

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

Approved Feb. 4, 2008

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on December 3, 2007.

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| PRESENT: | Andrew Fazio | Supervisor |
| | Evelyn K. Walano | Town Clerk |
| | Stephen J. Balich | Trustee |
| | Mike Costa | Trustee |
| | Pam Meyers | Trustee |
| | Nancy Strack | Trustee |

Township Supervisor Andrew Fazio and Evelyn K. Walano Township Clerk conducted the monthly Township Board meeting where the following official business was transacted: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Fazio who asked Trustee Costa to lead the pledge to the flag. Also present were Attorney Gerald Sramek, Highway Commissioner DeVivo and Tax Assessor Karen Szykowski.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

OPEN FORUM: Gary Raymond District 205 Superintendent introduced the school board president Mike Petty and school board member Cindy Polk. He handed out information regarding the upcoming referendum. He discussed some of the facts regarding capacity, short-term remedies, referendum plans and tax implications. He also said the main issue is overcrowding. Next fall they will probably break the 4000 enrollment number. The short term remedies have been to expand early bird programs, summer school and mid year graduation. Temporary class rooms were also added this year. The Cedar Rd. campus would start out as a two year school but would transition into a four year school by the end of four years. That gives the board some time to work out the boundary issues. Tax increase can not go over 6.9%. The bond will be issued in 3 series eliminating the need for premium bonds. There will be information sessions for residents. People can also go to the web site or call the school. Mike Petty, School Board President, said this was the 3rd time for Dist 205 to go to referendum. He feels the board is in crisis mode due to the overcrowding. Cindy Polke, School Board member, said there will be presentations regarding the referendum and the board members and school representatives are happy to come to any organization's meetings. The early bird schedule, while it relieves the over crowding temporarily is not a good learning situation for the children.

Keith Macaluso 15911 S. Codo Dr. Lockport IL. 60441 asked about the situation with Berry Landscaping. Some of the neighbors were concerned because they hadn't heard what had been determined. He also wanted to let the board know that 10 ft of the ditch hadn't been cleared. He thought Berry was supposed to take care of that. They have also been dumping water from the pond into the ditch and it is backing up. One of the neighbors has all the truck lights shining into his house when they are warming the trucks up and checking the strobe lights. He was concerned now that the bushes are all gone everyone from 159th Street can see right into his back yard. His security and privacy is gone so he would like to put up some bushes on his side of the berm. Supervisor Fazio said the old bushes were cheap scrub and Berry Landscaping is going to put up a staggered row of evergreens. Either way there is no way to maintain the ditch from that side. Keith would like to add evergreens to fill in his side or allow him to raise the height of his fence. Supervisor Fazio felt it may have to be decided by the board as to what can be planted there and there is a problem with maintaining the ditch if there are plants on that side. The fence height would have to go through Will County. Keith also said there was an accident on 159th St. today with one of Berry's trucks. The County Board had looked at the truck traffic and approved it. There was a problem with getting someone out using 911.

Ken Koehler 15923 Codo Dr. Lockport Il. 60441 said this could all be taken care of with a privacy fence and a sound barrier.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: Supervisor Fazio read a letter from George Offord, plan commission chairman. The plan commission met on November 28, 2007

1. To approve minutes from August 22nd, 2007.
2. To discuss the amended Hadley Valley Special Use permits. There were changes in the names of the plans. There were no changes to the original plans and approved plans were noted. The board approved the name changes.
3. The board voted to change the meeting dates to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

In order for some board member to schedule their attendance at the meetings, they requested 1 week notice, consequently, that will be the cut off date for items to be placed on the agenda.

SUPERVISOR REPORT 1. Committee appointments for 2008: Events committee:

Chair: Mike Costa, Steve Balich, Mary Pat DeGrassi, Todd Fonfara, Mike Schofield

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to approve members for Events committee 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Plan Commission: Chair: Cathy Boo, Scott Fox, Laverne Carlson, Carmen Maurella, Kris Bailey. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve members for Plan commission 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Recreation and Development Committee: Chair: Mike Costa, Steve Balich, Tony Delaurentis, Ted Kagainis, Gary Yambor, Nancy Strack, Carmen Maurella, Mike Glista, Jim Pearson. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to approve members for Recreation and

Development 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Senior Committee: Bud Fazio, Mike Costa, Steve Balich **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve members for the senior committee 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Trantina Farm Park Committee: Chair: Pam Meyers, Pat Evans, Kathleen Kudla, Bill Karn, Margaret Sabo, Nancy Strack, Steve Balich, Michael Costa, Emily Zielke, Cathy Boo **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve members for the Trantina Farm Park committee 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Emergency Management Association: Steve Balich, Mike Costa, Bud Fazio, Nikki Kagianas, Ted Kagianas, Joe Malacina, Glen Kobylarczyk, Brian Stevens, **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to approve members for the Emergency Management Association 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Meeting Dates for Township Board meetings for 2008: January 7, 2008, February 4, 2008, March 3, 2008, April 7, 2008, May 5, 2008, June 2, 2008, July 14, 2008, August 4, 2008, September 8, 2008, October 6, 2008, November 3, 2008, December 8, 2008. Plan Commission meetings will be on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month as needed. **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to approve meeting dates for the Township Board and Plan Commission for 2008 as recommended 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Audit: Supervisor Fazio doesn't have the price from Ed McCormick for the audit.

4. Satellite Dish: Founder's Crossing has a problem with the T.V. cable. The tenants would like to have satellite dishes installed instead. **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to have Supervisor Fazio and if necessary he can consult with others, look into where would be the best place to put a satellite dish on the property at Founders 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRUSTEE REPORTS :

Trustee Balich: The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on December 7, 2007. There will be Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts singing.

Approval of Levy: **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to close regular session 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public hearing for Township Levy: Attorney Sramek stated that this year's budget showed an increase because of an increase in the deductible in law suites and there are two law suites pending. Also there is an increase in personnel and the cost of running the parks has increased. Because of the incorporation of the Village the Township has lost the impact fees for parks. Because of the increase in the EAV the levy extended will be

higher. The levy will be 2 ½ % plus the 5% for the maximum of 7 ½%. The debt service is not subject to the cap because it was approved by referendum. No other comments were heard.

MOTION by Trustee Balich to go out of public hearing 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to go in to regular session 2nd by Trustee Costa **VOICE VOTE:** All in favor none apposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve the Town levy 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Meyers: 1. Trantina Farm Development Project Update:

a. IDNR/OSLAD Grant reporting: Grant extension filing is completed.

b. Punch list – all issues have been resolved except the trees and grass seed. This will be addressed in the spring. A meeting between Heath Wright, Fuerte Systems, Supervisor Fazio and Trustee Meyers will take place to make any adjustments to the final payout.

i. Approve addition expenditures for local farmer to mow or disc areas prior to prairie seeding. **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to approve additional expenditures for mowing or disking 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

ii. Thanks go to Mike Costa for building the fire pit all by him self.

2. Security planning: i. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to approve expenditures for a full day rental of a trenching machine and purchase of poly pipe for security system wiring. 2nd by Trustee Costa discussion, Motion & 2nd withdrawn, **MOTION** by Trustee Costa for up to \$600.00 for trenching and materials 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

ii. **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to approve expenses for additional trenching for security system for analog Temperature Alert monitoring in well pump house 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Austin Welter Barn reconstruction 2nd payout for Preservation Trade update and progress report hand out

4. Site Maintenance: a. Approval of expenditures not to exceed \$50.00 to replace vandalized siding on free-standing garage. The board agreed there didn't need to be a motion for such a small expenditure. Trustee Meyers should just go ahead with the purchase.

b. Free-standing overhead garage door cable to spring is malfunctioning again. This will be taken care of.

Trustee Strack: nothing

Trustee Costa: 1. Paul property grant: Heath Wright had reviewed the plans for the Paul property. He had said there weren't enough amenities for grant approval. The committee would like to review that again this year.

2. Culver Park: The Recreation and Development committee would like to recommend some improvements to Culver Park.

The sports groups are exploding in size. The groups are reviewing rules and will come to the board with that. Also, there was a leak found at Morris Park, one of the lines was broken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Trustee Meyers not to release Executive Session Minutes from September 11, 2006, October 2, 2006, November 6, 2006, August 7, 2006, and May 7, 2007 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – no, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to release Executive Session Minutes from January 8, 2007 and February 5, 2007 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to approve and release Executive Session Minutes from October 15, 2007 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER BILLS PAYABLE IN DECEMBER

CREEK ENHANCEMENT Balance 11/30/07 \$146.77

EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING Balance 11/30/07 \$826,289.34

FOUNDERS CROSSING BOND – HARRIS BANK Balance 11/30/07 \$223,891.95

FOUNDERS CROSSING BOND – 1ST COMMUNITY BANK Balance 11/30/07 \$427.61

FOUNDERS CROSSING OPERATING FUND - HARRIS BANK Balance 11/30/07 \$178,399.16

FOUNDERS CROSSING OPERATING FUND – 1ST COMMUNITY BANK Balance 11/30/07 \$113.08

GENERAL ASSISTANCE Balance 11/30/07 \$78,386.08

OPEN SPACE Balance 11/30/07 \$541,634.15

OPEN SPACE BOND Balance 11/30/07 \$975,240.11

PARK Balance 11/30/07 \$11,001.21

PARK INVEST Balance 11/30/07 \$108,116.41

ROAD AND BRIDGE Balance 11/30/07 \$2,815,436.60

TOWN Balance 11/30/07 \$557,956.62

MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve all fund expenditures 2nd by Trustee Costa
Discussion: Trustee Costa asked if the utility bills from Commonwealth Edison were being paid by the sports groups. Supervisor Fazio said they were. Trustee Costa also felt the maintenance costs for the Dodge truck were getting expensive maybe it is time to consider looking at a new truck. Trustee Balich asked about the Clerks fees. A paper was handed out to the Board. No copy supplied. A letter was given to the Board regarding the transfer of funds. No copy supplied. It was determined that it is legal to transfer funds from the Founder's Operating fund to the Founder's bond fund. Supervisor Fazio said the First Community Bank accounts would be closed by December 4th, 2007 **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes., **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution of Previous Months Bills: none

HIGHWAY COMMISIONERS REPORT: Approval of Levy. The Highway Department does not need to have a hearing because it is not asking for more than a 5% increase in the levy. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve the Road and Bridge levy 2nd by Trustee Meyers. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa - yes, Trustee Meyers - yes, Trustee Strack - yes, Supervisor Fazio - yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner DeVivo stated that he has a letter for PACE regarding a change in the billing to the Highway Department. He will do a line item transfer next month. There are two furnaces and possibly some duct work that needs to be replaced at the Highway office.

The traffic has increased on 151st Street however it has decreased on 143rd. Street. It has been noted that State Street and Archer Avenue have much less traffic. The roads were all plowed and salted in the afternoon on Saturday due to the storm.

ASSESSOR REPORT: none

CLERKS REPORT: none

Old Business: none

New Business: Trustee Balich said the Youth Action Committee is collecting toys for LaRabida at the Township office. They may have an entire truck load.

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee Balich 2nd by Trustee Meyers. **VOICE VOTE** All in favor, apposed – none **MOTION CARRIED** Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk