



Village of Homer Glen

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

March 31, 2010

Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on March 31, 2010 by Mayor James Daley at 7:20 p.m. in the Village Council Chamber – 14917 South Founders Crossing, Homer Glen.

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

Present at 7:20 p.m. were Mayor James Daley, Trustees Mike Costa, Russell Knaack, Mary Niemiec, Margaret Sabo, Laurel Ward and George Yukich. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Gale Skrobuton, Village Manager Paula Wallrich, Finance Director John Sawyers, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, and Village Attorney Mark Sterk.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Trustee Ward made a motion to add Executive Session after Public Comment; second by Trustee Yukich.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (6) Trustees Costa, Knaack, Niemiec, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tim Leahy, Director of Government Affairs for Illinois American Water respectfully asked the Board to oppose the Northern Will County Joint Action Intergovernmental Agreement. He referred to another commission that was established to provide water to other communities which resulted in mismanagement of the commission and additional taxes for residents. Mr. Leahy commented that thinking that any agency could provide water better than a private sector is disingenuous. A government takeover of this pipeline will not lower the monthly water bills for the residents it serves, but will raise the water rates, taxes, or possibly both.
- Mike Smyth, Senior Manager of Field Services and Production for Illinois American Water stated that condemning the wholesale water supply system may not be the best course of action. Mr. Smyth commented that Villages who have condemned the transmission line could not lower the water rates, because they still had to pay for the property at a price that was ultimately determined by a jury, and the value of the property is often underestimated by the municipality.
- Jean Pesavento, 14501 Mesquite Drive voiced her support of eminent domain to take over the transmission line.
- Don Enright, 14805 Oak Creek Ct. voiced the support of residents in Orland Township who are serviced by Illinois American Water for eminent domain. Mr. Enright asked if Orland Township could be full participants in this process.

Trustee Costa stepped out of the meeting at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss any and imminent litigation; second by Trustee Sabo.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Knaack, Niemiec, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Trustee Costa

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Trustee Ward made a motion to reconvene the Special Village Board meeting; second by Trustee Costa.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Costa, Knaack, Niemiec, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) Trustee Costa

The Mayor did not vote.

*Motion carried.**The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.***F. LEGISLATION****1. Ordinance No. 10-011 – An Ordinance Approving Northern Will County Joint Action Intergovernmental Agreement by and Among the Villages of Bolingbrook, Plainfield, Homer Glen, Woodridge and Romeoville.**

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-011, subject to legal review; second by Trustee Ward.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Costa, Knaack, Niemiec, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

Trustee Ward stated that this is a way to begin stabilizing the water prices in Homer Glen. This action in and of itself won't lower people's water bills, but this is the first step to help stabilize our cost of water. Trustee Ward addressed the concerns of mismanagement, as referred to in public comment, in regards to other communities, and commented that this should always be a concern for every entity and we've seen mismanagement of public money in the State of Illinois and also in many private firms. Trustee Ward suggested that all residents and rate payers watch this agency and make sure that it is accountable. She stated that the Board has looked at this from a practical matter and looking at our due diligence we made this decision based on what would be best for the future of Homer Glen and our residents. Trustee Ward stated that she knows that rates have increased and Illinois American Water continues to ask for rate increases, and have asked for the right to raise rates without even having to go back to the ICC; therefore, in her opinion rates will increase if we do nothing.

Mayor Daley commented that this is the first of many steps, but in the conclusion of this process we will be able to bring reasonable water rates to the Village of Homer Glen.

2. Motion to Approve a Contract for Landscape Maintenance Services.

Trustee Knaack made a motion to approve the contact for Landscape Maintenance Services; second by Trustee Sabo.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that this was discussed at the March 22nd Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Three bids were submitted and the Committee has recommended Scott's Lawn Care at a cost of \$6,200.00. The contract will cover maintenance at: Kingston, 151st and Bell, Meadowview, and Stonebridge.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Costa, Knaack, Niemiec, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

3. Resolution No. 10-002 - A Resolution Opposing Reduction of Local Government Distributive Fund.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-002; second by Trustee Niemiec.

Village Manager Wallrich stated there have been some concerns about possible reductions of the Local Government Distributive Fund due municipalities. This Resolution opposes the reductions, and will be sent down to Springfield upon the Board's approval.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Costa, Knaack, Niemiec, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

H. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gale Skroboton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gale Skroboton, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated April 13, 2010