



Village of Homer Glen

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

October 23, 2007

**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 23, 2007 by Mayor James Daley at 7:31 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 7:31 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, Interim Village Manager Paula Wallrich, Village 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. November 14, 2006 – Workshop Meeting

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve the August 14, 2007 Workshop Meeting Minutes, second by Trustee Sabo.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried.

2. October 9, 2007 – Workshop Meeting

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the May 8, 2007, Workshop Meeting Minutes, second by Trustee Ward.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried.

F. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the payment of Accounts Payable expenditures for the period September 27, 2007 to October 24, 2007 in the amount of \$752,939.33; second by Trustee Ward.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.
Motion carried.

G. APPOINTMENTS

1. Public Safety Committee:

Mayor Daley appointed Lawrence Wishba to the Public Safety Committee.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to confirm the Mayor’s appointment; second by Trustee Knaack.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried.

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Daley reported that over 50 Certificates of Appreciation were sent out thanking the many volunteers for their countless hours of work and dedication to the Village.

The Mayor reported that he attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference and shared ideas with surrounding communities regarding budgeting and compensating for the recent economic decline in the housing industry. There are many opportunities for the Village to improve and expand upon our resources which is why the Village Board will be considering a 1% sales increase to be placed on the February 5th referendum to find additional funding that will not burden our existing residents, but will provide the maximum benefit for them and future residents. With the opening of I-355 on November 11th, our opportunity to capture even more sales tax dollars will increase. The Mayor stated that it is estimated that this increase in the sales tax will generate \$2 million per year that can be spent on roads, flooding, parks and environmental protection.

The Mayor commented on the various industrial parks being proposed by neighboring communities. Lockport is currently reviewing over 575 acres at our front door, and that doesn’t include the Texaco property downtown.

Final plans for Homer Glen’s participation in the I-355 Veteran’s Memorial Highway dedication celebration are in the works. The celebration will be held on November 11, 2007 from 9 am to 3 pm and will include 20 Homer Glen businesses, 5 food vendors, a kids area, classic car show, a military display, and many other activities.

The Mayor reported that last weekend there was concern about Nicor doing some clear cutting on their Bell Road easement. Nicor stated that they were clearing some beaver dams. The Mayor visited the site and spoke to them about this cutting, that could have been done manually. The Village is asking Nicor to restore the area that was damaged.

2. Treasurer Chris Cralle read into the record the Treasurer’s Report, with ending balances as of July 31, 2006:

General Fund	\$ 3,162,738.89
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 993,049.01
Park Fund	\$ 891,752.94
Capital Project Fund	\$ 659,845.39

3. Interim Village Manager Paula Wallrich asked the Board for their opinions and suggestions on the new format being used for the packets. Mrs. Wallrich reported that she attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference and had the opportunity discuss the Standards of Right-of-Way Ordinance with other municipalities. Some suggestions came out of those discussions that she would like to see incorporated into our Ordinance and suggested that the Board table this Ordinance until the next Board meeting.

Interim Village Manager Wallrich reported that she is working with Trustee Sabo with BP Amoco and they have been working to get restoration done on some of the areas.

4. Village Clerk Skroboton stated that the Village Surplus Sale will take place on Saturday, November 3rd, from 9 am to 3 pm at the EMA Building and Garage, 15757 Annico Drive, Unit 3. Desks, chairs, file cabinets and other miscellaneous office equipment will be available for purchase.
5. Village Attorney Burt Odelson reported that recommended changes have been made in the Standards of Right-of-Way Ordinance. Attorney Odelson stated that they are in the process of taking down two homes there were burnt partially or in need of repair.
6. Fire Districts:

Homer Township Fire Protection District

Chief Schofield reported:

- Response times have been stable for the last two months, with the ambulance calls having a steady increase.
- The new Tower Ladder was delivered.
- Remodeling of Station 1 is going well, and crews have been pouring concrete driveways,
- The District applied for over \$50,000 in grants so they can outfit their vehicles with computers and GPS devices to assist in locating streets.
- Their IT Intern has been updating the website which should be completed by the end of the month.
- New hires will be graduating from the Oak Lawn Fire Academy on October 26th and will start work the following Monday.
- The Commissioners have started the interview process of our testing procedure and will complete the oral interviews at the end of the month.
- New Lenox has a preliminary concept of a 40-acre retail development on Cedar Road.
- With the Fire District being in multiple municipalities, the same as our school districts, and having no control over growth in these communities, it would better serve these taxing bodies, and the region, if we had a Regional Economic Development Committee made up of the surrounding communities where a Regional Development Plan is created to enhance each municipality while also looking at the impact of the region.
- The Fire District Board has approved placing a referendum on the February 5th Ballot. The referendum asks for a .0204% increase.
- The Fire District attended an ICC meeting. Discussions were held regarding the opposition of the fire district to a proposed House Bill that would charge the fire district rather than individual for fire hydrant use. This would result in the fire district paying \$550,000 to the water company.

