

# Administration & Finance Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
January 7, 2026

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
Village Board Room**

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairperson Reynders.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**3. Roll Call.**

Members present at 2:30 p.m. were Chairperson Trustee Reynders, Trustee Muller, and Trustee Lepore.

Also Present: Village Manager Baber, Public Works Director Woods, Village Engineer Westcott, Parks Director Vittori, and Staff Liaison Gia Cassin, Assistant to the Village Manager.

Members absent: Trustee Mason.

**4. Amendments to the Agenda**

None.

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Lepore, seconded by Trustee Muller. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Lepore, Muller, and Reynders, with all three (3) voting in favor, and zero (0) opposed. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.*

**6. Minutes**

**a) November 5, 2025**

*Trustee Muller motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Lepore. There wasn't any additional discussion. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Muller, Lepore and Reynders all voting in favor with a three (3) to zero (0) vote. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes from December 3, 2025, were approved.*

**7. Public Comment.**

None.

**8. Reports and Communications from Staff.**

a.) Village Manager Baber: Village Manger Baber discussed that the budget is coming up, and Director wish lists are coming up at the end of the month. He is also looking to get estimates to demo some of the structures on the Boo property. He is thinking we hold off on the blue house until a later date and then decide what we may want to do with that structure. He wants to put together some demo costs for the farmhouse and put them into next year's budget. The farmhouse has been broken into, and the Village is needing to keep an eye on it as a result.

Trustee Muller mentioned that it might be worth considering allowing the Fire Department to use it for training and they can burn it for inside and outside exercise. He said they are often looking for opportunities to do that. Village Manager Baber added he would like to get out to the barn with Trustees Lepore and Muller.

Village Manager Baber mentioned he has been looking at the figures for the rent we have paid since 2003 for the rentals on Annico. Since 2003, we have paid a total of \$637,000 in rent at Annico, and he is looking to get quotes for buildings for the property at 151<sup>st</sup> and Crème. He would like to work that into next year's budget and get us out of Annico.

Lastly, Village Manager Baber stated he spoke with Todd with ACS this morning. They completed their initial walk through in December. Later this month, Village Manager Baber will send a survey out to staff, allowing staff two (2) weeks to complete the survey and then ACS will return possibly during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February to sit with staff and the plan is that they will complete their first report by the end of February.

Trustee Reynders asked where ACS is with grants, and Village Manager Baber stated that both grants and the comp plan are part of the final phase of their task with the Village.

b) Assistant Finance Director Kopas: Neither she nor Director Sawyers were available for the meeting today. Village Manager Baber said their reports are included in the packet for review. He added that Trustee Mason noticed that gambling revenue was down a little bit. Trustee Reynders indicated that people probably were preparing for the holidays and shopping and gambling less. Village Manager Baber also pointed out the letter that we received from the gaming board regarding their overpayment, and those fees will be removed from some of our revenues this year. That concluded his finance portion.

## 9. Items for Consideration and Recommendation

- a. **Consider Recommending for Approval the contract with From the Ground Up Landscaping for fertilizing services for 2026 in the amount of \$7580.00.**

*Trustee Lepore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Muller.*

Staff have been working with this company for a couple years, and they have added football fields to their scope of work. It was more cost effective to have this company do the fertilization work over staff merely purchasing the fertilizer. It made most sense to move forward with them. The committee agreed.

*A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Muller, Lepore and Reynders all voting in favor with a three (3) to zero (0) vote. The motion passed unanimously and will go to the Village Board on January 14, 2026, under the Consent Agenda.*

- b. **Consider Recommending for Approval the contract from McCloud Aquatics for contractual services for Lamer's and Culver Pond's for April 2026 - September 2026 in the amount of \$3850.00.**

*Trustee Muller made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lepore.*

Staff said when the Village took over Culver Pond, residents mentioned we needed a fountain. Staff started to work with a vendor to maintain the pond, and they got fresh quotes and have a new vendor they would like to try, better pricing. Staff added Lamers into the quote for maintenance too.

Trustee Reynders asked who manages the pond by the Parks building, and staff replied that they do. It's right by their building and easy to manage for them. It's not too large.

