



Village of Homer Glen

**14933 South Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

November 27, 2012

Board of Trustees

Board Meeting

**Village Board Room
14917 South Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, IL**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on November 27, 2012 by Mayor Jim Daley at 7:37 p.m. in the Village Board Room – 14917 South Founders Crossing, Homer Glen.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**C. ROLL CALL**

Present at 7:37 p.m. were Mayor Jim Daley, Trustees Mike Costa, Marcia DeVivo, Tedd Kagianas, Margaret Sabo and George Yukich. All remained present throughout the meeting. Trustee Mary Niemiec was not present. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Gale Skroboton, Village Manager Cameron Davis, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Assistant to the Village Manager-Planning and Zoning Erin Venard, Finance Director John Sawyers and Village Attorney Cary Horvath.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. September 25, 2012 Board Meeting**

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of September 25, 2012; second by Trustee Costa.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

2. October 8, 2012 Board Meeting

Trustee Yukich made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of October 8, 2012; second by Trustee DeVivo.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

F. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Yukich made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable for the period October 25, 2012 to November 28, 2012 in the amount of \$835,584.90; second by Trustee Yukich.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Daley reported:

- . The Victorian Village Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 6th at 9 a.m. The Mayor stated that due to a prior commitment he will be unable to attend, but he encouraged members of the Village Board and the public to attend the ceremony for the new development. The Village is happy to welcome this significant investment by Providence Life Services.
- . The Village of Homer Glen's 6th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held last night. We had a terrific turnout at the Homer Junior High where Santa turned on the lights for the new community tree. Many friends and neighbors came out to meet with Santa and hear the Christmas carols sung by the Homer Jr. High Show Choir. The Mayor thanked District 33C and the Village staff members who helped out with this festive event.
- . Mayor Daley noted that last week the Homer Horizon published a letter that he wrote to the Editor regarding the tremendous support the Village received from its residents who voted to retain our Home Rule status. The Mayor read that letter:

Dear Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Homer Glen for their overwhelming support of the Village's recent Home Rule referendum question. The Village's retention referendum passed with almost 75% of the vote – a huge mandate provided by the residents of Homer Glen! While the Village organization could not and did not, by law, take a position on the referendum question, I personally supported Home Rule. I know that Homer Glen residents have traditionally understood, as exemplified by this recent vote, the importance of local control. Home Rule status allows the Village to continue to control our own destiny.

The Village of Homer Glen remains committed to transparent, fiscally conservative governance. I know that residents of our wonderful community understand and appreciate these ongoing commitments. I can guarantee that your faith in the Village of Homer Glen's transparent, fiscally conservative governance is 100% appropriately placed.

Thank you again for your outstanding support of the Home Rule retention referendum. Your support is truly appreciated! We are all fortunate to live in one of Illinois' best municipalities, the beautiful community of Homer Glen.

Respectfully,
Jim Daley, Homer Glen Mayor

- . The Mayor announced that the Village has one more Village Board meeting in 2012 which is scheduled for December 11th.

2. Trustees :

- a. Trustee Costa reported:

- . The Homer Harvest Day Committee had a follow-up meeting after this past September's event and put together a list of recommendations from committee members, volunteers and fest goers. The Committee is updating the forms and discussing new ideas for next year.
 - . The Homer Community Festival Committee has been meeting each month and is updating the estimated costs for next year's event. The Committee is also working on locking in the bands for the 2013 festival.
- b. Trustee Yukich reported:
- . The Public Services and Safety Committee met and heard from residents regarding their concerns with leaf burning. The Committee is looking at options of other communities to see what can be done. Trustee Yukich asked residents to call the fire department if the smoke from leaf burning gets too bad or the burning is not being controlled by the homeowner.
 - . Trustee Yukich commented that the Village's adjudication system implements fines for violations of our Village ordinances. He noted that in most cases the parents will pay the fine for their children and, in his opinion, there is no punishment for the violation. Trustee Yukich asked the Board to consider changing the ordinance to establish a community service program for violators.

