

**HOMER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMBINED PLANNING/BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

September 12, 2011 at 7:30 P.M.

Township Hall

16057 S. Cedar Road

Lockport, Illinois 60491

This meeting is subject to the Open Meetings Act

1. **Call the meeting to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Open Forum** (Please sign in prior to meeting and limit comments to 3 minutes)
 - A. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the Homer Glen Junior Women's Club for their contribution in funding and providing the volunteer services for the Old Town Hall Beautification Project.
 - B. Public participation and input
5. **Approval of Bills** – August bills payable in September, 2011
 - A. Creek Enhancement
 - B. Equipment & Building
 - C. Founders Crossing – Bonds
 - D. Founders Crossing Operating Fund
 - E. General Assistance
 - F. Open Space
 - G. Open Space Bond
 - H. Park
 - I. Park Equipment Rebuild
 - J. Park Invest
 - K. Road and Bridge
 - L. Town
6. **Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo Report**
7. **Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report**
8. **Assessor Karen Szykowski Report**
9. **Clerk Steve Balich Report:**
 - A. Minutes
 - 1) Approval of August 1, 2011 Regular Board Minutes
 - 2) Approval of August 1, 2011 Executive Session Minutes
 - B. **Status Report:** New Voting System Equipment offer in cooperation with County Clerk's Office
 - C. **Motion to approve** Citadel Information Management proposal (ESTIMATE of \$481.30) for Township wide (Highway, Administration & Assessor offices) record disposal services (attached proposal).
10. **Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:**
 - A. **Motion to approve** purchase of (9) 2011 TOI Laws & Duties Handbook at \$23.50 each (see attached).

- B. **Status Report:** Notice of award of \$200,000 for the 2011-12 CDBG Grant from Will County Land Use Dept for work at Lockport Heights with the Sanitary District (copy attached).
- C. AECOM assessment/evaluation report RE: HVAC issues at Founders Crossing units.
- D. **Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing:** Vinyl flooring/carpeting replacement in various units of concern.
- E. **Status Report Wedgewood Highlands Conservation Easement:** Site visit scheduled with Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) officials to evaluate long term management.
- F. **Status Report:** Village of Homer Glen has received a small Grant from the Bio-Diversity Group to improve water quality conditions within Long Run Creek/Des Plaines River for the benefit of improving the endangered Hines Emerald Dragonfly habitat. They have invited Homer Township to join their work group to explore potential locations along Long Run Creek, possibly the Yangus Park properties. I will attend the first meeting on Sept 13, 2011 (see attached email).
- G. **Status Report Building Inspections:**
 - 1) As a result of Village of Homer Glen and Fire Department building and fire safety compliance inspections, there are still outstanding issues with the football tower. We continue working with TOIRMA, Stallions, Fire Department and Homer Glen Building Department to resolve and currently waiting to receive contractor proposals for necessary work to bring the building into compliance.
 - 2) Roofing repairs completed on football tower, soccer concession building and baseball dugouts (see attached proposals).
 - 3) **PENDING:** TOIRMA recommendations to modify Township Sports Usage Policy to clarify procedures for maintenance and usage of ALL township owned structures and properties by the public.
- H. **Status Report:** Maintenance staff manpower update.
- I. **Informational:** Illinois Dept of Labor/Prevailing Wage Act new legislation (see attached).
- J. **Status Report:** Land use concerns RE property located at: 16059 W. 151st Street (see attached correspondence and letter per Board's directive on 11-1-2011).
- K. **Status Report IDOT US Route 6/IL Rte 7 (159th St):** Correspondence received from IDOT (copy attached).
- L. **Pending:** Reconstruction of the park storage garage.

11. Township Committee Reports:

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
 - 1) **Status Report:** 2011 Children's Halloween Party
 - 2) **Status Report:** Combined 2011 & 2012 Anniversary Festival and parade.
 - 3) **Status Report:** 2011 annual Homer Harvest Days festival
- B. MILITARY COMMITTEE: Chair persons Clerk Balich & Assessor Szykowski
 - 1) Committee member appointments
- C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS: Chairman Bill Karn
 - 1) **Pending:** Committee reorganization and Trantina rental unit repairs.
- D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee John Kruczek
 - 1) **Status Report:** Complex parking lot resurfacing
 - 2) **Motion to approve** restoration of trail surface at Sendra and Goreham Parks (copy attached)
NOTE: Proposals solicited from Bengston Nursery, Aspen Creek Landscaping and Dahl Landscaping. As of 9/8/11 per staff, Aspen Creek and Dahl have declined submitting proposals because they are too busy to take on the additional work this year.

E. SENIOR COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen

13. Old Business

- A. Will County Center for Community Concerns donation acknowledgement (see attached).
- B. Will County Children's Advocacy Center donation acknowledgement (see attached).

14. New Business

- A. **Informational:** FPDWC notice of selective tree and brush control at Messenger Woods Nature Preserve (December 2011 – October 2013).
- B. **Announcements:**
 - 1) FPDWC public information meeting on Sept. 15, 2011 between 5-7 PM at Hadley Valley Substation, 15808 Maple Rd, New Lenox (RE: Messenger Woods work addressed in Item 14 A above).

15. Executive Session

- A. Pending litigation
- B. Employment matters

16. Adjournment

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS
REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING
October 3, 2011, 7:30P.M.

**NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), **Homer Township** will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The **Township** does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The **Township** will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in **Homer Township** programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The **Township** will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in **Township** offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of **Homer Township**, should contact the office of the **Township Clerk** as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. The **Township Clerk and his contact information is: Steve Balich, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-7042**

The ADA does not require **Homer Township** to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of **Homer Township** is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to **the Township Supervisor, Pam Meyers**.

Homer Township will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.