

# HOMER TOWNSHIP

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,  
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING  
MEETING

Approved February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES** meet at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Andrew (Bud) Fazio	Supervisor
	Evelyn K. Walano	Town Clerk
	Stephen J. Balich	Trustee
	Mike Costa	Trustee
	Pam Meyers	Trustee - absent
	Nancy Strack	Trustee

Township Supervisor Bud Fazio chairman and Evelyn K. Walano Township Clerk. The following official business was transacted: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Supervisor Fazio who asked Trustee Costa to lead the pledge to the flag. Also present was Attorney Gerald Sramek and Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo .

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**OPEN FORUM:** No one

Supervisor Fazio wanted to recognize Home Depot for all of the work they did on the Town Hall. Everyone said it looks much nicer. Thanks to Home Depot.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS :**

**Trustee Balich: Softball Tournament** July 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 rain date July 29<sup>th</sup> Mike Costa, Gary Yambor, Joe Malacina will all be working on it again. They will come to the Township for the \$500.00 prize money unless it can be raised some other way.

**EMA Chief Schofield** gave Trustee Balich his report. In general all calls have gone up considerably. The hot spots are highlighted on the map. Obviously most calls are coming from where there is the most density and also where seniors are living. Chris Locacius, Troy Essenburg & Edward "Sean" McCormack were promoted to lieutenant. Supervisor Fazio wanted to let everyone know that this is a first. All of the Lieutenants had to be tested to be promoted which has never been done before. In the past they were all appointed.

Mike Schofield has been elected Chief of MAVIS a group of 12 local area fire departments that worked together and also he has been elected chairman of CART the largest rescue team in Illinois.

National City Bank has agreed to pay for more "File for Life" packets. They will also be giving out cell phones for emergency use soon.

Discussion of what would happen if there was an emergency and we needed to move a lot of people? Trustee Balich stated that the EMA, Fire and Police would assess the damage and take care of any immediate rescue needs. LT. Locacius discussed how people would be evacuated to schools which are designated emergency shelters by school bus. Supervisor Fazio said we need to get this information out to the people so they are aware.

**Trustee Costa: Recreation committee** has quotes for the Paul property for engineering. There are two proposals although Christopher Burke's proposal is a little higher than McDonough Associates; Christopher Burke has a much more extensive scope of work including field drawings. The Recreation committee recommended having Christopher Burke do the Topographical Survey.

**MOTION** by Trustee Strack to hire Christopher Burke Engineering to do the Topographical Survey on the Paul Property 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Strack –yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes 4 – **YES MOTION CARRIED**.

Land and Water Resources were out of town for the last Recreation com. Meeting in regard to the Purdy property. Since we already have topographical surveys on disc those do not have to be done on the Purdy property. Once they have a design and proposal it will be brought to the board.

**Trustee Strack: Skate Park:** Since no site has been found Pastor Combs would like to see if the money can be donated, possibly to a skate park for ramps or something the kids can use. Trustee Strack, Supervisor Fazio, Mayor Petrizzo and Trustee Sabo should get together and discuss the possibilities.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve special meeting minutes from November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Fazio **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio - yes 4 – **YES MOTION CARRIED**.

**MOTION** By Trustee Costa to approve regular board meeting minutes for December 5<sup>th</sup> 2005, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack –yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa –yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes 4- **YES MOTION CARRIED**.

**MOTION** by Trustee Balich to accept but not release executive session minutes for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich-yes, Trustee Costa –yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes 4-YES **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER BILLS PAYABLE IN JANUARY**

**CC SKATE PARK** Balance 12/30/05 \$11,323.42. No Activity No Action Taken

**CREEK ENHANCEMENT** Balance 12/30/05 \$116.36 **MOTION** To accept by Trustee Costa 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES **MOTION CARRIED.**

**EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING** Balance 12/30/05 \$567,944.08 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Balich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack –yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FOUNDERS CROSSING BOND** Balance 12/30/05 \$ 126,781.28 No Activity No Action Taken

**FOUNDERS CROSSING OPERATING FUND** Balance 12/30/05 \$140,712.32 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Costa 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack –yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES **MOTION CARRIED.**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE** Balance 12/30/05 \$76,010.44 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Strack 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich-yes, Trustee Costa –yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN SPACE** Balance 12/30/05 \$1,194,659.41 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Strack 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN SPACE BOND** Balance 12/30/05 \$73,665.27 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Balich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Balich-yes, Trustee Strack –yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PARK** Balance 12/30/05 \$140,895.93 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Balich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Strack –yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PARK INVEST** Balance 12/30/05 \$ 214,085.82 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Balich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa –yes, Trustee Strack–yes, Supervisor Fazio–yes All **YES MOTION CARRIED.**

**ROAD AND BRIDGE** Balance 12/30/05 \$2,298,266.66 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Balich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Strack –yes, Trustee Costa–yes, Supervisor Fazio–yes All **YES MOTION CARRIED.**

**TOWN** Balance 12/30/05 \$482,353.20 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Costa 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Strack –yes, Trustee Balich–yes, Trustee Costa–yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes All **YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** The salt barn is full and it is going to be 50 degrees outside. Paving may start early. They will be going out for bids possibly next month. They are painting the barn and they have put heat in the cold storage. The highway department may go to direct deposit for payroll.

Supervisor Fazio feels things are moving along well at the highway department. The Highway commissioner, Assessor, Clerk and himself are meeting on a weekly basis which has improved communication greatly.

**ASSESSORS REPORT:** absent

**CLERKS REPORT:** Update on trails and the recently received CMAQ grant for the bell Rd. trail to Culver Park. Now the I355 subcommittee would like to apply for a CMAQ grant for the trail running along the east border of I355. We would like to pass a resolution to work together with Lockport, Lockport Park District, and Homer Glen. Cost on the high side would be 1.2 mil with an 80/20 split. This could be split between 4 entities. If split evenly it would be about \$50,000-\$60,000 per entity. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to pass Resolution #01-09-06 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich–yes, Trustee Costa–yes, Trustee Strack–yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes All **YES. MOTION CARRIED.** Amend resolution to read “Homer Township” not “Homer Glen Township”

Request for a motion for a transfer of appropriation for \$156.25 from Open Space Fund to Creek Enhancement Fund. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa–yes, Trustee Strack–yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes All **YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:** Unison Tower lease, 5 or 6 other companies do this and use scare tactics to get you to sell your lease. They tell you they are not going to use towers anymore and you should sell now. Best offer was for \$110,000.48 plus split 50/50 on new antenna leases. They buy the lease and try to get other companies to rent space on

the towers. It would take us 8 years to get the same amount of money we are getting from the current lease. We currently get \$1322. /month in June we will get \$1522/month. Supervisor Fazio feels this is a good income for the Township, all trustees agreed.

Fire Board resignation of Mike Sherry 5-6 applications were submitted. It was hard to choose, these people are all very qualified. Supervisor Fazio feels it is time to bring someone who is not a fireman, but someone who is a business person. Paul Anderson couldn't be here tonight but Supervisor Fazio feels he would be very qualified and would like to recommend him for the Fire Board **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to appoint Paul Anderson to the Fire Board 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Appointments: should all be made at once so all members would be reappointed at the same time each year. That way if someone resigns during the year a new person would fill the position until the end of the current term and then can be reappointed along with everyone else.

**MOTION** by Trustee Strack, to realign all committee terms to be one year beginning the first Township Board meeting of the year. All committee, members on lists submitted are appointed at this time 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich-yes, Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Softball committee members will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** Trustee Strack asked about those who came asking about balls going into their yards? Supervisor Fazio said cost is very high and baseball feels they should just have the men play on another field, either Bronco or the Pony field.

Discussion of I355 funding.

**New Business: none**

**MOTION** by Trustee Balich to recess to Executive Session 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED** Executive Session begins at 8:40 pm.

**MOTION** by Trustee Strack to adjourn Executive Session 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Costa –yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich-yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED** Executive Session Adjourned at 9:50 pm.

**MOTION** by Trustee Balich to have Jungles/Sueflow pay expenses on property 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Trustee Costa-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Trustee Costa to spend up to \$100.00 for Joliet Area Hospice for Mayor Petrizzo's mother in law 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack –yes, Trustee Balich –yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Trustee Costa to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Costa-yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich-yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Evelyn K. Walano  
Homer Township Clerk