

Village of Homer Glen

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

May 26, 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 May 19, 2009 by Mayor James Daley at 7:34 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 7:34 p.m. were Mayor James Daley, Trustees Michael Costa, Russell Knaack, Mary Niemiec, Laurel Ward and George Yukich. Trustee Sabo arrived at 7:37 p.m. All remained present throughout the meeting. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Gale Skrobuton, Village Manager Paula Wallrich, and Village Attorney Cary Horvath.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

E. RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognition of Eagle Scout

a. Guy Evertt Blazina White

Mayor Daley presented Guy Everett Blazina White with a letter of congratulations and an official Village Pin in recognition of his achieving the Eagle Scout Award.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 12, 2009 – Board Meeting

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2009; second by Trustee Costa.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

Motion carried.

G. APPOINTMENTS

1. Plan Commission – Marcia DeVivo

Trustee Ward made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Marcia DeVivo to replace Bill Karns and begin a three-year term ending May 31, 2001; second by Trustee Niemiec.

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. Plan Commission – Andrew "Bud" Fazio

Trustee Ward made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Andrew "Bud" Fazio to Kathy Hines one-year term ending May 31, 2001; second by Trustee Knaack.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (3) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, and Ward

Nays: (3) Trustees Costa, Niemiec and Yukich

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The Mayor voted Aye.

Motion carried.

H. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable for the period April 30, 2009 to May 27, 2009 in the amount of \$430,100.52; second by Trustee Costa.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF THE FIDDYMENT CREEK PRESERVE

This item was removed from the agenda.

J. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Daley reported:

- Thanked Kathy Hines and Bill Karns for their service as members of the Plan Commission.

The Mayor asked Trustee Ward to take over the meeting as President pro-tem at 7:44 p.m., as he was not feeling well.

Trustee Ward read the remainder of the Mayor's report.

- The Illinois Assembly passed a Capital Bill that included money for 159th Street widening. The Bill identifies \$71 million for the widening of 159th Street from I-355 to Will-Cook Road. The Mayor thanked Representative Renee Kosel, State Representative Christine Radogno and U.S. Representative Judy Biggert working on this bill. The Mayor also thanked Mike Schofield from Homer Township Fire District, Ken Vrba from Northwest Fire District, and Director Ray Horwath of the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in lobbying for these funds.
- The Mayor met with the Messenger Woods Homeowners' Association to present the "State of the Village" and address any of their concerns. This summer the Mayor will be making similar presentations at Marian Village and Victorian Village. If other

homeowners' associations would like a presentation of the "State of the Village", they can contact the Village Manager.

2. Trustees:

a. Trustee Sabo reported:

Leave No Child Inside Month

The Environment Committee has been promoting activities to bring children outdoors. Participation in outdoor activities in natural settings has been shown to increase self-esteem, decrease Attention-Deficit Disorder symptoms, and contribute to the emotional and physical development of children across the United States. Outdoor activities nourish children's physical, social and emotional development, while connecting them to the wealth of resources available in their backyards, neighborhoods, cities and region.

Recently, the Committee has submitted an article to Chicago Wilderness which will be published about the International Year of Astronomy activity at the Trantina Farm regarding star gazing that took place in April, 2009 which correlates with the initiative of Chicago Wilderness called Leave No Child Inside.

A resolution declaring the month of June as Leave No Child Inside Month in the state of Illinois and promoting the importance of the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights has passed 55-0 in the Illinois Senate.

Community & Nature in Harmony Awards

Applications will be available to nominate candidates for the Community and Nature in Harmony awards during the month of June and until July 20th. We encourage nominations for individuals, organizations and businesses who have demonstrated a commitment to the environment through preservation, restoration and/or beautification of land within the Village.

b. Trustee Niemiec reported:

- . She was contacted by a number of residents regarding potential expansion of the sewer treatment plant in Chickasaw off of Parker. At this point Illinois American has not submitted final engineering, but when the plans are submitted an open meeting will be held with the residents, neighbors and representatives from Illinois American.

c. Trustee Knaack – No Report

d. Trustee Yukich – No Report

e. Trustee Costa reported that Homer Glen and Homer Township will be holding their Annual Parade and Festival on Saturday, June 27th. The parade kicks off at 11:00 and starts at 151st and Parker, runs north on Parker just past Culver Park at 145th Street. Following the parade the Festival will be held at Culver Park with local food vendors, activities for the kids, and music will be provided by the Montgomery Street Band.

f. Trustee Ward reported that the Community and Economic Development Committee will meet in June to continue discussion on the "Shop Homer Glen" campaign, and the Business Marketing campaign.

3. Treasurer: Village Manager Wallrich read into the record the Treasurer's Report, with ending balances as of April 30 2009.

General Fund	\$ 2,246,571.37
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 878,047.06
Park Fund	\$ 434,334.78

Capital Project Fund	\$ 1,081,062.41
Tollway Fund	\$ 403,914.72

4. Clerk – No Report
5. Village Manager – No Report
6. Attorney – No Report
7. Task Force Chairperson(s) – No Report
8. Sheriff – No Report

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Gaile Sekerka, 15441 S. Gougar Road stated that adding the sewer line and trails do not preserve the wildlife in the area and asked the Board to consider an alternate route for the sewer line and bike trail.
2. Marvin Pickering, 15525 Gougar Road voiced his concern that the proposed sewer and line and trail can be very destructive to the area. He commented that the Master Trail Bike Plan has become a regional highway map connecting major forest preserves and with the continued destruction of the forest preserves the wildlife population will continue to decline.
3. Martha Pickering, 15525 Gougar Road commented that the sewer line will disrupt houses and cutting down trees will also destroy the roots of the remaining trees.
4. Dennis Gerwing, 12250 W. Derby Lane spoke about the speeding problem on Derby Lane. This has been a problem in the area for many years and additional stop signs have not solved the problem. He asked the Board if speed humps could be added.
5. Tony DeVassy, 13405 Oakwood Court stated that his house is next to the berm on the southwest side. He commented that with the installation of the traffic circle he will be losing some of his front yard which includes a sprinkling system, and questioned who will remove and reinstall this system, and how he will be compensated for the loss of his property and his property value.
6. Kate Conrath, 13345 Oakwood Drive asked the Board to consider other options for an exit route. She stated that by removing the berm the Board is not looking at the risks and consequences.
7. Joe Mulcahy, 13353 Oakwood Drive urged the Board to listen to the people and not remove the berm and replace it with a traffic circle.
8. Larry Conrath, 13343 Oakwood Drive requested a meeting with staff and stated that the residents were not given the opportunity to review the plans before the project went to bid, as they had been promised. Mr. Conrath stated that the landscaping issue has not been addressed and the homeowners will not assist in the maintenance of the landscaping on the traffic island.
9. Tony Abete, 13352 Oakwood Drive stated that traffic calming on Golden Oak needs to be implemented. He commented that Golden Oak drops 12 ft. and a stop sign will be needed.
10. Bob Aitchison, 13344 Oakwood Drive voiced his concern that when the berm is removed and the traffic island is built some residents will not be able to park in front of their homes. He commented when the street is opened the traffic will triple.

K. LEGISLATION

1. **Silver Cross**
 - a. **Ordinance No. 09-131 – An Ordinance Granting Variations from Ordinance 07-068 (an Ordinance Regulating Outdoor Lighting) for the Property Located at 12701 W. 143rd Street, Homer Glen.**

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-135; second by Trustee Knaack.

Village Manager Paula Wallrich stated there are four exceptions to the lighting ordinance:

- . Height of the existing light poles. The lighting ordinance calls for a maximum height of 25ft.; however the existing poles are 30 ft. and the request by the applicant is to allow the current light standard height to remain.
- . Use of the existing metal halide fixtures. They will be adding r new lights and would like to match the existing fixtures.
- . Allow illumination increase from 5 foot-candles to 12.8 foot-candles for the south entryway; 17.5 foot-candles for the west entryway;
- . Allow illumination increase from 15 foot-candles to 16.1 foot-candles at the west drive-up canopy.

If a helipad is required for this project there will be lighting associated with the helipad; however the ordinance allows exemptions for lighting required for emergency purposes.

The Mayor pro-tem 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.

b. Ordinance No. 09-135 – An Ordinance Granting Special Uses for Certain Property Located at 12701 W. 143rd Street, Homer Glen.

Trustee Knaack made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-136; second by Trustee Yukich.

Village Manager Paula Wallrich stated Silver Cross is requesting three special uses:

- . Approval of the final PUD
- . 24-hour facility
- . Helipad if required as part of the state licensing

Conditions for approval of the final PUD include:

- . Final engineering
- . Final landscaping
- . Final photometric plans

The final landscape plan includes 25 additional evergreen trees to provide maximum screening for residents along the south side of the property and along Mustang Drive.

Conditions for approval of the helipad include:

- . Burial of the utility lines within one year of completion of the helipad, if required.
- . Used only for the transport of the critically ill patients.
- . Annual report submitted by Silver Cross that provides data on all helicopter transport cases and activity level for the site.
- . At the end of a five-year period commencing with the passage of the ordinance, Silver Cross will give the Village a report containing a review of performance, frequency of use, flight path data, and impact on surrounding property owners.

- . IDOT approval for the helipad permit.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that traffic concerns on Mustang Drive will be referred to the Public Services and Safety Committee.

The Mayor pro-tem 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.

2. Resolution No. 09-004– A Resolution Awarding Contract for Construction Project on Oakwood Drive.

Trustee Knaack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09-004; second by Trustee Sabo.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that the three bids were received and opened on May 7th from Austin Tyler Construction, Len Cox & Sons Excavating, Davis Concrete and PT Ferro Construction. The lower bid, submitted by Austin Tyler Construction, of \$81,593.05 is below the engineer's estimate of \$109,775.00. At the May 12th Village Board Meeting staff was directed to distribute copies of the engineering plans to the residents along Oakwood Drive and Oakwood Court, and on May 13th a PDF file containing the plans was e-mailed to the residents for review and comment. No comments have been received from the residents.

Manager Wallrich stated that the Board had concerns about the landscaping proposed for the traffic circle, and after review of the request for additional landscaping, it was determined that the contract be awarded "as-bid" and add a 10% contingency to the Board's motion for approval, to budget for the additional landscaping.

Concerns regarding snow plowing, salt impact and long term maintenance are being addressed in respect to the type of flowers and low growing ground cover to be planted.

Trustee Ward asked for clarification on:

- . Will we be working within the existing right-of way.
- . Impact of addressing the existing sprinkler systems.
- . Parking situation along traffic circle, and if parking will be allowed within the circle.

Harry Gilmore from Robinson Engineering stated:

- . All work will be done within the existing right-of-way.
- . Prior to construction all utilities lines and sprinkler systems will be identified and, if necessary, will be relocated or protected by the contractor at no cost to the residents.
- . The 20 ft. wide area around the circle would prevent a car from going around the circle and a parked car without causing a safety hazard.
- . Parking within the circle would be unsafe and cause poor visibility.

Trustee Costa questioned if other options have been looked at for parking; are additional traffic calming devices warranted due to the 12 ft. drop in elevation; have crosswalks had been considered.

Mr. Gilmore stated the Village would have to purchase additional right-of-way to allow for additional parking on the side street; the grade and drop in elevation are within standard engineering guidelines; no studies have been done for the inclusion of crosswalks.

Trustee Yukich asked if options had been considered for other through streets.

Village Manager Wallrich responded that several studies had been done concerning other options.

Trustee Yukich asked how many houses would lose parking spaces.

Mr. Gilmore stated that four houses would be affected.

Trustee Niemiec stated that removal of the berm still leaves the residents at risk, and she voiced her concern about the loss of parking spaces. Trustee Niemiec asked if there is a design that would minimize the impact to the residents on the street, and if there is another option that would not impact the loss of two to five parking spaces.

Harry Gilmore stated that the current cul-de-sac area that has been dedicated as a turnaround area encompasses most of two lots, and to minimize the impact to the residents, the island is centered in the center of that circled area. Mr. Gilmore stated that even if the size of the circle was reduced or elongated it would decrease the traffic calming scope, and there still would not be any room for additional parking.

Trustee Niemiec commented that she is hesitant to move forward on this project and is concerned that we have not fully investigated all the other options and designs. Niemiec asked for the exact number of parking spaces that will be lost.

Mr. Gilmore stated at the most it would be six parking spaces.

Trustee Sabo addressed her concern for the residents nearest the cul-de-sac and asked how many feet would be left from the curb after construction.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the total length of the drive-way from the curb to the house is less than 2 feet different.

Trustee Ward commented that the specific landscaping has not been addressed, and asked that the final landscaping plan be given to the Board for approval.

Trustees Yukich and Sabo said they would meet with the residents to discuss the landscaping plan.

Trustee Knaack suggested that a letter be sent to the property owners on Oakwood to notify them of the meeting.

Trustee Sabo stated that she has been working with Mike Salamowicz to determine if the trees on the berm could be moved or saved, and what types of trees could be planted that would be best suited for the traffic circle.

Trustee Niemiec requested that at the next Board meeting a sketch be provided to show what the impact will be with the loss of the parking spaces, as she is concerned that we don't create a safety issue in order to fix another. Trustee Niemiec stated that she wants to be sure that we don't begin this construction project and then realize it could have been done differently. Niemiec would like the residents to be aware of what impact the changes will have on their way of life.

