

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

Accepted as amended July 14, 2008

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on June 2, 2008.

PRESENT:	Andrew Fazio	Supervisor
	Evelyn K. Walano	Town Clerk
	Mike Costa	Trustee
	Pam Meyers	Trustee
	Nancy Strack	Trustee
ABSENT:	Stephen J. Balich	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 7:05 pm by Supervisor Fazio who asked Trustee Costa 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. Resident: Marvin Pickering of 15525 Gouger Rd. had an email from Homer Glen stating that they want to annex the Forest Preserve land off of Gouger Rd. The hearing should be in July. They want to put a sewer line on that property. The people living in the area are worried about an increased possibility of flooding

Also, the Temple filed for administrative review. Those persons who spoke at the County have been summoned to speak. Mr. Pickering would like the Township to do whatever they can to have these people removed as "parties of record/defendants."

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: No report

SUPERVISOR REPORT: 1. Trantina rental property: the tenant wants to move but hasn't found a place to live so he would like to lease on a month to month basis. Attorney Sramek stated that although giving a 30 day notice is fine as long as it is not between December 1st and February 28th because it would be very difficult to find a renter during that time frame. **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to allow renter to rent on a month to month basis pending him signing the lease drawn up by Attorney Sramek, 2nd by Trustee

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

2. Packets and list of bills: it is very difficult to get the list of bills ready on time because the board meetings are so close to the end of the month. Discussion of the possibility of changing the board meetings to the second Monday of the month.

3. Grant: The possibility of getting the grant for the repairs at Morris Park is looking good.

4. Fire Prevention Town Hall: The Town Hall is too old to put in the new monitoring system. Since the Fire Department is right across the street they will not put the new system in and refund the \$300.00.

5. Appointment to Homer Glen/Homer Township Grand Opening Committee: Nancy Strack, Mike Costa, Cathy Boo, Margaret Sabo, Russell Knack, Randy Juras and Gail Snyder. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to appoint Nancy Strack, Mike Costa and Cathy Boo, Margaret Sabo, Russell Knack, Randy Juras and Gail Snyder to the Grand Opening Task Force. 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. Trustee Balich – absent, Trustee Costa – yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

TRUSTEE REPORTS :

Trustee Balich: Absent

Trustee Costa: 1. Parade Update: Arrangements are going well. He will need a check for the band on the day of the parade. He would like to have letters go out to the Road District, Fire Department, Police and Woodbine Golf Course regarding road closers. The parade committee will have meetings June 11, 7pm at the Administration building and June 25 at 7pm at Culver Park

2. Park construction update: Culver Park has been removed. It should be done by June 28. The complex playground should be done by June 21.

HAC will be having Champion Day on June 21, and all elected officials will be invited.

Trustee Meyers : 1. Trantina Farm Committee: They are working on new sources for donations.

2. Trantina Site development: Supervisor Fazio was at the Trantina Farm today and said there is no new grass planted at the front entrance to the dog park. Heath of Upland Design will talk to Fuerte about it. The fire pit is scheduled to be done on Thursday June 5th. The alarm system is done.

Trustee Strack: Nothing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Trustee Strack not to release August 7, 2006, September 11, 2006, October 2, 2006, November 6, 2006, December 7, 2006, May 7, 2007, February 21, 2008 and April 7, 2008, executive session minutes 2nd by Trustee Costa. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes Trustee Balich – absent, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Strack to approve February 21, 2008 and April 7, 2008 executive session. No one has the second half of the February minutes yet. Motion withdrawn

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to table December 7, 2006 and Feb. 21, 2008 executive session minutes until they are released by the attorney for Board review 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Strack to accept April 7, 2008 executive session board meeting minute 2nd by Trustee Costa. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – absent, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to accept May 5, 2008 regular session minutes 2nd. Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – absent, Supervisor Fazio – no. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to accept May 13, 2008 Special Board Meeting minutes 2nd. Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – absent, Trustee Costa – abstain, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MAY BILLS PAYABLE IN JUNE: MOTION by Trustee Costa to approve May bills 2nd by Trustee Strack. Discussion, Trustee Costa asked about the Town acct. pg 4 \$25.90 for ink cartridge for Clerk. This was for printing for the annual audit; since the Clerks township computer was not functioning it had to be done on her personal computer. In the Park account the Nicor bill is still \$995.00 the last bill was so high because of missed bills for February and March. They have been shutting off the heat but the bill is still so high. In the Road and Bridge account it was noted that one person was paid as an independent contractor and is now an employee. Another employee is out on Family Medical Leave Act and is using sick, vacation and personal days to get paid. Once that is exhausted she can take the remaining time off without pay. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – absent, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – no. **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution of Previous Months Bills: The deposit put into the Town account last month was a health insurance payment the confusion came in because the name was the same as a farmer who leases one of the open space properties. Garage heating bill was actually for 3 months. Still looking into why the electric bill so high for the Trantina Farm House.

HIGHWAY COMMISIONERS REPORT: There will be a pre construction meeting for the paving program on Thursday June 5. With the increased traffic going thru town to I355 he felt it important to put up new street signs at all major intersections. The Highway department is looking for summer help.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The assessor was unable to come to the meeting but asked Supervisor Fazio to let the Board to know that there is still water sitting in the ditch that the Landscape Company was supposed to clear out.

CLERKS REPORT: 1.Clerks computer: The files have been restored but it will not print to any of the office printers and can not access the shared files.

There was some discussion regarding storing Township files off site.

2. Nextel phones: The Nextel phones can be replaced to a new model 520 for \$70.00 or new batteries can be purchased for \$40.00. It was decided to wait to see what Trustee Balich purchased before a decision is made.

Old Business: The budget hearing will be at 7 pm on June 23, at the administration office.

New Business: Trustee Costa asked to have the cell phones put on the do not call registry.

It was asked if the corrected beginning and ending balances were put in the posted budget. Supervisor Fazio said there may be further changes made to the budget before it is finalized.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk