

Public Services & Safety Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
January 5, 2022

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491
Village Board Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by chairperson Jennifer Consolino.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:03 p.m. were chairperson Jennifer Consolino, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz, Homer Township Fire Protection District Chief Chris Locacius, Northwest Homer Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Todd Fonfara, and Will County Sheriff's Department Lt. Jim Holuj. Also present was staff liaison Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Public Works Director Brent Woods.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda. None

5. Minutes.

- a) November 3, 2021

Chairperson Jennifer Consolino stated that the minutes from the November 3, 2021 Public Services and Safety Committee meeting were being presented for approval. Chris Locacius made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2021, seconded by Todd Fonfara. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comments.

None

7. a) Chairperson Report

None

- b) Fire District Reports.

Homer Township Fire Protection District and Northwest Homer Fire Protection District both commented they are dealing with Covid related issues within their departments.

- c) Will County Sheriff Report.

Lt. Jim Holuj reported they will be representing the Sheriff's Department and Homer Glen with color guard presence at the funeral for the Bradley police officer killed in the line of duty. He anticipates the medicine/prescription drop box will be arriving soon for installation.

d) **Emergency Management Agency Report.**

None

e) **Development Services Director Report**

None

f) **Building Official Report**

Joe Baber reported they are starting document destruction which was approved by the state. He is looking at changes to the Building Code, waiting on some ongoing amendments to the I-codes. He welcomes any input from the Fire Districts.

g) **Public Works Director Report**

The Public Works Department responded to the seasons first two snow events and did an excellent job. The department received more complimentary calls than complaint calls. There have been a few issues with trucks and equipment but they are functioning. They had been in close contact with the Sheriff's Department to identify problem areas and address accordingly. 590 tons of salt was utilized during the first two storms and an additional 1,200 tons has been ordered and started arriving today.

8. **Old Business.**

a) **Long Run Creek Update & Discussion** – Mike Salamowicz reported the Village's website has updated information regarding actions involving Long Run Creek and adjacent properties. Mike has identified a few blockages in the creek and will be meeting with Homer Tree Service to get cost estimates for removal. Use of Public Works resources is also being explored.

b) **Unlicensed off-road motor vehicle ordinance review** – Joe talked with Cary today and he is reviewing the ordinance. Joe will follow up with Cary.

c) **Public Safety Group Notifications**- Todd commented they have had some testing of the notifications to safety responders and all seems to have worked well. He asked what method worked best and if the responders wanted e-mail, text and calls as part of the notifications. Most wanted all three notification methods.

9. **New Business.**

a) **Chicken & Bees Ordinance Discussion**- In June of 2019 chapter 220 of the zoning code was amended as it pertained to the keeping of chickens and bees in the Village. After much discussion at the environment committee and plan commission levels the Village Board gave direction to have the ordinance regulations apply to E-1, E-2, R-1 and R-2 zoning districts. As written, the keeping of chickens and bees is prohibited in the R-3, R-4 and R-5 zoning districts. Discussions at the Village Board level at

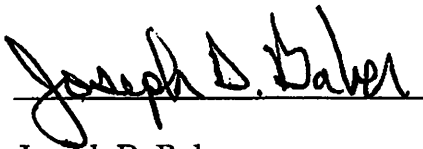
that time focused around lot sizes and associated zoning and not the additional setback and regulations of the proposed ordinance. After adoption of the ordinance, it was found that certain properties in the R-3, R-4 and R-5 zoning districts can meet all the other regulations of the ordinance. A recommendation that Section 220-839 Keeping of farm animals, B. Residential Districts. (1) Chicken (a) Chickens shall be permitted in E-1, E-2, R-1 and R-2 Districts and (2) Bees (a) Bees shall be permitted in E-1, E-2, R-1 and R-2 Districts be amended and removed from the code chapter was motioned by Chris Locacius, seconded by Jennifer Consolino. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Will County Sheriff's Department, Homer Glen Staffing versus Flock Cameras- Lt. Jim Holuj presented information regarding additional Deputy staffing for the Village. It would include four additional deputies to cover all shifts with the additional employment costs. Response times for calls was also presented. He also discussed the benefits of Flock Cameras and it's expanded use throughout the area. The committee recommended the Flock Camera topic go back to the Village board for consideration.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Brent Woods, seconded by Mike Salamowicz. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Joseph D. Baber
Chief Building Official