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to table this item to the next Board Meeting; second by Trustee Yukich.

The Mayor pro tem asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Costa, Niemiec, Sabo and Yukich

Nays: (2) Trustees Knaack and Ward

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Motion carried.

The Trustees requested staff to provide: (1) information on the impact to the residents with the loss of parking spaces; (2) a better landscape plan; that could be presented to the residents. Trustee Niemiec asked the engineer to provide a timeline from start to finish of the project.

3. Resolution No. 09-006 – A Resolution Adopting the I-355 Area Master Bike Plan.

Trustee Knaack made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09-006; second by Trustee Yukich.

Village Manager Wallrich stated this is a shared study with the Villages of New Lenox, Lemont, and the City of Lockport and Will County as part of the I-355 Corridor Planning Consortium created by Mayor Daley. The Board had previously authorized the expenditure of \$2,700.00 to fund the study by Houseal Lavigne Associates as part of a Transformation Grant by Com Ed. Wallrich reported that Will County was recently awarded an OSLAD grant to look at the I-355 Bike Trail Plan.

Trustee Knaack stated that we are working on our own Trails Master Plan that will cover trail locations throughout the Village. The I-355 Area Master Bike Plan provides planning tools, types of trails you can use, design guidelines, and cost estimates that we can use in planning our own trails.

The Mayor pro tem 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.

4. Resolution No. 09-007 – A Resolution Approving the Reduction of the Letter of Credit for Goodings Grove Unit #A4.

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09-007; second by Trustee Costa.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that the improvements have been removed and inspected by our consulting engineering firm Robert E. Hamilton Consulting Engineers, who approved the request to reduce the LOC by \$152,089.18. The remaining balance of \$357,898.87 represents the amount required to construct the remaining public improvement plus 25%.

The Mayor pro tem 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.

5. Consideration of a Proposal from Verse One for a New Economic Development Website.

Trustee Niemiec made a motion to approve the Proposal; second by Trustee Yukich.

Trustee Niemiec commented that one of the goals and priorities is the development of a subpage website focusing on economic development for Homer Glen. Goals include providing community information, demographics, with a target audience of current and new businesses and residents. The website will serve as a means to show what is best about Homer Glen and its benefits. There has been \$5,000.00 budgeted for this website and two proposals were received. The Committee is recommending approval of a contract with Verse One, located in Homer Glen. The Economic Development website will be designed to flow well with the design of the website. The Committee would like to eventually have the website interactive and include 3-dimensional views of Homer Glen.

Trustee Ward commented that the content would come from the Homer Glen staff, with input from the Committee.

Trustee Niemiec stated that the \$5,000 cost is a carry-over from last year's budget.

The Mayor pro tem 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.

M. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Niemiec asked for discussion on the search for the Economic Development Director. As a point of clarification, Niemiec stated that the Board passed an ordinance in June 2004, establishing the position of Community Development Director. In July 2007 the Board amended that position description to be Community Development Director/Assistant Village Manager. Niemiec stated that we do not have a position of Community Development Director, and suggested that this ordinance be amended if the Village is not seeking an Economic Development Director/Assistant Village Manager and asked for discussion on what position the Village was looking to fill.

Village Manager stated that this is equal to a department head position, and commented that the Village needs someone for planning and economic development. The job description describes those responsibilities.

Attorney Horvath stated that the June 22, 2004 ordinance creates the Community Development Director as an appointed position. The ordinance creating the position and the summary of duties and skills required was never specifically amended. In June 2007 an ordinance was passed approving an employment agreement for the assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director, with an attachment of scope of work. This scope of work almost matched the summary of duties and responsibilities from 2004, but eliminated any oversight of the building department.

The Village Attorney stated that an Assistant Village Manager position does not currently exist unless the Board adopts an ordinance creating the position or amends the job description in Ordinance 04-045.

Trustee Niemiec clarified that we currently have a position of Community Development Director that is vacant. Niemiec stated that she would like to see someone designated as the backup in the absence of the Village Manager.

Trustee Ward clarified that the position description calls for that position to oversee the Building Department.

Village Attorney Horvath stated that the ordinance can be amended to eliminate language saying the position oversees the Building Department, or to change the job description.

Trustee Ward suggested that the ordinance be amended to designate the second in charge, and up-date the job description.

N. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gale Skroboton, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated June 10, 2009