

# **Village of Homer Glen**

**14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

**September 8, 2021**

**Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting**

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on September 8, 2021 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> 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, Interim Village Manager Matt Walsh, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Senior Planner/Project Manager Melissa King, and Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troiike.

*A quorum was established.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

- 1) Trustee Pazmino motioned to move I.4 to I.2, 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*

**E. RECOGNITION****1. Community and Nature in Harmony Awards & Big Tree Champions Awards**

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Community and Nature in Harmony Awards Ceremony. Tonight, we gather to recognize those individuals and groups who have demonstrated a commitment to the environment and, in the process, have significantly contributed to the Village of Homer Glen. Tonight is also our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Big Tree Champions Awards. We would like to recognize those individuals as well. So, without further delay, Trustee Pazmino will start the awards ceremony.

Trustee Pazmino and Mayor Yukich announced the 14 Winners of the Community and Nature in Harmony in Awards.

**F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**

- 1) **Mayor Yukich** – Mayor Yukich submitted his written objection and exercising his authority to veto Ordinance number 21-034.

**2) Trustee Consolino –**

I apologize to the residents of Homer Glen that our Village will not be hosting a memorial service in recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11. Staff and equipment are being sent to a memorial event being hosted by Will County in downtown Joliet. Anyone is welcome to attend this event, but for those like myself, who would like to assemble locally in Homer Glen for a memorial, I spoke with the Homer Township Board who are willing to host a small memorial service outside of the Homer Township Hall at approximately 9:30 am on Saturday, 9/11/2021. I have also requested the approval of a proclamation tonight honoring the anniversary.

Reporting for the Public Safety Committee this month, I was fortunate to accompany some of our fire chiefs to WESCOM, Western Will County Communication Center for a tour of the state of the art consolidated 911 emergency dispatch center which services both the Homer Fire Department and the Northwest Homer Fire Department, as well as 19 other police and fire agencies. In other news with our Public Safety Committee, it has been discussed that a special public meeting will be held at a later date for Long Run Creek residents in regard to the status of their properties and ongoing issues with that area.

I would like to address the personal attacks that I have received during the past several board meetings from the Mayor and Trustee Rodgers. They have both publicly insulted me and stated that I am not capable of writing an ordinance or my speeches before this board. Unlike the Mayor, I do not have staff writing several scripted responses for me while running a board meeting. I am not a mechanic, I do not own my own company, I have not filed bankruptcy, I have not worked in real estate, I do not own pieces of investment property AND I AM NOT independently wealthy. However, I DID WORK for the Cook County Sheriff's Office for 19 years. During those TWO decades I worked tirelessly on a great deal of legal correspondence...ON A DAILY BASIS...because it was my job to do so. I worked as an administrative assistant under several municipal agencies and directors. I also originated, maintained and consistently updated policies and procedures, standards of operating procedures, general orders, post orders, as well as, internal and external memorandums between "intergovernmental" agencies. My list of responsibilities, skills and duties goes on and on. In laymen terms, I personally and independently authored A LOT of legal documents.....which on occasion, were subject to review...just like I did with the ordinance about the attorney that came before our Board for review and vote. I followed protocol, something our Mayor and Trustee Rodgers do not like to do, as they admitted AND dismissed in the last Board meeting.

I'd also like state for public record, for those who don't know or need to be reminded, Trustee Reynders also has a previous background in municipal government. Trustee Reynders worked as a legislative assistant, a clerk to a presiding judge AND as an assistant to the Medical Director of the Cook County Jail. We are both savvy with administrative and legal processes within a municipality. Since the Mayor and Trustee Rodgers have continuously badgered me regarding on who authored the ordinance, I figured I should give credit where it is due. First and foremost, I did.....BUT.... I did have some assistance. That assistance came from Trustee Reynders and former Trustee Annie Holtz. I feel that now is a good time to bring up Trustee Annie Holtz, because for anyone who has attended our Village Board Meetings over the past several years, or watched them on video, it's evident Mayor Yukich treats me just as unprofessionally and chauvinistically as he did with Trustee Holtz. Mayor Yukich clearly thinks he is superior to women and can speak to them any way he wants. He doesn't appear to do this to Trustee Rodgers, but that could be because she is spoon feeding him his scripted responses while seated on the board.

I'd also like to point out the hypocrisy by Trustee Rodgers during the last board meeting. She had the audacity to accuse another board member of age discrimination. As she did so, our own Human

Resource Manager jumped out of her seat clapping her hands ferociously and cheered! Yet, when the Mayor sits here repeatedly screaming at me, acting unprofessionally, calling me names attempting to bully and intimidate me, both the Village HR Manager and Trustee Rodgers are quiet and complacent. They may as well be rooting for him to act discriminatory towards women, because they do absolutely NOTHING to discourage it.

Our last board meeting proved that the Mayor and Trustee Rodgers do not believe in following the rules or the ordinances of the Village. We are currently in a heated battle over a one hundred-thousand-dollar job that they and staff handed to an acquaintance of theirs. A man that self admittedly stated at our podium that he did not have ANY of the preferred or minimum requirements for the job of Public Works Director. Our own Acting Village Manager stated that he hired him over qualified applicants because he “meshed” with the rest of the staff. He also admitted that he applied for the job of ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER.... A job that our staff states was not even up for hire. So why did we hire this man for Public Works Director? And why didn't they permit this hire go for review by our board? So much for transparency by our Village. I think the facts are clear. This Public Works Director is an illegal patronage hire. All of this lying, grandstanding and embarrassing theatrics are just another reason why I and the other Trustees are hiring another attorney. The circus needs to end .....and the rules need to be adhered to.

Before the Mayor goes off making his usual ignorant and bullying comment of “ARE YOU DONE?” to me..... YES...MAYOR YUKICH..... I'm done. This concludes my report.

- 3) **Trustee La Ha** – Trustee La Ha reported on behalf of the Ability Awareness Committee, stating there is a live volunteer link and our Community survey is on its way. The Ability Awareness Committee is assisting a Best Buddies/Konow's event, a Village closet, Holistic Riding therapy is also looking for volunteers, a Senior Survey drop off night at the senior areas in Homer Glen and Homer Township.
- 4) **Trustee Rogers** – Trustee Rogers discussed the Veterans Day event that will be hosted at Konow's and looking for new ideas. Trustee Rogers also brought a sign reading “Fire Brent Woods”. Trustee Rodgers called this a classless act and stated the residents do not support this type of behavior.
- 5) **Trustee Fialko** – Trustee Fialko stated August 31, 2021 a special work shop had been held and that it appears the Village and Township are heading in the right direction.
- 6) **Village Clerk Neitzke - Troike** – Clerk Neitzke – Troike thanked Trustee Pazmino and Trustee Consolino for their presentation, thanked Trustee Consolino for her 9/11 proclamation and stated Trustee Rodgers is correct that herself and Trustee Rogers have been working on a Veterans Day event but hopes to see that the Village can focus on a 9/11 event as well. Clerk Neitzke – Troike also stated the constant banter is an embarrassment to the Village and needs to stop immediately. The residents deserve more and need more from the Board.

## G. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Wayne Felgenhauer** – Mr. Felgenhauer stated he is a resident of Homer Glen and his comments are in reference to override the veto of creating legislative council. Mr Felgenhauer asked questions on why the Trustees didn't file action against the attorney if he is not doing his job. Mr. Felgenhauer

also stated he spoke to the attorney and knows there are two sides to every story. He also agreed with the Village Clerk on her previous comments.

**George Yukich** – Mr. Yukich stated he is speaking as a citizen of Homer Glen. Mr. Yukich directed his comments to Trustee Consolino, stating Trustee Consolino needed to stop the non-sense in meetings and on Facebook.

## H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **The Accounts Payable for the period of August 27, 2021 through September 9, 2021 in the amount of \$126,173.06.**
2. **The Village of Homer Glen's July Legal Bills from Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC in the amount of \$2,827.50.**
3. **Pay Estimate No. 2 from PT Ferro Construction Co. for the 2021 Road Resurfacing Program, in the amount of \$416,632.38.**
4. **Approve a donation to the Will County Sheriff's Auxiliary Division in the amount of \$3,500.**
5. **Approve the appointments of the current list of EMA Members.**
6. **Approve the appointment of Jim Riley as the Deputy Coordinator of the EMA.**

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, Fialko, Rodgers, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

Present: (0)

*The motion carried*

## I. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to approve the attached proclamation recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.**

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, second by Trustee Pazmino.

Each Trustee took a "Where As" and read a sentence of the Proclamation.