Mayor Daley stated that currently the Village does not have anything in place to give community service to those individuals who are found guilty during the adjudication process. This would involve significant staff time which is difficult with only eleven (11) full-time staff members doing all of the Village's work.

c. Trustee Sabo reported:

. Environment Committee

- The Environment Committee met on November 19th and discussed: (1) The latest draft of the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan; (2) Tree City USA for 2012; (3) RFP for an Ash Tree Inventory; (4) Grants; (5) Energy Impact Illinois; (6) Lighting Ordinance; (7) 151st & Bell Prairie Style Garden; (8) Earth Day~Arbor Day; (9) Hines Emerald Dragonfly; (10) 159th Street lighting; (11) Biodiversity Grant; and (12) 159th Street lighting. Environment Committee members Randy Juras and Hersch Collins are attending the Tree and Green Infrastructure Program as Task Force members for the Morton Arboretum.
- . Trustee Kagianas, Trustee Sabo and Environment Committeeman Randy Juras met to discuss the Lighting Ordinance. Among topics discussed were: (1) Compliance of data and possible ways to adjust it; (2) Exempt and emergency lighting; (3) Retrofitting and remodeling of non-conforming lighting sections; and (4) Ideas to assist businesses. One of the ideas was to help in a similar manner to the way in which signage and façade programs work and seek grants for green initiatives.
- d. Trustee Kagianas reported:
- . Trustee Kagianas introduced Nina Demogerontas who is majoring in Elementary Education and Political Science at St. Xavier University. Nina's father is the owner of Purple Onion Restaurant in Homer Glen. Trustee Kagianas recently met with Nina to discuss her classes and invited her attend tonight's meeting and sit with the Village Board to experience firsthand how the Village is run.
- e. Trustee DeVivo reported:
- . The Recreation and Park Committee met and continued to review the proposed amendments and changes to the Parks Master Plan. The Committee will continue to discuss the Parks Plan and will present it to the Village Board for their review in March 2013.

3. Village Treasurer John Sawyers read into the record the Treasurer's Report, with ending balances as of October 31, 2012.

General Fund	\$ 6,449,515.22
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 1,654,367.29
Land Acquisition Fund	\$ 1,239,453.05
Park Fund	\$ 829,225.31
Capital Project Fund	\$22,291,405.28

4. Village Clerk Skrobuton reported:

- Monday, November 26th was the last day to submit petitions for the position of Village Trustee. Three (3) Trustee positions will be voted on in the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election. Five (5) people filed petitions and today a lottery was held for ballot positions for the two candidates who simultaneously filed on the first day that petitions were accepted. The Certification of Ballot was filed with the Will County Clerk's office today and a list of candidates and their ballot position is available from the Homer Glen Village Clerk's office.

5. Village Attorney reported:

- Attorney Horvath commented on Trustee Yukich's suggestion of implementing a Village community service program. He stated that the law under which the Village's administrative adjudication is set up does allow for community service; however, there are some things that have to be taken into consideration: (1) Set-up and staffing of an administrative program to make sure that the community service is complied with and monitored; (2) The added cost of administering the system and the lost revenue for reduced fines; and (3) Liability component that requires proper Village staff supervision of the people while they are performing their community service.

Attorney Horvath stated that parenting is a personal choice and a parent may choose to pay the fine for their child and then impose their own conditions of community service. He noted that in doing previous research he was able to find only one (1) south suburban municipality that had any form of an official community service program. Attorney Horvath stated that, if directed by the Village Board, he would look into setting up a community service program. He suggested that at this point in time he would not encourage the Board to implement a community service program unless the Village had additional staff to administer and monitor the program or unless there is a program available through the Sheriff's office that Homer Glen can enter into through an Intergovernmental Agreement.

6. Task Force Chairperson(s) – No Report

Mayor Daley commented that he has been receiving some calls from residents regarding lights that are out in non-LOC subdivisions. He spoke with Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo and Village Manager Davis about having an engineer look at the lighting systems in these non-LOC subdivisions to see if the Village may be able to take partial control of these subdivisions under life safety issues.

7. Public Safety Officials:

- Lieutenant Mark Fisch stated that recently there have been several rashes of burglary to motor vehicles. While some of these burglaries may be due to the lack of lighting it has more to do with people leaving themselves open to becoming victims. Lieutenant Fisch reminded residents to remove valuables from their cars and to lock their car doors. Lighting could possibly help prevent these burglaries, but until the lighting problems can be rectified, Lieutenant Fisch recommended that residents leave their outdoor lighting on as long as possible. He noted that most of these crimes are happening before 2:00 a.m.
- Lieutenant Fisch reported that a few weeks ago the Sheriff's department put out a reverse 911 call to all Homer Glen residents. The system is an automated voice system and the department is

attempting to rectify the problems that occurred with some of the computer generated messages that residents said were hard to understand.

- . Lieutenant Fisch stated that in 2011 there was a very high amount of ruse burglaries which involved an individual distracting a homeowner to either the front or back of their residence while other members of their group entered the home and took whatever they could in that short period of time. Lieutenant Fisch cautioned residents not to answer their doors if they don't recognize the person and to immediately call the police.
- . Lieutenant Fisch stated that it is deer hunting season and cautioned residents to be very observant and careful while driving.

Trustee DeVivo commented that some people do not realize their garage door openers are in their cars and if they leave their cars unlocked it is very easy for someone to enter their homes.

8. Village Manager Davis reported:

- . Manager Davis thanked Dist. 33C for hosting the 2012 Community Christmas Tree and to the Highway Department for decorating the tree.
- . Manager Davis reported that today he, along with staff met with representatives from the Sears Holding Corp. about the K-mart property that they own on 159th and Bell Road. This store will be closing in at the end of January 2013. Sears Holding Corp. is very anxious to market the property for sale and reuse. Manager Davis commented that the Village is looking at this as a great economic development opportunity and feels that the residents of Homer Glen will be able to benefit from other opportunities for sales tax generation from the site.
- . Manager Davis stated that there is a non-functioning street light in two of the Village's non-LOC subdivisions. He asked the Village Board for their approval to work with Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz on getting some quotes and fixing these two lights if the cost is within the Village Manager's spending limit.

The Village Board did not have an issue with Manager Davis getting some quotes and having the lights fixed. The Mayor asked Manager Davis to report back to the Board on his progress.

- . Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz updated the Board on the progress with Embridge pipeline work. He reported that Embridge was waiting for ComEd to relocate one of the electric poles on 151st Street before they could continue with their work. Mr. Salamowicz stated that this week he had a pre-construction meeting with Embridge and some of the emergency agencies and the highway department. Embridge is expecting ComEd to relocate the pole on December 10th and they are looking to start working on the 151st location on December 12th or 13th with completion on December 22nd. Embridge will be bringing in temporary traffic control signals and have one lane open at all times.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Nicholas Sette, 13564 S. Doonaree Circle, asked the Village Board for their support in approving his request for a variance granting an Impervious Surface Coverage from the regulations of the zoning ordinance.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Resolution No. 12-011 – A Resolution Appointing a Director and an Alternate Director to the Board of Directors of the Northern Will County Water Agency.**
2. **Ordinance No. 12-050 – An Ordinance Declaring the Steel Patio Table and Four Matching Chairs as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Village Manager to Donate the Items.**

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Trustee Kagianas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

J. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to Approve the 2013 IMLRMA Contribution Invoice/Renewal for Worker's Compensation and Liability Insurance Coverage in the Amount of \$31,730.79.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the 2013 IMLRMA Contribution Invoice/Renewal; second by Trustee Kagianas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

2. Motion to Approve a Village of Homer Glen Spring Paper Shredding/Electronic Recycling Event.

Trustee Yukich made a motion to approve the Spring Paper Shredding/Electronic Recycling Event; second by Trustee Costa.