*A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Muller, Lepore and Reynders all voting in favor with a three (3) to zero (0) vote. The motion passed unanimously and will go to the Village Board on January 14, 2026 under the Consent Agenda.*

**c. Consider Recommending for approval the purchase of two John Deere Z950M ZTrack mowers in the amount of \$28,576.36.**

Trustee Reynders made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lepore.

Staff explained these new mowers are needed to replace older mowers that are continually breaking down and costing the Village. They want to purchase these particular new mowers for their functionality and brand as they want to grow their fleet of John Deere. It will be easier to streamline for parts with all same manufacturers. If this gets approved, the old mowers will go on list for auction.

*A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Muller, Lepore and Reynders all voting in favor with a three (3) to zero (0) vote. The motion passed unanimously and will go to the Village Board on January 14, 2026, under the Consent Agenda.*

**d. Consider a motion to recommend approval of an agreement with Urban SDK for their geospatial, AI driven roadway analytics platform for a cost of \$25,725.00.**

Trustee Muller made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lepore.

Director Woods mentioned this company approached a year ago and he wasn't interested. Trustee Mason ad mentioned at one time to Director Woods, that he would like to see what they do. They put together information for some Village roads and the data sets that came out of this were great. Comparing the data they provided with the data we put together, depending on the ages of our units, they were 10-16% off in terms of accurate information. The results from this company are far more accurate. We do these studies for stop sign requests, as an example. Residents complain about speeding. It is not legal to use a stop sign to control speeding. The studies will be able to be used for grant applications and grant funding. He gets speed and volume from these data sets and will also get travel time indexes. The data comes from IDOT and USDOT. This company purchases the data. He said he could also bring the laptop to a Public Service and Safety meeting and pull up instant data during speeding discussions and produce actual, factual information to contribute to the discussion. The cost is an annual cost. He would like to try it for a year and see how we like it. There could be other solutions. The data from these studies also

helps with traffic planning, if for example, a new development was going up in the Village. It appears there would be 3 user accounts per this package.

Trustee Muller stated that many municipalities are using systems like this. When residents come in with complaints, with a couple of keystrokes, we can confirm or dispel the complaint.

Trustee Lepore stated he supports this. Village Engineer Westcott said he feels we are getting a lot of data for the cost.

There is also a public facing page if the Village wants to allow it.

*A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Muller, Lepore and Reynders all voting in favor with a three (3) to zero (0) vote. The motion passed unanimously and will go to the Village Board on January 14, 2026, under the Consent Agenda.*

## **10. Old Business**

Village Engineer Westcott discussed Lyons Pinner. He explained they are our village streetlight contractor, and that we have been working with them for years. He would like to continue to work with them, and not go out for bid, and just move forward with a contract. This discussion was brought up a year ago in an A&F meeting and there was an interest in getting them to handle more things for the Village. Currently, Meade manages our traffic signal at 151<sup>st</sup> and Parker, but the plan is to shift this over to Lyons Pinner and keep all under one company. It is his recommendation that we continue to use Lyons Pinner. They help us with a variety of tasks. They do our flashing trail signs. Rather than go out to RFP, we would like to just move forward for Lyons Pinner Services. They have consistently come in the lowest bidder and we have a really good working relationship with them.

Village Manager Baber said that Lyons Pinner has been great for the Village.

Public Works Director stated they have been good to work with as well for certain right – of – way matters.

The committee consensus was to move forward with Lyons Pinner and Village Engineer Westcott will get a contract from them.

Trustee Reynders mentioned the side drive for Parker, because the plan has changed for 143<sup>rd</sup> street widening. Director Westcott will tap some of the consultants for plans for this drive. Engineer Westcott stated that we may need to wait until the 143<sup>rd</sup> work is complete as they may use Parker for staging. He added he would have this conversation with Will County when he discussed the trees to be removed. Trustee Reynders said that they could exit that drive now, but they don't want anyone to come in.

The association says that the Mayor said she would put a side drive there, and the residents of Dawnwood are hanging on to that.

Engineer Westcott said it will be in our best interest to track down some grant funding for this.

**11. New Business**

Village Manager Baber stated that the Township wants to designate Trantina Park, and that would make them eligible for grant funding. They would open a park and turn the civic center into a Community Center. The Village supports this.

**12. Adjournment – Next Meeting will be on February 4, 2026**

Trustee Lepore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Muller. A voice vote was taken with all in favor, zero opposed. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Gia Cassin  
Assistant to the Village Manager