

Village of Homer Glen

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

November 24, 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 November 24, 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 Russell Knaack, Margaret Sabo, Laurel Ward and George Yukich. All remained present throughout the meeting. Trustees Costa and Niemiec were not present. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Gale Skroboton, Village Manager Paula Wallrich, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, and Village Attorney Cary Horvath.

A quorum was established.

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES*November 10, 2009 – Board Meeting*

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of November 10, 2009; second by Trustee Yukich.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

F. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for the period November 4, 2009 to November 25, 2009 in the amount of \$539,492.59; second by Trustee Ward.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion Carried.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Amendment of Fiddymont Creek Annexation Agreement between the Village of Homer Glen and the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to recess the Board Meeting and open the Public Hearing; second by Trustee Ward.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m.

There were no comments made during the Public Hearing.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to close the Public Hearing; second by Trustee Yukich.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m.

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

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

H. RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Bob Schmidt for Service as Government Liaison

The Mayor presented a plaque to Mr. Schmidt in recognition and appreciation for seven years of service as the Homer Township Chamber of Commerce Liaison, and for his dedication to the community and the residents of Homer Glen.

2. Gold Level Designation as a Clean Air Community

Village Manager Wallrich stated that in 2008 we attained the Silver Level in the "*Clean Air Counts*" campaign from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The Village has continued to educate the public about clean air quality issues and has adopted strategies to reduce pollution. We have achieved the Gold Level by hosting activities such the Household Hazardous Waste Day and the autumn Star Gazing event to promote dark sky awareness. The Village has also adopted a Universal Solar Energy Code and a Uniform Mechanical Code. The next level is Platinum.

Trustee Sabo stated that the Village has attained the Gold Level status of the "*Clean Air Counts*" program. This is a product of the combined work and programs of volunteers, committees, staff, Plan Commission and the Village Board. Trustee Sabo thanked Steve Wydeveld, Chief Building Official and the Building Department staff, and Heather Parker, assistant to the Village Manager, for all their work. More projects are being planned for the "*Clean Air Counts*" program.

I. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Mayor Daley reported:

- Thanked residents who attended the Public Forum regarding the purchase of land for a community park. The Plan Commission will continue the discussion at their December 7th meeting. Current appraisals are being obtained on the two properties discussed at the public forum and the Village is

investigating the possibility of working with Lockport Township High School and Homer Township on other park opportunities. Any decision of the Board will be discussed publically including any issuance of debt.

- . The other two initiatives of the economic stimulus program include the sewer line extension from Cedar Road to Gougar Road and an alternative to leasing space for a Village Hall. The Village hopes to schedule an Open House in January on the proposed sewer alignment. We are also looking at options for office space for the Village.
- . We continue to work on trying to control the cost of sewer and water from Illinois American Water and address the safety and space needs of the students at Lockport Township High School. The Mayor and Trustee Ward attended the second summit on the high school which was hosted by Mayor Soliman of Crest Hill. Homer Glen will host the next summit scheduled for February 11, 2010. The purpose of the summit is to hear from our residents.
- . We will be holding our 3rd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, November 30th. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. on the corner of 151st and Bell Road. The Homer Jr. High Show Choir will be performing, hot chocolate and donuts will be served, and Santa Claus will make a special appearance.
- . Homer Glen resident Ashley Bradarich, the daughter of Jay and Kim Bradarich was crowned Miss Illinois. Ashley is a graduate of Lockport High School and will compete in the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas in April 2010.
- . Homer Glen is listed as having the lowest crime rate in towns with a population of 25,000 or more in the Northeast Illinois region, and of any municipality in Will County, regardless of size. The 19.3% decrease includes a drop in thefts from 162 in 2007 to 127 in 2008.

2. Trustees:

- a. Trustee Yukich asked residents to keep their speed limits down, especially with the winter weather approaching. He reminded residents to lock their cars and take any valuables into their homes.
- b. Trustee Ward reported:
 - . She attended the School Summit, hosted by Crest Hill, and we are now uniting as a district community to look at solutions for our school and for all of our communities. The next summit will be held in Homer Glen, and a future summit will be hosted by Lockport. All Residents are invited to attend or send their questions and concerns to any of the government bodies.
 - . As we enter the holiday shopping season she encouraged all residents to “Shop Homer Glen”.
- c. Trustee Knaack – No Report
- d. Trustee Sabo reported:

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Earth Day Arbor Day

The Environment Committee’s Earth Day/Arbor Day group has secured May 22nd at the Konow Farm on Cedar Road in Homer Glen, for the event. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd to continue with planning for the event.

The Committee welcomes donations and sponsors for educational activities and seeks programs to increase participation and visitation. In addition to individuals, organizations, and businesses who took part in the 2008 event, the Committee also looks forward to new participants and ideas.

Clean Air Counts Gold Level

Community Development Director Ed Cage and Trustee Sabo attended the “Clean Air Counts” Energy Forum at Elmhurst College. The forum included discussions on tactics for reducing energy

usage, energy sites, ComEd's Usage Insights, and Energy Efficiency Programs. A follow-up meeting will be held with Kevin Bricknell, ComEd Energy Data Services Program Manager.

International Dark Sky Association (IDA)

The Village has completed several requirements toward the goal of becoming a "Dark Sky Community". Completed so far are:

A Comprehensive Lighting Code that contains:

- 1) Full cutoff standards for lighting fixtures.
- 2) A lumen per acre cap.
- 3) Restrictions on the total amount of unshielded lighting.

Some other requirements to be met are a plan for street light conformance for Homer Glen's street lights, demonstration of light pollution control, and review by IDA members in Illinois.

Earth Hour in Homer Glen

The Environment Committee is planning to hold Earth Hour again in March 2010. A proclamation in support of Earth Hour 2010 will be updated for the Village web site.

3. Treasurer Village Manager Wallrich read into the record the Treasurer's Report, with ending balances as of October 31, 2009.

General Fund	\$ 2,610,667.68
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 1,086,152.16
Park Fund	\$ 404,648.92
Land Acquisition Fund	\$ 90,909.19
Capital Project Fund	\$ 1,015,398.34
Tollway Fund	\$ 271,755.34

4. Clerk – No Report
5. Village Manager Wallrich reported the Village Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th, for Thanksgiving holiday.
6. Attorney – No Report
7. Task Force Chairperson(s) – No Report
8. Sheriff – No Report

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

K. LEGISLATION

1. **Ordinance No. 09-070 – An Ordinance Granting a Variance for a 6-foot Fence to be Located within the Corner Side Yard of a Reversed Corner Lot for the Property Known as 14462 S. Boulder Drive, Homer Glen.**

Trustee Sabo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-070; second by Trustee Ward.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that the applicant originally requested two variances; however he has decided to withdraw his request for the fence encroachment of the corner side yard. The applicant, Milan Jajic, is requesting a variance to permit the installation of a six foot white vinyl fence within an R-5 Single Family Residential District, for the purposes of keeping his dog within his yard. Since the

property is on a corner, Mr. Jajic's rear lot line is also considered a reverse corner lot because his rear lot line is the adjacent property owner's side yard lot line. Our Zoning Ordinance limits the height of fences in front yards to four (4) feet and six (6) feet for side and rear yards. The Plan Commission unanimously approved a 6-foot fence on the common boundary line.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

The Mayor did not vote.

Motion carried.

2. Ordinance No. 09-071- An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Annexation and Development Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Will County and the Village of Homer Glen Concerning the Annexation of Certain Real Property, Dated June 23, 2009.

Trustee Yukich made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-071; second by Trustee Sabo.

Village Manager Wallrich stated the amendment is a product of the environmental studies conducted by the Forest Preserve District of Will County. This study had not been completed when the Village Board approved the original annexation agreement. After mapping specific locations for historic or archeological sites, uncommon bird species habitats and sites with significant floristic values, the engineer recommended an alternate route which included crossing the creek to the south. The Forest Preserve District of Will County supported the proposed alignment, and was approved by the Executive Committee and the full District Board. The alternate route will save a number of trees and will be more cost effective. The proposed amendment provides for an adjustment to the proposed "Alignment Zone" as defined in the original agreement. This will allow the Village to do a final alignment. The Village is hoping to hold an Open House in January on the final alignment.

Village Manager Wallrich noted that in *paragraph 10, line 3*, the word "subcontractors" has been left out, and the Board is being asked to approve the amendment with the addition of the word "subcontractors" in order to be consistent with what was approved by the Forest Preserve.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

The Mayor voted Aye.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

3. Motion to Authorize Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Merrill Marxman as Manager for a Farmers' Market.

Trustee Ward made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Contract; second by Trustee Yukich.

Village Manager Wallrich stated the Village will begin holding a Farmer's Market, and staff has met with Sears Essential regarding the use of their parking lot. Staff has also met with a professional manager, Mr. Merrill Marxman who currently works with other surrounding municipalities in creating

and operating their markets. We anticipate the Farmers' Market will start in June and run through September or October on Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members of the Community and Economic Development Committee will be reviewing the guidelines and make recommendations to the Board.

Mayor Daley questioned if the Farmer's Market would conflict with the car club.

Village Manager Wallrich stated that the parking lot is large enough to accommodate both activities.

