
THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 20-009

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TRANSFER OF STEWARDSHIP, INCLUDING REAL ESTATE
AND ASSETS, OF THE HOMER TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT
TO THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Homer Glen was incorporated on April 17, 2001; and upon incorporation, the Village was given ownership and stewardship of publicly owned assets, including public roads and rights-of-way within the new corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer Glen, as a young village, entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement in 2003 with the Homer Township Road District to maintain and regulate the roads within the Village in substantially the same manner as before incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois (the "Village") is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the "Home Rule Powers"); and

WHEREAS, the home rule status was approved via voter referendum on November 7, 2012 which demonstrated the strong public support of the Village of Homer Glen and the desire of its residents to control its own future and destiny; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the Village of Homer Glen and the Homer Township Road District have collaborated and worked together for the betterment of our residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Village has continued to grow and evolve into the strong and self-sufficient village it is today; which now includes over 157 miles of village-owned streets and assets; and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated areas of Homer Township now comprise only approximately 18 miles of streets and will continue to decrease into the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport residents who reside within Homer Township have been paying road and bridge taxes to the Township without receiving full and fair services; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer Glen, Homer Township Road District, and the City of Lockport agree this is not fair government representation or taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Village will continue to grow, build and develop into the future, including the construction and maintenance of additional new roads, sidewalks, trails and other public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, both the Homer Township Road Commissioner and the Homer Glen Village Board agree the Village should control its own future, including the planning, maintenance, budgeting,

and construction of its own public infrastructure - both present and future; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Highway Code grants road districts the authority to exercise all the powers granted in the code, and specifically authorizes road districts to acquire by purchase, gift or legacy, and to hold property, both real and personal, for the use of its inhabitants, and again to sell and convey the same, and to make all such contracts as may be necessary in the exercise of the powers of the district (605 ILCS 5/6-107); and

WHEREAS, Illinois Highway Code allows for a road district to sell its surplus real estate and its idle personal property to a municipality. Specifically, Section 6-201.10 of the Illinois Highway Code grants commissioners of road districts “Authority to make agreements with the highway commissioner of any other road district or with the corporate authorities of any municipality located in the same county or in an adjoining county or with the county board of the county in which such road district is located or of any adjoining county, for the lease or exchange of idle machinery, equipment or tools belonging to the district, upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon”; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act provides the legal mechanism for certain units of governments to transfer real estate between one another; and

WHEREAS, both the Village of Homer Glen and Homer Township Road District are units of governments and as such can employ the Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act as the legal mechanism to accomplish the voluntary transfer of property between both governmental units; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Highway Code can be employed as the legal mechanism to transfer the surplus real estate and personal property from the Homer Township Road District to the Village of Homer Glen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois. By and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

Section 1: Recitals

The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: Transfer of Stewardship Process

The Village of Homer Glen intends to pursue the transfer of stewardship of the Township Road District. The Village commits to work collaboratively with all of the impacted parties to ensure a balanced and equitable transfer. These impacted parties include, but are not limited to, the City of Lockport and its residents residing within Homer Township, the unincorporated residents of Homer Township, the Homer Township Road District, the Homer Township Board and most importantly, the residents of the Village of Homer Glen.

Section 4: Setting the Date for Public Informational Meetings

The Village of Homer Glen hereby schedules the following public information meetings for the purpose of discussing the proposed transfer of stewardship:

October 6, 2020 – 7pm at Village Hall – 14240 W. 151st Street

October 12, 2020 – 7pm at Village Hall - 14240 W. 151st Street

These meetings will be open to the public to attend and will also be accessible via Zoom. Those in attendance will be required to wear face masks and adhere to social distancing requirements.

Section 3: Effective Date

This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect upon date of approval.

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Adopted this 23rd day of September pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Backal	X			
Caprio	X			
Gray	X			
Pazmino	X			
Rodgers			X	
Sweas	X			
Yukich (Village President)				
TOTAL	5		1	

APPROVED by the Village President on September 23, 2020.



George Yukich
Village President

ATTEST:


Christina Neitzke-Troiike
Village Clerk

