



Village of Homer Glen

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Board of Trustees

Board Meeting

**Village Council Chamber
14917 South Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, IL**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on October 11, 2011 by Mayor Jim Daley at 7:34 p.m. in the Village Council Chamber, 14917 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen.

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

Present at 7:34 p.m. were Mayor Jim Daley, Trustees Marcia DeVivo, Tedd Kagianas, Mary Niemiec, Margaret Sabo and George Yukich. All remained throughout the entire meeting. Trustee Mike Costa was not present. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Gale Skrobuton, Village Manager Cameron Davis, Community Development Director Ed Cage, and Village Attorney Cary Horvath.

A quorum was established.

D. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***September 27, 2011 Village Board Meeting***

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the September 27, 2011 Village Board meeting Minutes; second by Trustee Yukich.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

Motion Carried.

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS**1. Mayor Daley reported:**

- . Progress on the Village's Heroes Trail is moving forward. The contractor has completed paving the majority of the trail and will be working on the remaining section over the next couple weeks. The final restoration and landscaping will begin later this week. It is anticipated that this phase of the trail system will be completed by the end of October, weather permitting.
- . In a few weeks Village officials and the Mayor will be officially dedicating the Village of Homer Glen Heroes Trail system and the portion named in honor and memory of Pfc. Michael Olivieri at the "Mike Hike 5K Run/Walk" event. The event is scheduled for Veteran's Day weekend on Saturday, November 12th. The friends and family of Pfc. Olivieri are working with the Homer Glen Foundation to host the "Mike Hike 5K". Proceeds raised through the Hike will be used to purchase and place commemorative plaques to honor our local heroes and members of the armed services.
- . This will be the last weekend that the Homer Glen Farmer's Market will be open this season. The Market is located at the Sear's Essential parking lot and is open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- . On Saturday, October 29th the Village and Will County will host a Household Hazardous Waste event that is open to Will County residents. The event will take place at the Hadley Middle School parking lot from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. A list of items collected at the event may be found on the Village's website.

- . The Mayor reminded residents that Halloween hours are from 3-7 p.m. on Monday, October 31st.
 - . The Mayor attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new section of Schilling School and received a tour of the improved school.
 - . The Mayor and Village Manager visited the new Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox and received a tour of the new facility.
 - . The Mayor congratulated Homer Glen resident Madisen McCarthy who helped her New Lenox Lighting 12 U Windt softball team finish fourth at the Northern Nationals in St. Louis. Madisen's team finished with a record of 63-22 and won four national qualifying tournaments during the year.
 - . Earlier this week the Joint Water Agency met and decided to request a meeting with Illinois American to hear what IAW is planning to do to reach the goal of reasonable and fair rates for our residents.
 - . Mayor Daley wished Trustee Niemiec a "happy birthday" as she celebrates this evening, and also to Trustee Yukich who will be celebrating a birthday on Sunday, October 16th.
2. Trustees:
- a. Trustee DeVivo – No Report.
 - b. Trustee Niemiec reported:
 - . Residents of Homer Glen received a letter from Illinois American Water regarding the Joint Water Agency and the actions that the five communities are pursuing. This letter talks about eminent domain and the issues of whether or not it is cost saving for residents. Trustee Niemiec asked that any residents having a concern contact her, Mayor Daley or Village Manager Davis for information.
 - . The Sewer and Water Task Force will meet on Monday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.
 - c. Trustee Kagianas reported:
 - . The Community and Economic Development Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers. The Committee will be discussing the Business Connect website, temporary sign ordinance and personal visits to Homer Glen businesses to let them know how valuable they are to our community.
 - . Trustee Kagianas thanked Manager Davis, Chris Luttrell and staff members for updating the Business Connect website.
 - d. Trustee Sabo reported:

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

Homer Glen Lands Day

The Homer Glen Lands Day Tree Planting ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 29th. Homer Glen Cub Pack 62 and the Homer Glen Environment Committee have partnered to purchase a large native Kentucky Coffee Tree to be planted at the Homer Healing Garden. Rick Gomez of Instant Shade Transplanting Inc. will be donating his services for digging, transporting and relocating the tree. The coordination of this event has been the responsibility of the Environment Committee that has worked with Diane Sramek representing Homer Healing Garden; Mary Pziak, landscape designer; Lori Spizzirri, scout leader of Pack 62, and Rick Gomez. The public is invited to attend the tree planting and to visit the Homer Healing Garden that is maintained by volunteers.

151st and Bell Road Project

The Village has recently received proposals in response to the RFP for the second phase of planting at the northeast corner of 151st and Bell. After the proposals are reviewed and evaluated, they will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for approval so that planting can take place this fall.

An RFP for maintenance of the property in 2012 will be available for landscape companies this week. The proposals will be presented to the Village Board for approval in the near future.

Earth Day~Arbor Day 2012

The Earth Day~Arbor Day event in 2011 proved to be a very comprehensive celebration in the area. It provided visitors with cost saving ideas, efficient use of energy products, practical solutions, reuse and renewal of products, bird, reptile and animal exhibits, and displays of conservation and preservation of natural resources provided by a wide variety of participants from those that represent businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and ingenious and creative individuals. The event provided fun for all ages and demonstrated the Village's commitment to "Community and Nature in Harmony". The event also satisfied the requirements for the Village's "Clean Air Counts" and "Tree City USA" designations and status.

In November a "Save the Date" communication will be sent to all participants for the 2012 date of Saturday, May 19th. Planning and organization of the event is being undertaken by the Environment Committee.

e. Trustee Yukich reported:

- . The Parade and Festival Committee continues to work on next year's Festival and are waiting for the confirmation of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Township and the Village.
- . The Public Services and Safety Committee met and discussed their concern about speeding. Trustee Yukich reminded residents that the speed limit in our subdivisions is 25 mph and asked everyone to watch their speed.

