressed their concerns with the diesel particles as well.

A request was made by one of our board members to look into having the Village make a statement requesting that PACE only utilize diesel free vehicles and this request will be brought to the board members in the future.

- 5) **Trustee La Ha** – Our first official meeting was July 6th and we covered quite a bit!

Pre-Party Carnival was a great success even though it was a little damp. We received many emails with compliments of the event and the volunteers, along with a lot of positive feedback. I want to thank those that helped specifically volunteer and plan that event. It was a nice kick off for the Ability Awareness committee to be present at. We also raised funds that will allow the committee to do some really nice things for the community and I also want to thank all those who worked the beer tent and or supported this past Market in the Glen especially Trustee Fialko, Trustee Rodgers and Mayor Yukich for your time and support for our first week out of the gate.

Pop Top Challenge with New Lenox came to a close and I have asked for Clerk Neitzke-Troike to report on that, as well as discuss how family nominations will work. I do want to commend her on a job well done with this whole challenge. I think it was a lot of fun!

Market in the Glen

Going back to this past week at Market at the Glen, we created 7 hands on stations to simulate or experience what it may be like to live with different disabilities that both children and adults participated in. We also had a sign language demo which went really well. I want to publicly acknowledge committee members Karen Adamczyk and Heather Bleck for their extra time and care with this event. We had great feedback from this, and have been asked if we could offer these stations at a couple schools in the area.

SRA's

Last week I had a meeting with Keith Wallace, the director of Lincoln Way Special Recreation Association and I look forward to creating an even stronger relationship with them for the benefit of our community members that may have physical or mental disabilities as well as receive creative input for our parks. Myself and Trustee Reynders have been invited to attend the grand opening of their inclusive park tomorrow. I'd like to invite any of the board or park committee members to attend with us if they would like.

I have a meeting with Northern Will Co. SRA next week and I'm looking forward to that as well.

If any community members have any questions about Lincoln Way or Northern Will County special rec programs I'd be happy to help you with that. I can confirm the Township has been paying and is currently up to date with their stipends to each organization, so I want to personally thank them for that.

Community Survey

We are currently putting together a community survey to find out how we can best serve our differently abled citizens of Homer Glen. That link should be out sometime next week which will be emailed, and shared via social media.

Village Website has been updated with the Ability Awareness Committee information and the mission statement, purpose will be added shortly to allow people to fully understand who we are, and what we do. The survey link will also be added to that tab and will stay there to allow for community feedback indefinitely. We are also working on compiling different resources that fall under the committee's scope and will add links to the AAC tab.

Last but certainly not least, **July is Disability Pride Month** and the AAC is excited to celebrate this special month and would also like to invite all of Homer Glen to join in.

On July 16th which is **Disability Awareness Day** we will begin a community wide photo contest. Community members can submit photos taken around town that highlight accessibility! It could be a wheel chair ramp, a wider doorway or an inclusive shopping cart, anything that highlights accessibility here in Homer Glen! Each photo submitted will equal one entry, you can send as many as you like, and a winner will be chosen at the end of Disability Pride month on July 30 to receive a nice prize from the AAC. Specific details will be introduced tomorrow on FB, so be on the lookout for that! This is also an invitation for local businesses to show their accessible accommodations. We are so excited to support Disability Pride and hope you will show your support too!

A special thank you to Ed Kerfin for inviting the AAC to be on the radio last week. It's always such an honor to be able to discuss this committee and the advocacy we take part in on behalf of disabled community members here in Homer Glen and their families.

- 6) **Trustee Consolino** – I want to start out tonight by saying how amazing our Homer Fest was, but even more so I would like to shout out a big thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who worked non-stop and in inclement weather to make it a HUGE SUCCESS! This was my first-time volunteering with the festival and I was astonished by the amount of time and effort everyone put into its production. A large number of residents attended and they enjoyed the fest because of your hard work. Thank you again for sacrificing your time to do it.

Public Safety Committee:

I had the pleasure of chairing my very first meeting with the Public Safety Committee last week. I feel very privileged to work alongside members who all work selflessly in public service. Each member is an asset to the community of Homer Glen and they represent our Village staff, our fire department, our Emergency Management Agency and our Will County Sheriff's department. The institutional knowledge that they bring to the table is invaluable. Hopefully, my years as an employee with the Cook County Sheriff's Office will be beneficial to the Public Safety Board and working to keep Homer Glen safe for our citizens.