7. Sheriff Department:

Ray Horwath reported that in August, 2007 there were 1,301 calls, 33 arrests, 99 police reports, 54 traffic crashes, 661 traffic citations and warnings, and 2,968 hours were logged for Special Detail through IDOT. In September there were 1,163 calls, 15 arrests, 108 police reports, 37 traffic crashes, 550 traffic citations and warnings, and 2,928 hours were logged for Special Detail through IDOT.

8. Highway Commissioner: No Report
9. Chief Building Officer: No Report
10. Trustees
 - a. Trustee Locacius reported:
 - The Police Task Force sent a copy of the proposed start-up budget to John Sawyers, who gave his recommendations that are being reviewed by the Task Force.
 - The Highway Department is in the process of installing the informational signs, as recommended by the Transportation Committee.
 - Changes to the Transportation have been given to Board for their review.
 - Recommendations were made for reducing speed limits on certain streets in the Village, moving of stop signs, trimming of landscaping on certain streets, and adding seven stop signs in Hunt Club. These issues will be discussed at the November 13th meeting.
 - The Committee is waiting to hear from Gallagher and Henry on the Gooding's Grove project. NIES Engineering has recommended several speed limit signs and stop signs, but the roads have not been turned over to the Village. Gallagher and Henry said they would put up these signs.
 - Weight limitations are being studied for Crème Road.
 - Residents have complained about traffic on Will-Cook Road. Since this is a Cook County Road, County Board Member Ron Svara was asked to send a letter to Cook County, and we are waiting for a response.
 - Two weeks ago Deer signs were put up at 167th and Bruce Road and within 24 hours they were gone. Replacement signs will be put up.
 - The Transportation Committee and Public Safety Committee are looking into possibilities of putting cameras on stoplights. There are organizations that offer this as a free service but ask for a percentage of the traffic ticket fines.
 - Police presence is being considered in various subdivisions where there is a problem with speeding.
 - b. Trustee DeVivo deferred her report to Trustee Knack.
 - c. Trustee Ward reported that as part of the dedication of I-355 there will be a Bike-a-thon to benefit the Trails system along the tollway. There will be a tent for the Veterans that outline benefits available to veterans.

Trustee Ward reported that the Horse Task Force has met twice and will have one or two more meetings before presenting their recommendations to the Village Board. Trustee Ward reported that she attended the IML Conference and went with the focus of gathering information on Economic Development.
 - d. Trustee Knaack reported that Lynn Herman is leaving the Recreations and Parks Committee and thanked her for her hard work and contributions to the Committee.

- e. Trustee Niemiec reported that the Village is progressing with the strategies and the steps in addressing the issues of water and sewer rates.
- f. Trustee Sabo

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

PROJECT 151st and BELL ROAD

The Environment Committee is continuing to prepare a plan to present to the Village Board for the improvement of .77 acres at the corner of 151st Street and Bell Road

ECO-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Under Public Comment, Environment Committee member Debbie Norvil will report about a conference on eco-effective communities and sustainable developments.

"CLEAN AIR COUNTS"

Environment Committee will be seeking information about a campaign called "Clean Air Counts" which is a northeastern Illinois regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, thereby improving air quality, reducing energy consumption, and enabling economic development. Orland Park is a member of "Clean Air Counts".

STORM WATER TASK FORCE

Since Steve Dalton is no longer the advisor for the Storm Water Task Force and Paula Wallrich is the new Interim Village Manager, Paula needs time to become familiar with the Water Resource Ordinance drafts. The drafts will then be reviewed with Robert E. Hamilton Engineering. Evaluation will take place with the Task Force with the goal of working toward a final recommendation to the Village Board by the first of the year.

TRUSTEE NOTE

Trustee Sabo stated that she wished to compliment Staff on the method of reporting proposed developments in the Village so the Board is readily able to see the stages and the status of each one.

