

The former Homer Township Road Commissioner, on his own, with no vote of the Township Trustees or Special Town Meeting of the electors (people living in Homer Township), gave the entire Township Road District to the Village of Homer Glen **FOR FREE**. This has left the Township, which includes Lockport, New Lenox, Lemont, and the Unincorporated with nothing, and the Village of Homer Glen with everything at no cost. **Taxes from the entire Township Road District went to build the Village of Homer Glen Public Works Department at the expense of Lockport, Lemont, New Lenox, and the Unincorporated.**

There was a Referendum placed on the November 2020 ballot asking if the People in Homer Township wanted to dissolve the Road District and place it under the Homer Township Board. This referendum failed. Homer Glen spun this into saying the people voted to give the Road District to the Village of Homer Glen. The words Homer Glen were not even mentioned in the Referendum. Homer Glen moved forward in the process of taking over but ran into a wall when, after winning in the circuit court, the Township Supervisor appealed to the appellate court.

Former Road Commissioner Devivo on his own signed an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Homer Glen giving the Township Road District to the Village **FREE AND CLEAR** despite the appeal by former Township Supervisor to a higher court. The Agreement was to give the Unincorporated (i.e. the Township) 1 plow truck and 1 bay to rent in the new building the Homer Township Road District built prior to giving everything to the Village of Homer Glen, along with some other small items.

With 21.6 miles of Unincorporated Roads like Farrell, Cedar, and 163rd the Homer Township Road District does not have what it needs to operate at a basic level. That means taking care of the roads we all use safely. The newly Elected Township Road Commissioner Brent Porfilio, created a new Intergovernmental Agreement asking the Village to return to the Township some of what was taken for free, As Supervisor Steve Balich said he canceled the Appeal (Lawsuit) the former Supervisor initiated because it was costing the people plenty of tax dollars and there could be a way to come to a compromise.

Now Township Supervisor may be forced into filing an Appeal (lawsuit) that will cost taxpayers plenty of money. Or the alternative of purchasing land, a building, and equipment necessary to just do the basics for maintaining the Unincorporated Roads. This happens only by raising property taxes.

The solution will be with the new Village Board that stands against raising your taxes!!!

The newly elected Village Trustees: Consolino, Reynders, Fialko, and La Ha as well as past and current Board member Pazmino, seem to understand the problem and hopefully will end the mess created by the past Village Board by passing the New Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township.

Led by Mayor Yukich, the former Homer Glen Board: Keith Gray, Beth Rodgers, Braque Backel voted to take the Road District while Ruben Pazmino and Sharon Sweas voted no. The Village went on to implement the first ever Village Property Tax and under the leadership of Mayor Yukich, and former Village board members Keith Gray, Beth Rodgers, Braque Backel, and

Sharon Sweas all voted to implement this First Village Property Tax while Ruben Pazmino voted no. The reasoning behind this new property tax was to pay the cost of operating the Village Public Works, which they took for free from the Homer Township Road District.