



Village of Homer Glen

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

January 22, 2020

**Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room
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Homer Glen, IL 60491**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on January 22, 2020 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 Yukich, Trustees Ruben Pazmino, Beth Rodgers, Sharon Sweas, Keith Gray, Trustee Holtz and Trustee Brian Burian. Also present on behalf of the Village were Village Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troike, Village Attorney Eric Hanson, Director of Planning and Zoning Vijay Gadde, Assistant to the Village Manager Matt Walsh, Chief Building Official Joe Baber, Finance Director & Treasurer John Sawyers, Development Services Director Mike Salamowicz and Village Manager Karie Friling. *A quorum was established.*

D. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**E. PRESENTATION****1. Glenn Pasiewicz, Executive Director, Heritage Corridor Business Alliance**

Mr. Pasiewicz and Mike Shachel gave a presentation on the merge and the accomplishments of Homer Glen and Lemont Chambers. There is a new community guide and banner program they are currently working on. The upcoming events are as follows:

January 23, 2020, Coffee with Mayor Yukich and Senator Curan, Blueberry Hill.

February 11, 2020 Cannabis workshop, hosted by the Chief Maton of Lemont.

Restaurant week March 1 – March 8, 2020, details to follow.

The Chamber is Co-Sponsoring the United for Puerto Rico with the North West Fire District, March 7, 2020, Raising funds to transport needed fire equipment to Puerto Rico at Rubi Agave.

Business expo at the Lemont Park district, March 14, 2020.

State of the Village April 15, 2020 at Tazzas, Best of Homer Glen awards Ceremony to follow.

Golf Outing June 25, 2020 at Ruffle Feathers Golf Course.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. January 8, 2020 –Village Board Meeting**

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve, second by Trustee Gray.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Holtz, Rodgers, Burian and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

1) Mayor's Report–

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

State Senator John F. Curran and I invite you and your friends to join us for a casual conversation over coffee. Come share your thoughts on the community and legislative matters important to you. It will take place on Thursday, January 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. at Blueberry Hill Breakfast Café located at 14355 South Bell Road in Homer Glen.

2) Clerk's Report –

Updated the Board on the Business Registration process. Currently have 77 unpaid commercial businesses and unpaid Home businesses.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Fred Marino – Thanked the Village Board for their hard work and understands it can be a thankless job. Mr. Marino also thanked the Board for not passing Recreational use of marijuana.

Saugirdas Konskis – Commented on equal rights and discrepancies with his neighbor.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **The Accounts Payable for the Period of January 10, 2020 through January 23, 2020 in the amount of \$140,343.40.**
2. **The Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments for the Period Ending December 31, 2019.**

Trustee Holtz motioned to approve the consent agenda, second by Trustee Gray.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Rodgers, Holtz, Burian and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

J. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance Number 20-001, Amending the Sign Regulations

Trustee Sweas motioned to approve Ordinance No. 20-001, second by Trustee Rodgers.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Ayes: (4) Trustees Gray, Burian, Sweas, and Rodgers

Nays: (2) Trustee Pazmino and Trustee Holtz

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

K. WORKSHOP –

1. Heritage Park Schematic Design

Finance Director & Treasurer, John Sawyers provided a Heritage Park funding option spreadsheet. Village Manager Karie Friling explained in full, the worksheet that was distributed. The worksheet consisted of scenarios based on the feedback given by the Trustees previously to the meeting. Feedback given by the Parks and Recreation Committee and residents who sent in their feedback was presented in the slide show. Each Trustee gave their opinion on which phase was most important to them and why. The consensus was to not implement a new tax to finance Heritage park and leaned towards scenario 2 that was provided in the funding option spreadsheet. Trustee Holtz asked the Assistant to the Village Manger, Matt Walsh, to play a flash drive trustee Holtz had provided. Trustee Holtz had stated it was a 3-minute recording from the March 8, 2017 meeting. The recording would not play but Trustee Holtz stated it was a conversation of the trustees at the time, of Heritage Park with PRI. Trustee Holtz then tried to provide another recording from her phone, but it could not be heard. Trustee Holtz feels the Board is moving to fast on this and is asking what is the rush? Trustee Holtz stated the recording was the voices of Trustee Costa, Mayor Yukich and Trustee Burian, and that Mayor Yukich stated, "There is no way we would build a \$21 million park and we wouldn't spend that amount of money unless we lost our minds." Trustee Holtz stated she is not comfortable with spending \$5 million on the next phase let alone \$6.5 Million and that one of the key aspects to passing the gas tax was to be used towards the development of Heritage park. Trustee Holtz stated we spent just shy of \$8 million to date and with the new totals presented by TRIA, it would be a \$23 million park. Trustee Holtz feels we are ignoring the crown while polishing the jewel Trustee Holtz would like to see the Board put money aside for other things the Village may need. Trustee Holtz would like the concrete pads taken out and spend around \$1 Million on the Village Green and Amphitheater. Trustee Holtz would like to see more input from the resident's as she feels there wasn't much outreach, feels the splash pad was more on the top of the resident's list. When asked to give specifics on what Trustee Holtz would like to see, Trustee Holtz stated, "The Swing, The Memorial, The Village Green phase 4 minus the Amphitheater". Mayor Yukich feels it is a beautiful park but would like to see a few things completed such as the Veterans Memorial, old Fire Department Memorial brought over and saved, cul-de-sac put in, would like to see the parking accommodate our events we currently hold at the park and the swing. Trustee Gray stated in response to Trustee Holtz, what happened in 2017, the comments that were made in 2017 was a typical knee jerk reaction. The current Board is a new Board and there will be many more boards to come. Trustee Gray gave his thoughts on what he felt was most important but had agreed with Trustee Burian after Trustee Burian had spoken. Trustee Burian went through the feedback in which he had received and based his thoughts on what he had received.

The general consensus of the Village Board was to move forward on option D.

Option D is as follows:

- Open Play
- Sled Hill
- Village Hall, Veterans Memorial
- Village Green and Amphitheater
- Activity Area
- Cul-du-Sac Road
- Active Core Swings

L. OLD BUSINESS - None**M. NEW BUSINESS – None****N. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Gray motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Rodgers.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: (6) Trustees Sweas, Gray, Burian, Holtz, Rodgers, and Pazmino

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Absent: (0)

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Village Clerk

Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated March 11, 2020