While we desire a good commercial base and encourage commercial businesses, we have a great opportunity with the opening of I-355. It is important that we have high standards and discourage stereo-typical architecture found in other communities. These ideas will be incentives to visit, shop and locate here in Homer Glen.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Phyllis Dziuba, 13831 Cedar Road voiced her concern about flooding problems and 6,000 tons on dirt being dumped on the Behnke property.
2. Julie Stoklosa, 15262 Silo commented on her opposition to the proposed 1% sales tax increase.
3. Linda Coyne, 16161 Pin Oak requested information on the WRF expansion project.
4. Debra Norvil, 13154 Creekside reported on her attendance at a conference regarding eco-effective communities and sustainable developments. Ms. Norvil asked the Board to consider scheduling a meeting to discuss urban design, the need to build sustainable neighborhoods, and building Green buildings.

J. LEGISLATION

Trustee Knaack made a motion to move Agenda Item 6, Approval of Parks Master Plan to the first item; second by Trustee DeVivo.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried.

6. Resolution No. 07-030 - A Resolution Adopting the Park Master Plan.

Trustee Knaack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-030; second by Trustee DeVivo.

Trustee Knaack stated that this is one of the most important tools Homer Glen has in improving the quality of life of our residents and making our Village a unique and important place to live. Trustee Knaack commented that since Homer Glen does not have a Park District, which is a taxing District, and this document does not mention a Park District. In addition to land, which is required by developers as part of the Parks Donation Ordinance, we need to find a creative ways to fund this Plan without overburdening our residents. Trustee Knaack pointed out that large parcels of land suitable for parks are scarce in Homer Glen, so we need to start putting this together immediately.

Trustee Ward asked about the breakdown of neighborhood and community parks and if by stating the size of the parks so specifically (3 acres for neighborhood and 11 acres for community parks) are we setting ourselves up for some type of issue or not being able to enforce our Park Donation Ordinance.

Trustee Knaack stated that the Park Donation Ordinance is very clear that they are required to donate eleven acres and the breakdown is only for planning issues.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

1. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Richard C. Balough Attorney, as Representative for Homer Glen at the Illinois Commerce Commission Regarding the Rate Case Filed by Illinois American Water Company.

Trustee Niemiec made a motion for the Mayor to enter an agreement with Richard C. Balough, Attorney; second by Trustee DeVivo.

Interim Village Manager Wallrich stated that Mr. Balough has estimated his fee at \$40,000 and \$10,000 for expert witnesses.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.
Motion carried.

2. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Robert E. Hamilton, Consulting Engineers, for Engineering Services on an As-Needed Basis.

Trustee Ward made a motion for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Robert E. Hamilton, Consulting Engineers; second by Trustee Sabo.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

3. Motion to Award Stonebridge Park Construction Bid to Denler, Inc. in the Amount of \$606,447.96.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to award the Stonebridge Park Construction Bid; second by Trustee Knaack.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

4. Woodbine Drainage Study Construction Bid.

1. Resolution No. 07-057 - An Amended "Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code" in the amount of \$335,000.00.

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-057; second by Trustee Sabo.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

2. Motion to Approve the Construction Bid to S.A. ISSERT Construction in the Amount of \$326,821.25.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to approve the Construction Bid to S.A. Issert Construction; second by Trustee Locacius.

Interim Village Manager Wallrich stated that the bid came in above the original resolution provided for IDOT so there is a need to make an amendment to the resolution increasing the amount to \$335,000.00. Mrs. Wallrich stated that we need to make sure that this bid is conditioned on getting the releases signed from the adjacent property owners and suggested that the motion be amended to include the condition of getting all six agreements signed.

Trustee DeVivo amended her motion to include that this bid is subject to signature of all six releases; second by Trustee Locacius.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

3. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with S.A. Issert Construction for Storm Drainage Purposes at Woodbine Golf Course.

Trustee DeVivo made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with S.A. Issert Construction; second by Trustee Niemiec.

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

5. Ordinances Recommended by Illinois Municipal League Relating to AT&T Lightspeed Project.

Trustee Ward made a motion to table all three Ordinances until the November 13th Board Workshop Meeting; second by Trustee Locacius.

Interim Village Manager Wallrich stated that due to information gained at the IML Conference and comments from the engineer, that these Ordinances be tabled so additional information can be incorporated into the Ordinances and give the Board adequate time to review.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

Motion Carried

L. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this meeting.

M. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this meeting.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Sabo.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,



Gale Skrobuton, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated November 13, 2007