



Village of Homer Glen

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

September 23, 2008

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 September 23, 2008 by Mayor James Daley at 7:05 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 7:05 p.m. were Mayor James Daley, Trustees Marcia DeVivo, Russell Knaack, Christopher Locacius, Mary Niemiec, Margaret Sabo, and Laurel Ward. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Gale Skrobuton, Village Manager Paula Wallrich, Treasurer Chris Cralle, and Village Attorney Burt Odelson.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

E. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY AND NATURE IN HARMONY AWARDS

Recipients of the Community and Nature in Harmony Awards were recognized for their commitment to the environment through the preservation, restoration and beautification of land within the Village of Homer Glen and in the process significantly contribute to community pride.

Mayor Daley presented an Award Certificate and Village pin to the following recipients:

- . Anne Hayes, 5th grade teacher-Hadley Middle School
- . Home Depot Team Depot
- . Instant Shade Tree Transplanting Inc.
- . Linda Rachner, 8th grade teacher-Oak Prairie Jr. High
- . Leonard Davis
- . Bogdan Klepczarek
- . Michael and Nancy Eleder
- . Joel and Sandy Leff
- . Mark and Tracy Pahios
- . Gary Vrba
- . Leo Bigus; Dark Sky Partners LLC
- . Homer Township Prof. Firefighters IAFF Local 4223
- . The Lieponis Family
- . Will-Cook Ace Hardware
- . Robert Kelly
- . Ebenroth and Associates
- . Gregory Grimm
- . Parnell and Sandi O'Brien
- . Diane Sramek
- . Brownie Troop 313

Trustee Ward made a motion to recess the meeting to allow for pictures to be taken; second by Trustee DeVivo.

Voice Vote:

All in favor: (6) Trustees DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo and Ward

Nays: (0)

Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:22 p.m.

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

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (6) Trustee DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to recess the Board Meeting for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed Annexation Agreement with Meijer Stores; second by Trustee Ward.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (6) Trustee DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present at 7:36 p.m. were Mayor James Daley, Trustees Marcia DeVivo, Russell Knaack, Chris Locacius, Mary Niemiec, Margaret Sabo and Laurel Ward.

Village Attorney Odelson read the legal notice of Public Hearing as published in the Southtown/Star newspaper on September 4, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Debra Norvil, 13154 West Creekside Drive commented that she is pleased that Meijer is joining the Village.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to close the Public Hearing; second by Trustee Ward.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (6) Trustee DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to reconvene the Village Board Meeting; second by Trustee DeVivo.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (6) Trustee DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2008 – Board Meeting

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2008; second by Trustee Ward.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (6) Trustees DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo, and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

H. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Ward made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for the period August 28, 2008 to September 24, 2008 in the amount of \$1,039,270.47, with the exception of check #14350 in the amount of \$1,255.75; second by Trustee Knaack.

Trustee Sabo stated that check #14291, 14292, and 14293, which pertain to the demonstrations that were to be given at the Homer Harvest Days, would be held until the Committee could discuss the payments. Trustee Knaack stated that check #14296 and 14299, also related to the event, would be held.

Trustee Locacius asked if the fees charged by Will County Animal Control could be checked to see if any calls were made after business hours.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo, and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

I. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Daley reported:

- . Thanked Trustees Sabo and Knaack for the tremendous amount of work that went into the planning of the Homer Harvest Days and Grand Opening of Homer Township's Trantina Farm. The Mayor stated that the inaugural Homer Harvest Days was cancelled due to the weather and the Village will hold the event next year. The Mayor thanked the local businesses for their donations, and Silver Cross Hospital who was one of the major contributors.
- . The waste hauling transition to Nuway has gone very well. The Mayor reminded residents: if they had previously contracted with other carriers to be sure they have received an appropriate refund for terminated service; there is no opting-out of service provision; senior citizen discounts and documented vacation status are provided; carts should be stored in areas that are out of view from the public right of way; smaller carts are available from Nuway free of charge.
- . Village ordinance prohibits the storing or parking of recreational equipment/vehicles and/or construction/commercial related vehicles on a driveway for more than 48 hours unless it is parked on a paved surface, screened from the public right of way and adjacent property with landscaping or a fence and is not parked in the required front, side or rear setback.
- . The Mayor, Trustee Niemiec, Village Manager Wallrich and Village Counsel met with IAW regarding items outlined at the July, 2008 Public Forum. IAW was asked to begin metering water used during construction and they have agreed to a new tariff on construction water. The Village attorney will meet with the Sewer and Water Task Force to outline the appraisal and condemnation study that is underway.