- I can report that we had a light agenda meeting. We were happy with the success of our 2021 Homer Fest and that there was little to no incidents to report.
- During Public Comment we had a residential complaint from the Woodbine subdivision regarding parking and loitering on private property. This issue will be addressed further at the next Homer Fest Committee meeting.
- Our first Long Run Creek Report was generated by our Development Service Director - Mike Salamowicz. This report will be posted on the Village of Homer Glen's website with a monthly update for public viewing for the residents of Long Run Creek. The goal of this report is to provide transparency with the Village's advocacy for these residents and give information, status and action with each "outside agency" that is involved with the violations and flooding with the parcels affecting the Long Run Creek properties. These agencies & municipalities include the following:
 - IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources)
 - FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

- The Cook County Building & Zoning Department
- Lemont Township
- USACOE (United States Army Corp of Engineers)
- MWRD (Metropolitan Water Reclamation Department)
- As well as the Village of Homer Glen

Parcel 1) 22-32-403-027: Currently we are awaiting inspection and violations to be written by Cook County and the IDNR regarding the floodway. This parcel will be receiving two violations. One for maintenance, with multiple piles of debris and garbage. The second violation will be for having two vehicles on the property that are not running and must be disposed of.

Parcel 6) 22-33-301-010: There is a current violation in Cook County under **V19492 18M1401934** and additional counts will now be added to this case. The additional violations that have been written on this parcel under **V26113** are as follows:

- two semi-truck trailers that are being used for storage on the property
- fill that has been brought in without a permit
- a shed roof that has been constructed without a permit
- and for a mobile home or trailer that has been parked on the site and currently has someone living in it.

Also, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago issued a “violation report” on April 21st for the owner of three properties stating that they were in apparent violation of the MWRD’s Watershed Management Ordinance. One of the owners has not responded to the report and two of the owners have made progress in removing items from the floodplain. The Village will continue to follow-up with this.

Environment Committee:

I also enjoyed having my first meeting with our impassioned Environment Committee this week. I’m looking forward to working alongside Trustee Pazmino and this board in conjunction with our Village’s motto of “Community and Nature in Harmony.” This is our founding principle in Homer Glen and it is the fabric of what we proudly stand for in our community. The Environment Committee supports this mission and they help to promote this concept and make it happen. These board members have enriched us and our natural landscape, as well as they keep our residents informed and encourage them to be environmentally aware and participate in the process. I see a great future in what this committee and its board members can do to advocate, protect and enrich our environment.

In discussing the Environment Committee meeting, I will try not to repeat what Trustee Pazmino will report before the board.

- We had a lot of residents attend the meeting Monday. These residents had a great deal of concern regarding semi-truck parking and diesel particles affecting us and our environment.
- Trustee Pazmino and I have both informed Village staff and the Will County Sheriff of these concerns and of possible ordinance violations regarding this, that were brought to the attention of the Committee. We will provide follow-up when possible.
- I encourage more residents to apply for the Community and Nature in Harmony contest and will provide more information on our Community Cleanup when we have it.

- 7) **Village Clerk Neitzke - Troike** – Reported on behalf of the pop tab challenge. Clerk Neitzke – Troike thanked all residents, the Board and businesses who had participated in the challenge.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bryan Kozor – Mr. Kozor thanked the staff, past Trustees and Mayor Yukich for the work they have done.

Tony Drabik – Mr. Drabik thanked the employees who worked hard and smiled while doing it.

Wayne Fairbrother - Mr. Fairbrother had stated he was at a meeting regarding the water and asked the Mayor if the Village plans to go to trial. The Mayor stated the Village is on hold and we hope to have better news in the near future.

Art Eberhardt - Mr. Eberhardt is with Meadowcrest Subdivision and stated the Village has had a major flood event in this area and wanted to express his thought on the flooding matter. There is a pond in his area and when it floods, the transformers go under water and wanted to let the Board know it is very dangerous.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. The Accounts Payable for the period of June 11, 2021 through July 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,291,231.53.**
- 2. Payment of the Village of Homer Glen's May Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC in the amount of \$3,071.25.**
- 3. Payment Estimate No. 1 from PT Ferro Construction Co. for the 2021 Road Resurfacing Program, in the amount of \$293,225.50.**
- 4. A Three-Year Agreement with Adesta to perform Utility Locating Services for the Village of Homer Glen as part of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) Program.**

Trustee Rodgers motioned to approve, second by Trustee Reynders.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Fialko, Rodgers, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

Present: (0)

The motion carried

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-026, an Ordinance Granting a Variance to permit Stucco on the first floor of the dwelling. In lieu of the Exterior Construction Standards requiring that stone or brick material cover one hundred (100) percent of the aggregate total area of all first floor or story exterior walls, exclusive of doors, windows and associated trim [§75-67A (Applicability and scope: type of building or structure) of**

Chapter 75 (Buildings) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen], for certain real property located in the R-2 Single Family Residential District at 15030 W. Woodduck Ln., Homer Glen, Illinois. It is understood the property's address will be 15029 W. 139th Street when it is built.

Trustee Pazmino motioned to approve, second by Trustee Fialko.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 2) **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-027, an Ordinance approving a Variance to reduce the required side yard setback for the proposed residential single family detached dwelling from twenty-five (25) feet to fifteen (15) feet, for certain real property located in the R-1 Single-Family Residential District at 13631 S Maple Avenue (PIN 16-05-04-203-006-0000), also known as Lot 87 in Robert Bartlett's Creekwood Subdivision, Homer Glen Illinois, [Case No. HG-2112-V].**

Trustee Fialko motioned to approve, second by Trustee La Ha.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 3) **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-028, an Ordinance granting a Variance to permit Glass, Stucco and Metal on the first floor of the dwelling. In lieu of the Exterior Construction Standards requiring that stone or brick material cover one hundred (100) percent of the aggregate total area of all first floor or story exterior walls, exclusive of doors, windows and associated trim [§75-67A (Applicability and scope: type of building or structure) of Chapter 75 (Buildings) of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen, for certain real property located in the R-1 Single Family Residential District at 13631 S. Maple Ave., Homer Glen, Illinois.**

Trustee Pazmino motioned to approve, second by Trustee Fialko.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 4) **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-029, an Ordinance approving an Amendment to the Special Use Permit, granted by Village of Homer Glen Ordinance No. 03-003, for Minor Changes to the Homer Town Square Planned Development with the following Exceptions: [a] to increase the number of allowable wall signs for a business tenant (Jewel) from one (1) to three (3), [b] to increase the total allowable copy area from four hundred eight (408) square feet to four hundred fifty-six (456) square feet, [c] to allow four (4) parking stall signs, [d] to allow four (4) directional signs and [e] to allow five (5) cart corral signs, for certain real property located on the west side of Bell Road, north of 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Illinois, [Case No. HG-2116-S].**

Trustee La Ha motioned to approve, second by Trustee Consolino.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 5) **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-030, an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to allow Spa Massage services for certain real property located in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District at 13007 W. 143 Street, Homer Glen, Illinois [Case No. HG-2113-S].**

Trustee La Ha motioned to approve, second by Trustee Fialko.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

- 6) **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-031, an Ordinance approving an extension to the Variances granted via Ordinance 20-026 for the proposed Windsor Court, Phase 2 Subdivision located at 12513 W. Hadley Road, Homer Glen, Illinois.**

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, second by Trustee La Ha.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

I. WORKSHOP

- 1) **Presentation on Flock Safety Cameras.**

(Tabled)

J. OLD BUSINESS - None

K. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Trustee Rodgers requested for the Village to go out for an RFP to discuss costs for maintaining the parks that the Township is discussing to turn over to the Village. Trustee Reynders stated she will have a discussion with John Robinson to take a look at the parks to come up with a cost as well. The Board would like to see an RFP prior to taking over the Township parks. Trustee Rodgers stated she would like to include the Environment Committee and Park Committee.
2. Trustee Fialko stated Clarke Mosquito was contacted to spray for mosquitos a little early and residents had some concerns about the bees and the pollinators. Trustee Fialko would like for Clarke Mosquito to give a brief presentation on how and why this process was done.
3. Trustee Pazmino stated the last Sheriff's event that we had was greatly received and would like to do it again.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Regular Board meeting ended at 8:40 pm.

1. Potential of Pending Litigation

M. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fialko motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Pazmino.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

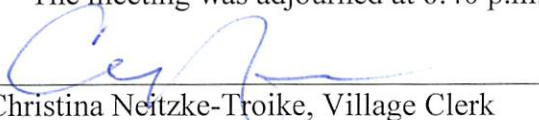
Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated November 10, 2021