Trustee Kagianas commented that some residents have asked if the Village will be considering having an event for disposing of paint cans.

Manager Davis stated that these hazardous waste programs are done in combination with Will County. He stated that he will check with Will County to see if they have scheduled their programs for 2013 or if there is an opportunity to have this type of program and will report back to the Board.

Trustee Sabo asked the Village Manager if there is a cost difference to the Village between having the Paper Shredding/Electronic Recycling program and the Hazardous Waste program.

Manager Davis stated that the cost for the Hazardous Waste disposal program is much more expensive than the Paper and Electronic Recycling drop-off program. Manager Davis noted that the Village held the Paper Shredding/Electronic Recycling program this year because the Hazardous Waste disposal program had been done for several years and the participation had dropped off.

Trustee Yukich asked if we had looked into seeing if the Village could collect money rather than paying a company to take the items collected from the disposal programs.

Manager Davis stated that Assistant to the Village Manager Heather Parker will be researching that option. The Village would need to be sure that we could handle the volume of items as effectively as the company we hired to collect the items.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

3. Ordinance 12-051 – An Ordinance Granting an Impervious Surface Coverage Variance from the Applicable Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance for the Property Commonly Known as 13635 S. Erin Drive, Homer Glen, Illinois.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-051; second by Trustee Yukich.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

4. Motion to Approve the Eltec Corporation's Pedestrian Crossing System for the Hero's Trail Crossing at Parker Road at a Cost of Not to Exceed \$9,500.00.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the Eltec Corporation's Pedestrian Crossing System; second by Trustee Yukich.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

5. Motion to Approve Participation in the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus (MMC) Initiative to Challenge the Illinois Commerce Commission's Rulemaking Proceeding to Regulate Current and future Municipal Aggregation Programs. It is Understood that the Village will Contribute \$350.00 which will Help Fund the Law Firm Selected to Represent the Caucus in this Proceeding.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve participating in the MMC Initiative; second by Trustee Costa.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote

Motion carried.

K. WORKSHOP ITEMS

There were no Workshop Items

L. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

M. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Sabo made a motion to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Employment Performance and Compensation; second by Trustee Costa.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (5) None

Motion carried.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to reconvene the Board meeting; second by Trustee Yukich.

Voice Vote:

All in favor: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Niemiec, Sabo and Yukich.

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Motion Carried.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Present at 9:01 p.m. were Mayor Jim Daley, Trustees Mike Costa, Marcia DeVivo, Tedd Kagianas, Margaret Sabo and George Yukich. Trustee Mary Niemiec was not present. Also present were Village Clerk Gale Skrobuton, Village Manager Cameron Davis, and Village Attorney Cary Horvath.

Mayor Daley stated that in Executive Session the Village Board discussed employee compensation.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the cost of living merit and equity adjustment salary increases as discussed by the Village Board for nine (9) full-time and two (2) part-time Village staff members. The cost of living adjustment was 2.3% for nine full-time staff members. The merit increase ranged from .7% to 1.7%. Staff member Kathy Carik was given a \$2,000.00 equity pay adjustment due to additional responsibilities. Staff member Erin Venard was given an \$8,127.88 equity pay adjustment due to additional responsibilities. The Mayor stated that it is understood that the increases are retro-active to May 1, 2012

Trustee Yukich made a motion to approve the salary increases; second by Trustee DeVivo.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec
The Mayor did not vote
Motion carried.

Attorney Horvath made the Board aware that on November 15th the Village received a Freedom of Information request for email records and information in the personnel file of former employee Skip Skrobuton. The request was for email records for the period of time from May and June of 2010. Attorney Horvath stated that the Village is required by law to produce the Employment Separation and General Release Agreement, which is a public record. We are also in the process of gathering the emails which we will be required to produce by law since it doesn't appear as any exemption applies.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sabo made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee DeVivo.

Voice Vote:

All in favor: (5) Trustees Costa, DeVivo, Kagianas, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Niemiec

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gale Skrobuton, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting date January 8, 2013