Trustee Knaack commented that the car club has grown extensively over the past years, and voiced his concern about the available space.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

4. Resolution No. 09-016 - A Resolution Approving the Reduction of the Letter of Credit for Squisito Place.

Trustee Ward made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09-016; second by Trustee Yukich.

Village Manager Wallrich stated a Letter of Credit Reduction has been requested by the developer, Homer Developers LLC in the amount of \$115,375.31. This reduces the balance to \$38,458.44 to construct the remaining public improvements, plus 25%.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

5. Motion Adopting the 2010 Village Meeting Calendar.

Trustee Sabo made a motion to adopt the 2010 Village Board Meeting Calendar; second by Trustee Ward.

Trustee Yukich requested that at a future meeting the Board discuss changing the format of the Board meetings to include a monthly workshop meeting.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

6. A Proclamation in Support of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, December 2009.

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

Village Manager Wallrich stated the Village will join other Illinois communities to increase the awareness of the dangers of impaired driving.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

7. A Proclamation of Earth/Arbor Day – April 25, 2009.

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

Village Manager Wallrich stated that on April 25, 2009 we celebrated Earth Day/Arbor Day. Although this event has already occurred, a proclamation is still needed to assist the Village earning the status of Tree City USA.

The Mayor stated that at the dedication of the tree at Stonebridge Park he offered to donate 8 or 10 trees of the same size, and reminded the Board that they are still available to anyone in need of a tree.

Trustee Sabo commented that she would accept the offer on behalf of the Environment Committee.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

8. Motion to Authorize Engineering Services with Robinson Engineering for Supplemental Engineering for the 143rd Street and Lemont Road STP Improvements.

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

Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz stated as a result of additional engineering, requirements by the County and IDOT, the Village's consultant Robinson Engineering is requesting supplemental engineering for road improvements. This work includes:

- . Additional topo which were required for traffic/detour plans.
- . Modifications to avoid an existing culvert which would have required extending that culvert.
- . The existing temporary traffic signal that was installed in 2008 that necessitated developing traffic signal construction staging plans.
- . Reduction of needed easements.
- . Modifications required for the right-of-way plats.

- . Change in design policies by IDOT after the plans were completed.
- . Possible condemnation actions required as a result of right-of-way that we are still trying to obtain.

The total amount for the supplemental engineering is \$45,009.00. There is a 50% county match, making the Village's portion \$22,504.50. The work has already been completed with the exception of the right-of-way work, if required.

Trustee Ward questioned if we are paying the entire amount at this time, and then be reimbursed at a later date.

Robinson Engineering stated that the Village will be reimbursed by the County.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

Mayor Daley announced that, as an addition to the Mayor and Other Officers reports, due to the Thanksgiving holiday on November 26th and 27th, Nu-Way Disposal will be delaying the Thursday and Friday pick-ups by one day, only for this week.

L. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. An Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing for Bond Issuance.

Village Manager Wallrich stated even though we are a Home Rule community and a Public Hearing is not required for the issuance of a bond, it was recommended that the Village pass an ordinance requiring a Public Hearing.

The Board reviewed the draft ordinance that provides for two exceptions:

- . The refunding of bonds or special service area bonds
- . Emergency situations

Village Manager Wallrich read a statement from Trustee Niemiec which stated ... *"Making a public hearing prior to the issuance of bonds the law of Homer Glen sends the right message and is the right course of action."*

The Board discussed:

- . Special Services Bonds that would include an area that the Board would designate after a series of public hearings that if bonds were to be issued the public hearing would be for that particular location as opposed to a general location for the entire community.
- . Notice requirements in a newspaper of general circulation and making the public aware through additional newspaper coverage, and on the Village's website.
- . Definition of emergency situations which includes: suppress or prevent the spread of disease or to prevent or remove imminent danger to persons or property.

M. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

N. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Knaack stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed protocol for involvement of the Committee in land acquisition for parks. Trustee Knaack asked what was the role of the Parks Committee, and specifically on the current issue of the community park.

Trustee Knaack suggested that a Committee of the Whole meeting be held in December to discuss the protocol for the Parks Committee, and the public forum for the parks acquisition and the data collected.

Mayor Daley stated that the properties are being appraised and a comparison of the properties will be completed when all the information is obtained. This can also be discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Knaack made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Land Acquisition-Erin Hills Park; second by Trustee Sabo.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:36 p.m.

No final action was taken at Executive Session.

Trustee Ward made a motion to reconvene the Board meeting; second by Trustee Sabo.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes: (4) Trustees Knaack, Sabo, Ward and Yukich

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (2) Trustees Costa and Niemiec

Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gale Skroboton, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated December 8, 2009.