3. Village Treasurer – No Report.

4. Village Clerk – No Report.

5. Village Manager reported:

- . Village Manager Davis distributed a copy of the Annual Legal Notice for the Treasurer's Report to the Board. This Report will be published in a local newspaper by the end of October. This report summarizes the Villages revenues and expenditures and will be first document to be placed on the new Transparency page of the Village's website.

6. Village Attorney reported:

On September 28th the Village received signed copies of the Final Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release from Gallagher and Henry. Upon the Mayor's signing on these documents the lawsuit is officially over.

7. Task Fore Chairperson(s) – No Report.

8. Public Safety Officials - No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "DINE IN HOMER GLEN" CONTEST WINNER

The winning entry in the Village of Homer Glen's 10th Anniversary "Dine in Homer Glen" promotion was drawn by Pete Klingen, Dominick's Store Manager. Mayor Daley announced that Mildred Gusak of Tinley Park was the winner of a 3-minute shopping spree, valued up to \$1,000, at the Homer Glen Dominick's on Saturday, October 22nd at 7:30 a.m.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. County Board Member Kathleen Konicki, 13325-167th Street stated that the Will County Forest Preserve will continue with the deer culling in Messenger Woods and Messenger Marsh beginning in mid-December. Ms. Konicki invited the Village to put together a Task Force or Subcommittee to take a look at an immunocontraception program for forest preserves and offered to serve on any committee the Village would form. Ms. Konicki also reported that the Forest Preserve will be planting 310 new trees in Messenger Marsh.

H. LEGISLATION

1. **Ordinance No. 11-034 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Special Use to Permit the Operation of a Wireless Communications Tower (WCF) in an A-1 Zoning District -15700 Parker Road, Homer Glen, Illinois**

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 11-034; second by Trustee Kagianas.

Trustee Sabo recommended that a maintenance schedule and landscape plan be part of the commitment of the Special Use.

Trustee Yukich noted that this is going on an existing tower.

Attorney Horvath suggested that the language in Section 3 be changed to include: "The review and approval by Village staff of a landscape plan which must include a provision for a maintenance schedule."

Trustee DeVivo amended her motion to reflect the change; Trustee Kagianas amended his second.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

2. **Ordinance No. 11-035 – An Ordinance Granting Variations for the Height and Setback Requirements for a Wireless Communications Facility at the Property Commonly Known as 15700 Parker Road, Homer Glen, Illinois and which is Located in an A-1 Zoning District.**

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 11-035; second by Trustee Kagianas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

3. **Consider for Approval Changing the Parks and Recreation Committee's Regular Meeting Time from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the Fourth Monday of the Month.**

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve the change in the meeting time; second by Trustee Yukich.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

4. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority.

Trustee Yukich made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement; second by Trustee Kagianas.

Village Manager Davis noted that, at the recommendation of the Village attorney, a change was made to the agreement with the addition of "pursuant to this agreement" at the end of the sentence in the sixth paragraph.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

K. WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Electrical Aggregation – Presentation and Consideration of the Will County Governmental League Program.

Representatives from the *Will County Governmental League* explained that the League has formed the *Will Utilities Aggregation Group* with the intention of aggregating the electric loads of residential and small commercial retail customers with the goal of lowering electricity rates. In order to take part in this program the Village of Homer Glen must pass an ordinance that authorizes the purchase of electricity on behalf of our residents and small retail businesses. Prior to the ordinance being passed the voters must approve a referendum that gives the Village the authority to purchase the electricity. When the referendum is approved the Village would: 1. Develop a plan of operation and governance; 2. Hold two public hearings on the plan; 3. Adopt the plan; and 4. Pass the ordinance that authorizes the Village to purchase electricity.

The plan would run as an opt-out program and all residents and small commercial businesses that do not opt-out would be automatically included. After the Village is given the authority to purchase electricity, an RFP would be prepared for bids for the electric rates; however, these rates would only be accepted by the Village if they came in lower than ComEd rates. The lower rate would apply to the 60% of the bill that covers the supply and the rate per kilowatt hour. ComEd would still deliver the power and continue the billing, and only the supplier would change.

The *Will County Utilities Aggregation Group* is looking for a large buyers' group and they would collectively develop a *Plan of Operation and Governance* that would unify across all the

participating municipalities.

Trustee Sabo asked if there was a senior rate program.

Trustee Niemiec commented that anytime a service is discounted, that discount is disbursed among the rest of the consumers and the amount of cost still has to be paid. Trustee Niemiec noted that an opt-out program would require a significant amount of communication. A communication strategy would have to be in place to make certain consumers understand that they are automatically in the program unless they chose not to be included. Trustee Niemiec asked the Village Manager to pull out all the direct and indirect costs of the implementation of this aggregation.

Mayor Daley stated that Beecher, Bolingbrook, Braidwood, Channahon, Crete, Diamond, Frankfort, Joliet, Lockport, Minooka, Monee, Plainfield, Rockdale, Romeoville, Shorewood and Wilmington have already approved signing Letters of Intent to participate in the *Will Utility Aggregation Group* program.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to direct the Mayor to send a Letter of Intent to the Will County Governmental League regarding the Village of Homer Glen's participation in the League's *Will Utility Aggregation Group*; second by Trustee Yukich.

Trustee Niemiec commented that by sending this Letter of Intent there is no financial obligation to the Village.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

L. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

M. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote:

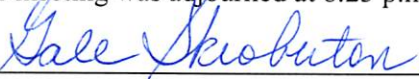
All in favor: (5) Trustees DeVivo, Kagianas, Niemiec, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Gale Skrobuton, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated October 25, 2011