

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,
Town of Homer,

ss. MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

Accepted as amended December 8, 2008

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on November 3, 2008.

PRESENT:	Andrew Fazio	Supervisor
	Evelyn K. Walano	Town Clerk
	Pam Meyers	Trustee
	Stephen J. Balich	Trustee
	Mike Costa	Trustee
ABSENT	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 7:00 pm by Supervisor Fazio who asked Trustee Balich to lead the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo and Attorney Sramek.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

OPEN FORUM: None

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: The Plan Commission tabled the request from the church on Gouger Road.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: 1. Morris Park bid opening: low bidder for the repair of the detention pond overflow was R&W Clark Construction at \$46,800. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to accept the bid from R&W Clark Construction for \$46,800 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Early Voting: There were 771 early voters. It was decided the Clerk will give stamped copies of petitions for the next election back to the candidates.

3. School District 33C passed at the Will County Board for the zoning change from A1 to R1.

4. Accountant would like to increase his monthly fee 10% for the next fiscal year. Supervisor Fazio will work with the accountant and report back to the board at the next meeting.

5. Trantina: The tenant will be moving out in the next couple of months.

TRUSTEE REPORTS :

Trustee Balich: The first Friday in December at 7 pm will be the tree lighting ceremony at the administration office. Last week was the dedication for the Healing Garden. Patty Lambrecht has said she would donate all of her landscaping from around her house in the spring if our park employees could pull the plants. Highway Commissioner DeVivo is looking into a piece of equipment that would hold a liquid to put on the road to keep ice from forming on the roads but it could also be used to water the landscaping. Ron Reposh put in the culvert and finished the path on top at the healing garden. The 5k run to benefit the healing garden had about 80 people participate.

Trustee Costa: 1. The Halloween Party went very well. A lot of volunteers from the library and PYAC came to help. An initial financial report was handed out, there are still outstanding costs coming in so the report will be updated.

2. Sendra Park Repairs: The Recreation and Development committee would like to get some prices to replace some playground pieces and to repair the walking path.

MOTION by Trustee Costa to look into costs to replace some playground structures and repair walking path at Sendra Park 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Culver Park: Soccer no longer uses the goal posts. Supervisor Fazio thinks they have already been removed.

4. Culver Park Basketball Court: The Recreation and Development committee would like to get costs to put up some basketball hoops at Culver Park for older kids to have something to do there. **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to get cost for putting up basket ball hoops at Culver Park 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Complex Additional Parking next to west field: The possibility of cutting into the hill on the west side of the football field has been discussed in the past. It was looked at by engineers and there should be a letter on file stating that a permit would not be needed. This would add up to 65 parking spaces, which are badly needed. The committee would like to pursue this idea. It was agreed to have the committee continue to research this.

6. Usage agreement for the Homer Stallions at the Complex: The Stallions organization would like to have an agreement with the Township for possibly a 5 year term. The

Board would like to know what the purpose would be and is not sure they can obligate the next Board to such an agreement.

7. Future projects being considered by the sports groups: The Stallions have an idea for a pavilion for people to sit in near the football field and they would like to create a 2nd floor for storage in the announcers' booth.

HAC would like to put some pavers in on the north side of the concession stand with picnic tables. This has been previously discussed with the Board.

8. Morris Park Concessions: In order to be able to improve the concession stand there needs to be a way to dispose of the waste water. At this time there is no drainage at the site. It was suggested a holding tank could be installed. This needs to be looked into further.

Trustee Meyers : 1. Trantina Farm Development Status: The Glare Buster Light is in and Trustee Meyers asked if it was installed. The well shed is being constructed. At this point they are waiting for Will County to inspect it. The Eagle Scout Farm Implement Display is done. Someone mentioned that a sign should be put up to keep people off of the equipment. The Screen House Project is almost done but because of the size there is not room to put a picnic table in it.

Farmhouse roof repairs: Two companies have submitted prices which are included in the packets. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to have the roof repaired by First Priority Group in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – no, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Nomination to fill committee vacancy: There are two vacancies on the Trantina Farm Park Committee and Steve Therry would like to join the committee. Supervisor Fazio would like to meet with him before he recommends him to the committee position.

The Township accountant has started the audit for the reimbursement for the IDNR OSLAD grant funds.

The dedication ceremony for the Trantina Farm Park will be on Sunday November 16th, at 1 PM. They would like to serve drinks and deserts for those attending. The Board agreed to that.

Trustee Strack: absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to table December 7, 2006 executive session minutes with a request that the Supervisor have them made available to the Board for review 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL**, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to release October 15th, 2007 executive session meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to release February 4th, 2008 executive session meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to discuss in executive session February 21st, 2008 executive session meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to approve July 14th, 2008 regular board meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to approve October 6th, 2008 regular board meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa **Motion Withdrawn: MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to approve as amended October 6th, 2008 regular board meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Supervisor Fazio – no. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER BILLS PAYABLE IN NOVEMBER: MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve October bills 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution of Previous Months Bills: none

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: The Highway Department is getting a new computer. The 3 new trucks are now being outfitted and the bills for them will be coming in the future. The taxes for the vacant land have to be paid now but hopefully it will be rebated in the future. The Highway department will be adopting the same mail box policy as Homer Glen has adopted. The policy is included in the packet.

ASSESSOR REPORT: none

CLERKS REPORT: The stamped original Treasurers report is missing from the Clerks file cabinet. A copy has been put in its place.

Old Business: Trustee Costa asked if the donation to the Police Department for their help in the parade was ever made. It was not. **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to donate \$200.00 to Will County Sherriff's Department 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

The letters regarding the violations against the conservation easement have been sent out to the property owners. Three of the four property owners have stated they would bring their properties into compliance with the easement regulations. Attorney Sramek will see if there is someone from the Forest Preserve District who can determine what needs to be done to bring the property back into compliance.

New Business: Commission DeVivo reminded the Board that the Levy is due in December. Trustee Meyers brought up the derogatory press and asked if the board thought there should be a press release to explain the issues. The board felt it better not to respond.

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to go into Executive Session at 9:40 pm 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Costa to go out of Executive Session at 9:50 pm 2nd by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to table February 21st, 2008 executive session meeting minutes until next time when either Trustee Balich or Supervisor Fazio will have a copy for everyone 2nd by Trustee Costa. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – absent, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee Meyers 2nd by Trustee Balich. **VOICE VOTE** all in favor, none apposed. **MOTION CARRIED** Meeting adjourned 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk