

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

APPROVED AS AMENDED JUNE 5TH, 2006

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on **April 10th, 2006.**

PRESENT:	Andrew (Bud) Fazio,	Supervisor
	Evelyn K. Walano,	Town Clerk
	Stephen J. Balich,	Trustee
	Mike Costa,	Trustee
	Pam Meyers	Trustee
	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 7:15 PM by Supervisor Fazio who asked Trustee Costa to lead the pledge to the flag.

Open Public Hearing for Forest Manor CDBG Trustee Meyers 2nd by Trustee Balich.

ROLL CALL Trustee Balich- yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers- yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Supervisor Fazio yes -, All **YES MOTION PASSES**

Allison Walk asked to correct the agenda for Public Hearing from Lockport Heights CDBG to Forest Manor CDBG. The application is due April 27th, 2006.

No comments from the public.

MOTION: By Trustee Balich to close public hearing 2nd by Trustee Meyers, **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes Trustee Balich – yes Supervisor Fazio – yes, **MOTION PASSES**

OPEN FORUM: None

TRUSTEE REPORTS :

Trustee Balich: Report from Fire Department. Water supply is an issue. It is being discussed between Homer Glen and IL American Water. Trustee Balich is concerned That IL. American Water Co. can show 115% profit last year. There is some discussion on merging the fire districts. April 22nd there will be a drill the board will need to be convened. Homer Glen, Homer Township, County and State will all be active. All members of the board had their picture taken today for identification. Commissioner DeVivo will get Trustee Balich a Nextel phone.

Trustee Costa: Land and Water Resources agreement was given to all. Everyone should take a good look at it and attorney Sramek should review so we can vote on it at the next meeting. We may want to look at the dollar amounts to decide what else we may want to do with the funds. Recreation and Development Committee have noticed it is difficult for seniors and strollers to get around. Could we put a trail or something in? Could we contact a blacktop company to look at it? Attorney Sramek stated that possibly the road department could add it on to their bids. Recreation and Development Committee asked if there are any thoughts of a Community Center? Supervisor Fazio stated that we do have the property but we would need to go to referendum.

Trustee Meyers : Motion by Trustee Meyers to raise the wage of the groundskeeper to the equivalent of other park employee wages with similar duties (\$9.00) 2nd Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa- yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes, **MOTION PASSES.**

Motion by Trustee Strack to increase groundkeeper employee hours up to 40 hours per week on an as needed basis 2nd Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers- yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes, **MOTION PASSES**

Motion by Trustee Meyers regarding rules governing Dog Parks 2nd Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes, **MOTION PASSES**

Motion by Trustee Balich to reimburse Trustee Meyers for educational expenses for lodging for the Township Officials of Illinois Leadership Program 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack-yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio –yes, **MOTION PASSES**

Report on Will County Land Use 1. Meeting in regards to permits for the Trantina project. 2. Trantina permit for demolition of buildings on Trantina Property. Ron Svara & Terry Wintermut are trying to help us reduce the permit cost. If the demo fees have to be paid before the waiver process has been completed would the board be willing to pay the fees? Supervisor Fazio feels we are obligated to pay any fees necessary however, County should waive our fees since what we are doing enhances out are unlike developers who don't necessarily improve our area. Supervisor Fazio will see if he can help move this forward.

Trails for the Trantina property are running into a problem with County. They feel their new GIS maps are showing this area as a wetland. We did however get the CERP sign off. Since there is a problem Heath Wright from Upland Design has gotten a price from Christopher Burke to do an assessment of the property. Trustee Meyers is looking for advice from the board. Heath Wright has said he may be able to shrink the trail to avoid this area. Supervisor Fazio feels we should contact another company who may be able to help.

Trustee Strack: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Balich to approve the Minutes for March 6th, 2006 Regular Board mtg. as amended 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes Supervisor Fazio – yes,
MOTION PASSES

Motion: Trustee Meyers to approve the Executive Session Minutes from March 6th, 2006 but not to release them 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio- yes.
MOTION PASSES

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MARCH BILLS PAYABLE IN APRIL

CC SKATE PARK Balance 3/31/06 \$11,434.88. No Activity No Action Taken

CREEK ENHANCEMENT Balance 3/31/06 \$135.10 No Activity No Action Taken

EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING Balance 03/31/06 \$573,569.80 No Activity No Action Taken

FOUNDERS CROSSING BOND Balance 3/31/06 \$4,870.07 No Activity No Action Taken

FOUNDERS CROSSING OPERATING FUND Balance 3/31/06 \$205,665.37
MOTION to accept by Trustee Balich 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE Balance 3/31/06 \$76,609.53 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Meyers 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

OPEN SPACE Balance 3/31/06 \$1,202,068.04 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Balich 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

OPEN SPACE BOND Balance 3/31/06 \$75,883.04 No Activity No Action Taken

PARK Balance 3/31/06 \$132,761.87 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Meyers 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

PARK INVEST Balance 3/31/06 \$219,241.35 No Activity No Action Taken

ROAD AND BRIDGE Balance 3/31/06 \$1,914,054.33 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Meyers 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

TOWN Balance 3/31/06 \$283,719.00 **MOTION** to accept by Trustee Balich 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

Highway Commissioner: Any questions regarding the budget? Trustee Balich asked if as real estate assessments go up is it possible to reduce the levy in the future. Discussion on cost increases and expenses – fuel costs and asphalt due to petroleum increases are a huge expense for the Road district. Trustee Meyers asked if there were any major changes in this budget compared to last budget. There is a possibility of a purchase of property adjacent to the department. Commissioner DeVivo is also talking to TJL regarding a bond for our roads incase they break down prematurely. Supervisor Fazio asked if revenues from the intergovernmental agreement are based on the levy, so if the levy is higher the amount will be higher.

Motion by Trustee Balich to pass the Tent Road and Bridge Budget 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio- no. 4 YES, 1 NO. **MOTION PASSES**

ASSESSORS REPORT: None

CLERKS REPORT: Line item transfer **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to transfer \$1200.00 from #733 Custodian line item to #737 Mileage. 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION by Trustee Strack to transfer \$3000.00 from #733 Custodian line item to #751 Office Supplies. 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Meyers - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to transfer \$16,500.00 from #790 Senior Housing (Town) item to #732 Maintenance Equipment. 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes, All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to transfer \$6,000.00 from #734 Liability Ins. Toirma to #731 Building Maintenance 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes, All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION by Trustee Costa to transfer \$2,000.00 from #699 Founders Contingencies to line item to #741 Attorney. 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to transfer \$18,000.00 from #790 Contingencies line item to #736 Utilities. 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES.**

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Culver Park looks really good. Dug out for baseball fields, they will do the girls fields and the Pony fields. They also want to put up two batting cages between the two fields on the easy side.

Frank DeGrassi submitted costs for supplies used at Culver on Saturday. Fencing at Culver is in bad shape. Vince Colabelli believes all new fencing would be about \$10,000/field.

Town Hall Water: Supervisor Fazio listed costs for testing for a well and the possibility to be hooked up to Illinois American Water without any tap on fee. **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to go with Illinois American Water 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – **no**, Trustee Costa - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES**.

Town Hall Floor: Supervisor Fazio would like to have four coats of varnish on our floors which will increase the cost to refinish the floor to \$2800. **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to allow \$2800.00 to refinish the floor 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES**.

Supervisor Fazio – Budget; Trustee Strack asked if we will have a meeting of everyone to review the budget. Trustee Balich didn't understand where some of the figures came from. Finance Committee meeting will meet next week at 7:30pm. Trustee Balich asked to have Attorney Sramek present at the meeting.

Old Business: Review of Intergovernmental agreement with Homer Glen to pay \$25,000 and donate land to create a left and right turn lane on 151st Street in front of the Township Office. Trustee Balich does not want to be a part of this. Homer Glen should pay for it itself.

MOTION by Trustee Balich to not enter into this intergovernmental agreement 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES**.

Amend motion – willing to donate land but not pay money.

No one on the board has ever seen a municipality ask for funding for a road improvement. They have asked for land donation but they have never asked for money.

Commissioner DeVivo reminded everyone that Homer Glen is only asking for \$25,000 of the \$350,000 cost, which is less than 10%.

New Business: Trustee Meyers – Bird Flu virus is a problem; should we be doing something to prepare for it? Can EMA look into this? Trustee Balich talked about a report saying that there is not enough serum or masks in this area. There is someone trying to get supplies for this area. Supervisor Fazio feels we should see what other areas are doing to safeguard our citizens.

Trustee Balich – EMA & TRIAD are taking the lead in the “File for Life” Will County and Cook County now, are looking to do a “File for Life” program.

Frank DeGrassi asked if we could change the signs at softball to read “And boys 12 and under” and “Boys 7 & 8” **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to change signs. 2nd by Trustee Costa. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES**. Softball will pay for the sign.

Amended: Motion to allow boys 12 & under for tournament and allow softball to add to our sign for boys 7 & 8.

MOTION by Trustee Costa to recess to Executive Session 2nd by Trustee Meyers. **VOICE VOTE** All YES. **MOTION PASSES** Executive Session begins at 10:00pm

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to adjourn executive session 2nd by Trustee Costa **VOICE VOTE** All YES. **MOTION PASSES**. Executive Session Adjourned at 10:30 pm.

MOTION by Trustee Costa to adjourn 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Supervisor Fazio-yes All YES. **MOTION PASSES**. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Invite all board members to “Betty Woods Senior Center” ceremony on Wednesday, April 26th, 2006, at noon.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk