

AGENDA

HOMER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMBINED PLANNING/BUSINESS MEETING

January 9, 2012 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 to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Matters from the Public** (Please sign in prior to meeting and limit comments to 3 minutes)
 - A. Public participation and input
- 5. December, 2011 bills payable in January, 2012** (Action/Motion requested):
 - 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**
No cases pending
- 7. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report**
- 8. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report**
- 9. Clerk Steve Balich Report:**
 - A. **Minutes** (Action/Motion requested):
 - 1) Approval of December 5, 2011 Regular Board Minutes

10. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report (Action/Motion may be requested):

- A. Request for approval to purchase new sign for the Purdy open space parcel.
- B. **Status Report:** Meeting to review/refine scope of work for project reconstruction of the Maintenance Department storage building.
- C. **Status Report:** Football Tower Building Inspections awaiting report from fire inspectors and village of Homer Glen relating to additional issues.
- D. **Status Report:** Beginning work on Tentative Budget FY 2012-13
- E. **PENDING:** Request from Village of Homer Glen to allow change of Farmers Market location from Kmart parking area to roadway in front of and portions of Homer Healing Garden area currently under review by Township Attorney Sramek.
- F. **PENDING:** Village of Homer Glen work group to improve water quality conditions within Long Run Creek/Des Plaines River to partner with Homer Township to provide a demonstration section of proper stream & bank maintenance along Long Run Creek at Yangus Park.
- G. **PENDING:** TOIRMA recommendations to modify Township Facilities/Sports Usage Policy to clarify procedures for maintenance, cost responsibilities and usage of ALL township owned structures and properties by the public.

11. Township Committee Reports (Action/Motion may be requested):

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
 - 1) **Status Report:** 2012 annual Homer Community festival & parade.
 - 2) **Status Report:** 2012 annual Homer Harvest Days festival.
- B. MILITARY COMMITTEE: Chair persons Clerk Balich & Assessor Szykowski
 - 1) **Informational:** Assistance provided/donations for military family victims of house fire in Homer Township
 - 2) Committee member appointments *previously tabled.*
- C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS: Chairman Bill Karn
 - 1) **Status Report:** Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2012
 - 2) **Status Report:** Meeting with contractors to estimate budgetary figures and scope of work projections for Trantina rental unit repairs.
- D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee John Kruczek
- E. SENIOR COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen

12. Old Business (Action/Motion may be requested):

- A. Motion to approve *further amended* 2012 monthly Town Board meeting schedule changing February meeting to the 6th day of the month instead of 13th day due to legal holiday.
- B. **Status Report:** update on status of Ganesha Gayathri Temple City of Lockport Annexation, Special Use Permit request and preliminary site plan approval (see attached City of Lockport Plan & Zoning Commission Agenda).
- C. Homer Township Library Expansion Project:
 - 1) Village of Homer Glen Public Hearing for rezoning scheduled for January 16, 2012 at 7:30PM at 14917 S Founders Crossing, Homer Glen, IL (see attached)
 - 2) Homer Township Library has requested a letter of support for preliminary project.

13. New Business (Action/Motion may be requested):

- A. Request for funding assistance to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
- B. Letter from Homer Township Fire Protection District (copy attached)
- C. **Informational:** "Protecting our Children" Presentation, 7:00PM, January 16, 2012 at Homer Town Hall, 16057 S Cedar Road. (attached flyer)
- D. **Informational:** Letter from IEPA regarding new law banning landfill disposal of electronic items (copy attached)

- 14. Executive Session:** Action/Motion requested to adjourn to executive session under Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 Subsection C-11, to discuss pending litigation
- A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call

15. Action (if any) taken after Executive Session

16. Adjournment

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS
REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING
February 6, 2012 at 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.