



# **Village of Homer Glen**

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

**July 14, 2009**

**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 July 14, 2009 by Mayor James Daley at 7:45 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 7:45 p.m. were Mayor James Daley, Trustees Michael 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 Skroboton, Village Manager Paula Wallrich, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, and Village Attorney Burt Odelson.

A quorum was established.

**D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****June 23, 2009 – Board Meeting***

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 23, 2009; second by Trustee Costa.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

*Motion carried.*

**F. RECOGNITION**

## 1. Recognition of Eagle Scouts:

- a. Richard William Feifar worked on the Trantina Farm project.
- b. Matthew S. Gonzales worked on the Veterans' Memorial restoration on Archer Avenue.
- c. Stephen Therry project included working on Trantina Farm.
- d. Alexander Jay Varman did a bike drive project for the Working Bike's Project of Chicago at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church.

Mayor Daley presented each Scout from Troop 63 with a Certificate and an official Village Pin in recognition of their achieving the Eagle Scout Award.

**G. PRESENTATION**

## 1. Unilock Presentation by Jay Rients

Mr. Rients gave a presentation on the benefits of using permeable brick pavers which includes:

1. Cleaner water.
2. Reduction of urban heat island effect through LEED projects.
3. Long-term cost benefit with pavers lasting up to 50 years if properly installed.

Mr. Rients explained this is a conservation method that can impact the amount of water used and the amount of water that is put back into the storm sewer. This is an engineered system that needs to be signed off by an engineer if it impacts an overall water shed project.

Trustee Sabo asked Mr. Rients if he could give a demonstration at the upcoming Earth Day program.

Mr. Rients commented that depending on the soil, almost every municipality has some type of credit for using permeable pavers on larger projects.

## H. APPOINTMENT

### 1. Sewer and Water Task Force – Don Marr

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Don Marr; second by Trustee Ward.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

*Motion carried.*

## I. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

### 1. Mayor Daley reported:

- . Governor Quinn signed a \$31 billion Capital Bill that identifies \$71 million for the widening of 159<sup>th</sup> Street in Homer Glen. The Mayor thanked Representative Renee Kosel and Senator Radogno for taking our message to the Illinois General Assembly. The Bill also includes \$325,000 for infrastructure and drainage projects that we requested.
- . Participated in the "ribbon cutting" ceremony for Home Depot. Home Depot was part of the annexed Goodings Grove Plaza resulting in an estimated annual sales tax revenue of over \$415,000.
- . Illinois American Water – We continue to file testimony and exceptions to the proposed order from the Administrative Law Judge regarding the 1.25% surcharge over the 12% unaccounted-for water cap requested by IAW. We continue to gather information to battle the recent rate increase and a public hearing will be held in the fall. Staff has been working with other communities to join forces against these increases. Research will continue on the possibility of acquiring the utility system to improve service and bring these costs under control.

### 2. Trustees:

- a. Trustee Costa thanked the participants, volunteers and businesses who helped make the Annual Homer Parade and Festival a success. Homer Harvest Days will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Trantina Farm. Music, petting zoo, square dancing, hay rides, and other activities are planned.
- b. Trustee Yukich reported the Public Services and Safety Committee met and discussed the speed study that was conducted in some of the subdivisions. The Committee will address what needs to be done to slow down the traffic.
- c. Trustee Ward reported the Community and Economic Development Committee has been conducting an on-line survey of local businesses to find out what aspects of the upcoming CED website would be most helpful to them. The Committee hopes to launch the first phase of the website in conjunction with the Homer Chamber Community Expo in September.
- d. Trustee Knaack reported:
  - . An application has been filed for an OSLAD Grant for parcels of land in the Glenview Walk Subdivision for a community park.

- . The Forest Preserve District has placed hundreds of posts on 167<sup>th</sup> Street along Bell Road in preparation for the planting of trees as part of a tree restoration effort.
- e. Trustee Niemiec:
  - . Thanked the Mayor and Board for appointing Don Marr to the Sewer and Water Task Force.
  - . Six representatives from Illinois American Water attended the Sewer and Water Task Force and shared their rationale and justification for the 25% rate increase. It was agreed that IAW will focus on improved operations by their staff of metering properties, service, and notification for work on right-of-ways. The Committee and IAW did not agree on the cost of sewer and water. The Village will concurrently move forward with insisting on a good management and service operation and will also continue to fight the rate increases and expect justification for the prices being charged.
  - . Encouraged residents to go to the Homer Glen website and voice their opinions and any objections to the increased IAW rates.
- f. Trustee Sabo reported:

***Community & Nature in Harmony Awards***

The Environment Committee is preparing for the Community and Nature in Harmony Awards presented at the Homer Glen Lands Day Celebration. Exceptional landscaping by an individual, organization or business that has demonstrated a commitment to the environment through preservation, restoration and/or beautification of land with the Village may be nominated. The deadline is July 20<sup>th</sup>.

***Senate Bill 1607 Proposed***

The Will County Board held a workshop on July 8<sup>th</sup> about Senate Bill 1607 which proposed a modification to the state's environmental protection act which would allow contaminated soils to be accepted at clean construction demolition debris quarries (CCDD) that are not required to have a liner or monitor groundwater. This is very problematic for Will County where there are 9 CCDD quarries with a total of 45 throughout the state. Contaminated materials would therefore be adding to ground waters. The bill does not provide enforcement tools, record keeping, or responsibility.

The Environment Committee is recommending that a letter opposing Senate Bill 1607 be sent to Will County, the Legislative Committee Chair (Lee Ann Goodson), Representative Renee Kosel, and other appropriate contacts. The Senate has passed this bill and action will be taken in the House.

3. Clerk – No Report
4. Village Manager Wallrich mentioned that Maura Rigoni has resigned from Robinson Engineering to await the birth of her first child. She thanked her for all of her good work especially with respect to the zoning ordinance.
5. Attorney – No Report
6. Task Force Chairperson(s) – No Report
7. Sheriff – No Report

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Len Davis, 14315 W. Hickory Avenue questioned the progress on construction of the swale that will help with the flooding issue.

**K. LEGISLATION**

## 1. Cricket Wireless Communication Facility

- a. **Ordinance No. 09-048 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Special Use to Permit for a Planned Unit Development and the Collocation and Operation of a Wireless Communications Facility (WCF) in a C-1 Zoning District Commonly Known as 12608 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Homer Glen.**

Trustee Ward made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-048; second by Trustee Niemiec.

Village Manager Wallrich stated this is immediately behind a retail strip center on 143<sup>rd</sup> Street. Currently there are two telecommunication monopoles at this site. The existing cell tower is 90 ft. and they are proposing an additional 15 ft., which is the maximum permitted height increase for collocations.

Exceptions include:

- . Recognition of the non-conforming setback for the existing pole of 39 ft.
- . The small structures currently on the property have a setback of 20 ft. and the minimum required setback is 30 ft. The west side of the property is on an angle, parallel to the ComEd property, and maintains a setback ranging from 18 ft. to 25 ft. The proposed structure architecturally matches the existing structure. The negotiated location provides for one more structure after this if there is another collocation requested in the future.
- . The planting of 20, 10 ft. spruce trees along the existing 6 ft. chain link fence.

*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.*

- b. **Ordinance No. 09-049 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Special Use to Permit for a Planned Unit Development and the Collocation and Operation of a Wireless Communications Facility (WCF) in a C-3 Zoning District Commonly Known as 12608 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Homer Glen.**

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-049; second by Trustee Yukich.

Village Manager Wallrich stated the property is located behind the Circle K facility on 159<sup>th</sup> Street. The existing pole is 84 ft. and they are installing an 8 ft. new antenna. It is enclosed by a 6 ft. fence and is completely surrounded by asphalt. A 10 ft. by 6 ft. storage facility will be built.

Exceptions include:

- . The 28 ft. setback of the existing pole on the north side is nonconforming
- . Request that the motion sensor light remain on the property.

*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.*

**2. Ordinance No. 09-050 – An Ordinance Adopting the Prevailing Wage Standards in the Village.**

Trustee Ward made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-050; second by Trustee Sabo.

Village Manager Wallrich stated as part of the Prevailing Wage Act, the Village is required to adopt this Ordinance consistent with Will County wages.

*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. Hadley Valley Preserve – 1.5 Mile Review**

Trustee Sabo made a motion to recommend to the Forest Preserve District of Will County that Homer Glen has no objection to the Special Use and Variance Request to allow Construction of a Multi-Use Trail within the Hadley Valley Preserve; second by Trustee Knaack.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that this is part of the Will County Forest Preserve's Master Plan for the Spring Creek Greenway. The Special Use is for the floodplain development and the variances from the Stream and Wetland Protection Ordinance.

Trustee Knaack commented that this will connect Homer Glen to the entire Hadley Valley Preserve, I-355, and the future trail. Eventually it will connect to Messenger Woods, Messenger Marsh and our future trails along the ComEd easement.

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

*Motion carried.*

**4. A Motion to Direct Staff to Negotiate a Contract for Phase I Engineering.**

Trustee Ward made a motion to defer this vote until the July 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting; second by Trustee Yukich.

Mayor Daley stated the deferment is being requested to address questions by the Board and allow further discussion.

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

*Motion carried.*

**5. Ordinance No. 09-051 - An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 04-045 Creating the Position of Community Development Director.**

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-051; second by Trustee Yukich.

Village Manager Wallrich stated the job description has been amended to reflect a change in the duties of the Community Development Director. The responsibility of providing supervision of the Building Department has been removed.

*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.*

**6. A Motion to Approve the Hire of Edmond Cage as the Community Development Director.**

Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the hire; second by Trustee Sabo.

*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

*Motion carried.*

**7. Ordinance No. 09-052 – An Ordinance Creating the Position of Arborist/Forester**

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-052; second by Trustee Costa.

Village Manager Wallrich stated this person will work with the Highway Department on training for pruning, identifying the Village street trees, address any possible disease or insect infestation, and assist in the procurement of Tree City Designation.

*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

*Motion carried.*

**L. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Gale Skroboton, Village Clerk

*Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated July 28, 2009*