

# Public Services & Safety Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
August 2, 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 4:00 p.m. by co-chairperson Deputy Chief Dave Bricker.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 4:02 p.m. were co-chairperson Homer Township Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Dave Bricker, Will County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jeff Taylor, Public Works Director Brent Woods, Village Engineer Brett Westcott, 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.

A motion was made by Brent Woods, seconded by Brett Westcott to move the Verizon Crisis Response Team Presentation to item 4.a. The motion passed unanimously. The Verizon Response Team member, Mike Olson gave a brief presentation on the Verizon crisis response capabilities. This included their ability to set up mobile transmission towers, back-up generators and staffing in the event of an event.

5. Minutes.

- a) June 7, 2023

Co-Chairperson Dave Bricker stated that the minutes from the June 7, 2023 Public Services and Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Brett Westcott made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2023, seconded by Brent Woods. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comments.

Resident Lisa Pacetti voiced her concerns regarding speeding on Hickey Ave. She would like to see the current 30 mph speed limit lowered to 25mph.

Audrey Samara, Hickory Ave. resident also voiced her concerns regarding speeding on Hickory Ave.

Tom Zerkel, Hickory Ave. resident also voiced his support for a speed reduction on

Hickory Ave. and also recommended a stop sign on the north east corner of Cedar Rd. and Hickory Ave. He stated at this intersection he has witnessed cars "flying around the corner" onto Hickory Ave.

Ted Audia, another Hickory Ave. resident lives closer to the curve on Hickory Ave. and he has had to remove deer from the pavement. He feels 30mph is to fast of a speed going around the curve.

7. a) Chairperson Report

None

b) Fire District Reports.

Homer Fire Protection District reported schools will soon be in session so watch for children and buses. October is Fire Prevention month. Northwest Homer echoed these comments.

c) Will County Sheriff Report

Lt. Jeff Taylor reported there is now a full-time resource officer at Homer Junior High. ATV's continue to be a problem in the community.

d) Emergency Management Agency Report.

Ron Kus reported they assisted Mokena and New Lenox with their July 4<sup>th</sup> events.

e) Development Services Director Report

Brett Westcott reported the Long Run court case in Cook County was continued again. The defendants are still in violation. An update on the Bell Rd. construction was provided.

f) Building Official Report

Joe Baber reported we are monitoring the two businesses located in the Bell Rd. Plaza which started work without a permit. Lot 8 in the Bell Plaza development has been put on hold do to supply chain and cost issues. The ICC code books will be getting published in 2024 and we will be looking for Building Code adoption in late 2024. Joe also mentioned he met with administrators of Oak Prairie schools regarding the HERO program and their trailer availability.

g) Public Works Director Report- Brent Woods reported they are completing the road resurfacing projects throughout the Village.

8. Old Business.

None

## 9. New Business.

## a) Sump Line Text Amendment

Brett Westcott distributed information for proposed changes to the sump discharge requirements near property lines. It would increase the distance/setback from the property line if the discharge is directly impacting a neighboring property. A motion by Brent Woods to support this text amendment change, second by Ron Kus. All voted unanimously.

## b) Concrete shed slab discussion

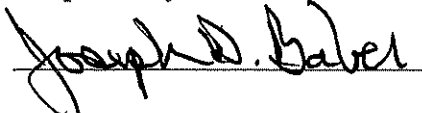
Joe Baber explained the Village has had a request to eliminate the required concrete slab requirement under sheds. Joe distributed a peer community survey which reflects that slabs are required in the communities of Frankfort, Mokena, Orland Park, Lemont, and New Lenox. A motion was made by Brett Westcott not to support elimination of the concrete slab requirement, second by Brent Woods. All voted unanimously.

Joe Baber stated the speeding and stop sign on Hickory would be brought back to committee in September and another traffic study would be conducted.

## 10. Adjournment.

Motion by Brent Woods, seconded by Brett Westcott. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Joseph D. Baber  
Chief Building Official