*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)

Mayor Yukich also voted Aye

*The motion carried*

4. **Motion to Reconsider the Mayor's Veto.**

Trustee Consolino motioned to approve, second by Trustee Pazmino.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried*

**4b. Motion to override the Mayor's Veto and to approve Ordinance 21-033, an Ordinance creating the position of legislative counsel and the appointment of Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier and McGrath, Ltd. as Legislative Counsel.**

Trustee Pazmino motioned to approve, second by Trustee Reynders.

**Trustee La Ha motioned to amend the original motion into two different motions.**

1. Creation of the position and appointment of the position.
2. Appointment of the position.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (2) Trustees La Ha and Rodgers

Nays: (4) Trustee Consolino, Pazmino, Reynders, and Fialko

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried*

**(Motion on 4b)**

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Rodgers, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (2) Trustee Rodgers and La Ha

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*Mayor Yukich also vote Nay*

*The motion carried*

2. **Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-037, an Ordinance granting approval of [1] a Variance to increase the allowable lot coverage/impervious surface area to eighty-eight (88) percent, and [2] a Variance to reduce the required setback for a parking/drive aisle area from five (5) feet to zero (0), for certain real property located at 15765 Annico Drive, Homer Glen, Illinois, subject to the following conditions.**

Trustee Pazmino 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. 21-038, an Ordinance Granting (1) a Preliminary & Final Plat of Subdivision, (2) a Map Amendment from C-3 General Business District to R-6A Attached Single-Family Residential District, (3) a Special Use for an Amendment to the Planned Unit Development with the certain Exceptions, and (4) Site Improvement Plans for certain real property generally located at the Southwest corner of Glengary Drive and S. Waveland Way in the Goodings Grove Planned Unit Development, Homer Glen, Illinois, subject to the following conditions.**

Trustee Pazmino motioned to approve, second by Trustee Reynders.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried*

- 5. Motion to have the Legislative Attorney Commence a search for a permanent Village Manager.**

Trustee Pazmino motioned to approve, second by Trustee Consolino.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

*The motion carried*

- 6. Motion to approve Ordinance 21-039, an Ordinance Amending Section 45-8(A) of the Village of Homer Glen Code of Ordinances entitled Duties and authority; termination of employees.**

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, second by Trustee Fialko.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Pazmino, Consolino, Reynders, Fialko, and La Ha

Nays: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

Mayor Yukich voted Nay

*The motion carried*

**7. Motion to approve Ordinance 21-040, an Ordinance amending Sections 10-5, 10-6 and 10-7 of the Village of Homer Glen Code of Ordinances regarding the Establishment and Membership of Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Village Board.**

Trustee Fialko motioned to approve, second by Trustee Consolino.

Trustee Fialko motioned to amend the motion to reflect the following changes; under Section 3, under 10-5 Establishment, remove “Parade and”, remove the word “and” from Ability “and” Awareness, and under 10- establishment removing the entire sentence that reads “The Homer Harvest Days Committee and the Parade and Festival committee, shall consist of an equal number of members appointed by the Village and the Township. Except for the Committee of the Whole and the Administration and Finance Committee.”

*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)

Mayor Yukich voted Nay

*The motion carried*

Trustee Fialko motioned to approve, second by Trustee Consolino.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

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

Nays: (1) Trustee Rodgers

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

Mayor Yukich voted Nay

*The motion carried*

**J. WORKSHOP - None**

**K. OLD BUSINESS –**

**Township Highway Commissioner Porfilio** – Township Commissioner Porfilio stated they had a great workshop with the Township Trustees.

**Trustee Pazmino** – Trustee Pazmino asked for an update on salt. Interim Village Manager stated we are still looking for quotes as we have received one but hoping the second one comes in a little lower.

**Trustee Fialko** – Trustee Fialko stated he was unsure of Mayor Yukich’s Veto regarding the firepit, and was not understanding why a veto took place. No comment was made by Mayor Yukich.

**L. NEW BUSINESS –**



**Trustee Pazmino** – Would like the topic of parks to be put on the next agenda under discussion.

**Trustee Fialko** – Trustee Fialko received something from IML and wanted to make sure we were on top of the lead line services and ask Interim Village Manager Matt Walsh to work with Illinois American Water to see if there were any issues since there are monies available to take care of any possible issues.

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Regular Board meeting ended at 8:50 pm.**

1. Executive Session Minutes
2. Pending and Potential Litigation

**N. ACTION, IF ANY, BASED UPON EXECUTIVE SESSION (Executive Session Minutes)**

**O. 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 8:50 p.m.

  
Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated October 27, 2021