2. Trustees:

a. Trustee Sabo reported:

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: HOMER GLEN LANDS DAY

The Environment Committee thanked the Homer Healing Garden Committee, Homer Township officials, Homer Chamber, residents and businesses, Village Mayor, Village Trustees, staff and residents who attended the Tree Planting Ceremony this afternoon. A special thank you goes to John Robinson, EMA Coordinator who provided power for Homer Township's public address system. Trustee Sabo thanked the residents of Homer Glen who nominated those receiving Community and Nature in Harmony Awards and to those who were recipients of the awards.

- b. Trustee Niemiec congratulated the Homer Township Chamber of Commerce for a successful Business Expo. She reported the Sewer and Water Task Force will meet on Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- c. Trustee Knaack thanked all the residents who volunteered to help with the Homer Harvest Day Festival, and the businesses that helped plan the event.

Trustee Knaack reported that final grading and planting still needs to be completed at Stonebridge Park. He reminded residents that the park is not open and should not be used because of safety issues.

- d. Trustee Ward reported that with the recent flooding, Will County was declared a disaster area and low cost loans are available. She asked if the Board could review the priority list of flooding projects so the Village has a way to address the status of the flooding issues.
 - e. Trustee DeVivo reported that 135th Street between Archer and Smith Road was closed during the recent flooding, and while not in Homer Glen, she cautioned residents to be careful. She and the Township Highway Commissioner recently visited the areas that are known to have flooding issues and noticed some significant improvements and some that still need to be addressed. Trustee DeVivo suggested that the Village hold future workshops to help educate residents on drainage swales in their yards and detention pond maintenance.
 - f. Trustee Locacius responded to comments made by Larry Conrath during the public comment portion of the August 26, 2008 meeting, noting errors regarding the cancellation of meetings and approval of minutes for the Public Services and Safety Committee. Trustee Locacius noted that only one meeting has been cancelled due to his emergency surgery.
3. Treasurer Chris Cralle read into the record the Treasurer's Report, with ending balances as of August 31, 2008:

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| General Fund: | \$ 2,205,076.38 |
| Motor Fuel Tax Fund: | \$ 1,029,307.58 |
| Park Fund: | \$ 841,510.43 |
| Capital Project Fund: | \$ 1,246,582.34 |
| Tollway Fund: | \$ 201,508.21 |

- 4. Village Clerk – No report
- 5. Village Manager Wallrich announced the Village hours of business have been expanded and through cross training of staff, we will be serving the public from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Manager Wallrich reported that the IML Conference will be held this week and the Village has been nominated for an Innovative Community Award for our Lighting Ordinance.
- 6. Attorney Burt Odelson requested that future Public Hearings be held before the Board Meeting.
- 7. Task Force Chairperson(s): - No reports

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

K. LEGISLATION

- 1. **Ordinance No. 08-049 - An Ordinance Amending Section 19 of Ordinance No. 07-049, "An Ordinance Adopting Building Codes and Technical Amendments for the Village of Homer Glen".**

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 08-049; second by Trustee Locacius.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that the amendment addresses the issue of timeliness of completing a construction project. The proposed amendment to Section 19.2.8 still allows for (2) 1-year extensions, and provides for fees and penalties if not completed in that time, but will require a Letter of Credit for any extension of a building permit beyond 6 months from the expiration of the original building permit and provides for fees related to extensions of the building permit beyond the initial year.

The proposed amendment to Section 19.2.1 provides for the issuance of a temporary occupancy for model homes and allows for application for a temporary occupancy permit to be issued for model homes for a period of 5 years with a fee of \$2,400. One extension of 5 years may be granted.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo, and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Motion carried.

L. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Niemiec stated that she feels a more balanced view should be presented regarding the comments made by Trustee Locacius about Larry Conrath and the volunteer time he has given to the Village by serving on various committees.

M. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MAYOR DALEY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PROBABLE LITIGATION.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to go into Executive Session; second by Trustee DeVivo.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

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

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (6) Trustee DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 9:37p.m.

MAYOR DALEY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR:

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| September 4, 2004 | September 7, 2004 | March 15, 2005 |
| July 6, 2004 | October 19, 2004 | January 24, 2006 |
| July 20, 2004 | January 4, 2005 | June 13, 2006 |
| August 10, 2004 | January 18, 2005 | October 10, 2006 |
| August 17, 2004 | February 1, 2005 | March 27, 2007 |

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes; second by Trustee Niemiec.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees DeVivo, Locacius, Niemiec, and Sabo

Nays: (0) None

Present: (2) Trustees Knaack and Ward

Absent: (0) None

Motion carried.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote:

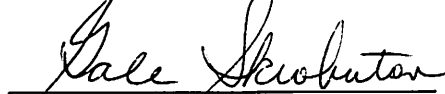
All Ayes: (6) Trustees DeVivo, Knaack, Locacius, Niemiec, Sabo, and Ward

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gale Skroboton, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated October 14, 2008