

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

Approved as amended May 5, 2008

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on April 7, 2008.

PRESENT:	Andrew Fazio	Supervisor	
	Evelyn K. Walano	Town Clerk	
	Stephen J. Balich	Trustee	
	Mike Costa	Trustee	arrived 8:35 pm
	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 7:00 pm by Supervisor Fazio who asked Trustee Strack to lead the pledge to the flag. Also present were Attorney Gerald Sramek and Highway Commissioner DeVivo.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: none

OPEN FORUM: 1. Residents: none

2. Joey Jeraminas of the Homer Fire Department stated that because of the budget constraints the dispatch center is being switched from Orland Park to a radio system from West Com. This will cost the Township \$300.00 for a radio and \$60.00/month for monitoring the Town Hall. This is only for the Town Hall none of the other Township buildings need to switch. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich for \$300.00 to switch to West Com radio and \$60.00/month for monitoring for the Town Hall 2nd by Trustee Meyers. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. John Robinson from the EMA stated that the sirens at Goodings Grove and Hadley have been upgraded to digital and the ones at the Fire Station on Cedar Rd. and at Reed school will be upgraded this month. They would like to put up another siren at the Administration office. The Village would pay for it. They just need Township approval to put it on the Township property. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to allow the Village to put a siren on the Township Administration Office land 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL**

Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: First Midwest Trust Will County case #72-15570

The Plan Commission recommended approval of 2 variances:

1. Zoning change from R2 & C1 to C3 for the C1 portion and 37 feet of the R2 parcel
2. Reduce the front yard set back from 100 ft to 49 ft. with authorization to park in the required front yard set back.

The Plan Commission recommended denial of 2 variances:

1. Not to have to put in parking stops.
2. Not to put in a buffer of shrubs.

There were some concerns voiced by the residents regarding lighting and the parking area being too visible from their homes. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to reject the recommendation of the Plan Commission 2nd by Supervisor Fazio **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – no, Trustee Balich – no, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION FAILED**

Open Forum 4. Kathleen Konicki – Will County Historical Society – Pioneer Settlement: Kathleen would like the Board to pass a resolution supporting the move of the Lockport Pioneer Settlement to the Fiddymont Creek site. **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to pass a resolution in support of moving the Pioneer Village to the Fiddymont Creek site, 2nd by Trustee Balich. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED** Due to her late arrival this was presented after the Plan Commission.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: 1. Fire Department Appointment of Mark Lobes **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to appoint Mark Lobes to the Fire Board, 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Start up for all parks...Some of the sprinkler heads at the Baseball fields had to be replaced. It turns out the leak at Morris park was from an aerator which broke one of the lines.

3. Approval for training for three park employees: The park employees need to be trained to apply pesticides and herbicides, training starts April 8, 2008. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve training for park employees, 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Budget should be ready next month.

5. New Playground: Bid results for new playgrounds; **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to accept the bid from Greenup of \$86,339.77 for both playgrounds including alternates, 2nd

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

MOTION by Trustee Balich to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Highway Department for removal of equipment from Culver Park, 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Legal Notice: **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to have all legal notices proof read by the Clerk and the Supervisor, 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRUSTEE REPORTS :

Trustee Balich: He still doesn't have the dollar amount for the insurance rider for the Softball Tournament.

Trustee Balich started Trustee Costa's report: 1. Culver Park Upgrade and Complex Playground were done previously. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to hire the band "The Staff" for the festival at a cost of \$875.00 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Homer Stallions want to have a contract with the Township to designate who's paying for what. Trustee Costa arrived: **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to have the Recreation Committee meet with the Stallions to map out who has what legal responsibilities and that Attorney Sramek be at that meeting. 2nd by Trustee Balich. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Parade and Fest update; the date is June 28th there will not be a rain date. The parade route and times will remain the same as in the past. The Recreation and Development Committee asked if the police could be reminded to watch the parks more now that the weather is getting nicer and the vandalism has already increased.

