

Village of Homer Glen

**14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

February 8, 2017

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on February 8, 2017 by Mayor Yukich at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen.

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

Present were Mayor George Yukich, Trustees Sharon Sweas, Beth Rodgers, Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Brian Burian, and Michael Costa. Trustee Carlo Caprio was absent. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Ann Holtz, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Village Manager Mike Mertens and Chief Building Official Joe Baber.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. January 25, 2017

Trustee Burian made a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes of January 25, 2017, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS1. **Mayor Yukich:**• **ComEd Vegetation Management Activities**

Within the next three months ComEd will trim trees, branches and vines that interfere or have the potential to interfere with power lines. In some cases, tree removal may be required. Maps of the affected areas are on file at the Village Hall. If you have any questions regarding the tree trimming process, call 1-800-334-7661 and ask to speak with a ComEd Vegetation Management Representative.

2. **Trustees**

- **Trustee Sweas:** Reporting for the Environment Committee: As a reminder, the Village's annual Earth Day-Arbor Day will take place on May 20, 2017 at Konows Farm. New features this year include an expanded petting zoo. Sponsorships are available. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to earn their Community Service hours. Planning for the 2017 Spring Parkway Tree Planting Program has begun. If you would like to be included in this program call the Village at (708) 301-0632. The Village is considering locations for the 2017 Arbor Day Tree Planting. Under consideration are Stonebridge Park and Erin Hills park.

- **Trustee Rodgers:** Reporting for the Public Services and Safety Committee: The Committee has been working with Will County and the Homer Road District Highway Commissioner DeVivo to clean up the intersection at Bell Road and Hadley. The Committee has received complaints of the

- sightlines at this intersection. It was determined to proceed with engineering studies. Trustee Rodgers stated she had received complaint calls today about the roadways in light of the snow/ice. She reminded residents to visit the Homer Township Road District's website to see which roads are controlled by the district. The Mayor concurred stating that several major roads in the Village are controlled by either the County or IDOT.
- **Trustee Costa:** Reporting on behalf of the Parade and Festival Committee: The Committee is finalizing the entertainment and activities and more will be brought forth to the Board at a later date. Once again, the festival is a huge undertaking and we are in need of volunteers. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to obtain their required service hours. On a separate note, it's that time again, tax season, and a repetitive telephone scam has reappeared involving people claiming to be representing the IRS. This is a scam. If anyone calls you asking you for personal information, etc or threatening to send the police, that a warrant will be issued, etc. Simply hang up. The IRS will not call you, be sure not to give any personal information.
 3. **Clerk:** None
 4. **Village Attorney:** None
 5. **Public Safety Officials:** Lt. Jim Holuj added to Trustee Costa's statements about the IRS scam. He stated that the Will County Sheriff will never serve a warrant or show up at your doorstep on behalf of the IRS. He stated the IRS does not demand a specific form of payment like a debit card or credit card or money order. The IRS will send a bill via mail, not telephone calls. Any of the aforementioned statements are red flags and residents should hang up. They can report the calls to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov. Lt Holuj also explained that a new telephone scam occurring in the community that is called the "Can you hear me" scam. This is usually a recorded voice, claiming to be from "xyz" agency, be it a 'travel reward or free cruise' etc. to 'senior services agency' and the first question is "can you hear me". They are recording your answer, which instinctively is "yes". Do not answer. Your recorded "yes" can then be used to authorize a purchase you know nothing about. A simple way to avoid these scams is to not answer unidentified numbers. If it's important, they will leave you a message. If anything comes up, please do not hesitate to contact the Will County Sheriff's office non-emergency number.
 6. **Village Manager:** The bids are in for the tree replacement program; any residents who want to be included should call the Village and we will try to include them on the Spring or the Fall planting list.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. John Lobick, a Lemont resident, spoke on the topic of electrical cars. He stated that if the upcoming Chicago auto show is anything like the Los Angeles auto show, nearly two dozen electrical vehicles will be displayed. At a recent Plan Commission workshop in November, the subject of electric automobiles and how to support them with charging stations was a topic. According to CMAP this is the trend in construction. He encouraged the Board to pass amendments to the zoning code adding a provision for electric vehicle charging stations. This would require 240 AMP service, and various pieces of equipment which can be expensive. He encouraged the Board to pass legislation similar to communities on the West coast wherein the electrical lines are required and the homeowner would then have the option of installing the connecting receptacles. This would be groundbreaking legislation similar to the Lighting Ordinance, and it would demonstrate that Homer Glen is a progressive Earth conscious community.
2. Lynn McGary, representing the Homer Glen Area Chamber of Commerce, invited the Village Board to attend the "State of the Village" Luncheon and DiNolfo's Banquets on March 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

H. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Motion to Approve the attached Proclamation designating February 20 as Eugenie Lenc Day in the Village of Homer Glen in honor of her 100th Birthday.**

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

Mayor Yukich welcomed Ms. Lenc to the podium, read the Proclamation and posed for photographs.

2. Motion to Approve PRI's November Invoices for professional services related to the master park development plan for the Village's Heritage Park in the amount of \$7,549.50.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the invoices, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Trustee Rodgers clarified that the invoices are through November to date.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

3. Motion to Approve the amount of \$39,037.40 to be paid to the Northern Will County Water Agency for the Village of Homer Glen's portion of the Northern Will County Water Agency's Biannual Budget for FY 2017. It is understood that the Villages of Bolingbrook, Lemont, Romeoville, and Woodridge will pay for the remaining \$150,962.60.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the NWCWA payment, seconded by Trustee Burian.

Mayor Yukich gave a brief update on where things stand with the pending litigation against IAW and the recent increase awarded to IAW by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Trustee Rodgers asked the Village Manager to clarify this is the Village's portion of project legal fees for 2017.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

4. Motion to Approve the Village's 2017 Will County Governmental League Membership dues in the amount of \$16,987.82.

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the membership dues, seconded by Trustee Costa.

Trustee Sweas noted that the WCGL assists the Village in obtaining various grants for parks and construction projects.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

5. Motion to Approve the Mayor and Village Board Standard Operating Procedure No. 13- Media Communication Policy.

Trustee Sweas made a motion to approve the Standard Operating Procedure No. 13, seconded by Trustee Neitzke-Troiike.

Trustee Burian asked if the fees noted are required as part of the “archive” process this was confirmed by Village Manager Mertens.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

6. Motion to Approve the Mayor and Village Board Standard Operating Procedure No. 14- Debt Management Policy.

Trustee Costa made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

7. Motion to Approve Ordinance 17-003, An Ordinance Authorizing the Placement of a Traffic Control Device (Stop Sign) at the Northwest Corner of the Intersection of 167th Street and Pine Hill Drive.

Trustee Rodgers made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Trustee Rodgers stated that this discussion had come before the Public Services and Safety committee and there was consensus. At one point, there had been a stop sign at that location but at some point it

recently disappeared. It was the opinion of the Committee that someone removed the sign, there is definitely a “blind spot” and a sign was needed at that location.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

J. OLD BUSINESS

None

K. NEW BUSINESS

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Neitzke-Troiike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Sweas.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (5) Trustees Sweas, Burian, Costa, Neitzke-Troiike and Rodgers

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (1) Trustee Caprio

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Ann Holtz, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated February 22, 2017