Trustee Meyers: Reported that prairie seeding will start as the weather gets better. Fuerte Systems will also be reseeding the dog park. Preservation Trades has started working on the barn again and has received an extension on the building permit. They have also ordered the lights. The Trantina Farm Park Committee is working on new fund raising ideas and a grand opening celebration. Homer Glen is having an Earth Day celebration on April 26th at the Highway Department. It was discussed that parking will be an issue because there is a baseball game that day.

Trustee Strack: Nothing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Trustee Meyers to approve February 4, 2008 Executive session 2nd by Trustee Costa; discussion **MOTION withdrawn, 2nd withdrawn. MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to discuss the executive session minutes in executive session 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to accept February 4, 2008 regular session minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa. Discussion. Amended **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to accept February 4, regular session minutes as amended 2nd by Trustee Costa. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – no, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to accept March 3, 2008 regular session minutes 2nd by Trustee Balich. Discussion, **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – no, Trustee Costa – no, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – no, Supervisor Fazio – no. **MOTION FAILED**

MOTION by Trustee Strack to table March 3, 2008 regular session minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa. Discussion, **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to accept March 10, 2008 special board meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Strack. Discussion, **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – no. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MARCH BILLS PAYABLE IN APRIL: MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve March Final bills 2nd by Trustee Costa. Discussion, Trustee Strack asked why some say March and some say April? Supervisor Fazio stated they are all for March payable in April. Trustee Meyers asked about the Founders Operating Fund pg. 1 Circle W Tractor \$36,399.00, what line item is this coming from? Supervisor Fazio said the contingency fund. Trustee Meyers asked about the Parks dividend deposit from TOIRMA for \$3,629.05. Where did that come from? Supervisor Fazio said that was a \$10,000 dividend from TIORMA, \$6,000 went to the Highway Department and the rest was put in the Park fund. Trustee Meyers asked about the Town account pg 3 what is Cross Point sales installation of new f? That is for a fax machine. Also what is JRM? The Assessor said this was for a program being designed for the Assessor's office to work with the PAMS program **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution of Previous Months Bills: None

HIGHWAY COMMISIONERS REPORT: The summary of bids was handed out. Stone bid is awarded to Vulcan Materials. Sidewalk and Curb is awarded to Derrik and Mike Finishers. Curb repair is awarded to Ward Construction. Fuel is awarded to Gas City. Road Striping is awarded to Preform Traffic.

At the corner of Parker and 143rd St. the signs and poles that were taken out when the street lights were put in will be replaced when the landscaping is done

ASSESSOR REPORT: On 159th St just past Windmill Estates there is a branch hanging down and will cause an accident when it falls. That is a State Road so the Highway Commissioner will contact the State authorities..

On April 30, 2008 the County will be coming out to help with the senior freeze forms.

CLERKS REPORT: 1.Clerks computer has had some problems and has been removed from the network. Discussions regarding putting the recordings onto CD and getting a larger hard drive or thumb drive. The Board agreed that it needs to be returned to normal functioning and there needs to be a way of saving the information off site.

2. To clarify the issue of the mileage rate the Clerk brought the minutes from June 4, 2007 when the Board voted to increase the mileage rate above the Federal mileage rate. Clerk requested to be paid for the miles previously submitted. Trustee Costa asked to have mileage reports submitted monthly.

Old Business: none

New Business: Homer Glen Earth Day Celebration will be Saturday April 26th, 2008 from 10 am – 2 pm at the Highway Department. Set up will be Friday, any help would be appreciated.

MOTION to go into executive session by Trustee Meyers to discuss executive session minutes 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

MOTION to go back into regular session by Trustee Balich 2nd by Trustee Costa **VOICE VOTE all in favor MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to table the executive session minutes from February 21, 2008 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to table the executive session minutes from February 4, 2008 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to have minutes limited to motions, discussion of motions, 2nd, vote and that's it unless otherwise requested, 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee Balich 2nd by Trustee Costa.

Meeting adjourned 11:55 pm

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk