

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

Accepted as Amended November 2008

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on July 14, 2008.

PRESENT:	Andrew Fazio	Supervisor
	Evelyn K. Walano	Town Clerk
	Mike Costa	Trustee
	Pam Meyers	Trustee
	Nancy Strack	Trustee
	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 7:00 pm by Supervisor Fazio who asked Trustee Costa to lead the pledge to the flag. Also present were Attorney Gerald Sramek Assessor Karen Szykowski and Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: none

OPEN FORUM: 1. Resident Jim Edwards of 14901 Innisbrook Lane Homer Glen IL. 60491 stated that the Tri County SRA (Special Recreation Association) is in need of support from Homer Township. There are about 30 children in the area who use these services. Jim has a 13 year old autistic son who goes to summer camp for \$600.00 but if the Township loses its residential status the cost of services to the area families would double. There are a variety of services area youths can benefit from such as a camp, a group home and special Olympic activities. In 07/08 \$5,000 was budgeted and in 06/07 \$6,000 was budgeted. Currently there is \$1.00 budgeted for 08/09. This will be discussed further. Mr. Edwards asked to be kept informed as to the status of this issue.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: Chairperson Cathy Boo was unable to attend and submitted her report in writing. The plan commission did not feel they had enough information to make any recommendation on Homer Township case #020608 Champion Lawn Maintenance. There was also information submitted by Homer Township Fire Dept. New Lenox is also reviewing this request since it is within 1 ½ miles of their jurisdiction. Trustee Meyers recalled there was an issue years ago because the owners had filled in the wetlands causing some of the neighbors to flood.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: 1. Salary Survey: Supervisor Fazio recommended an initial salary increase of 5% for the 1st year and 3% increase for each of the 3 years following. He also recommended the Highway Commissioner pay for ½ of his salary out of the Highway Department budget. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to accept the recommendation based on full time 2nd by Trustee Costa. Discussion regarding full time. Trustee Strack would like to sit down with Attorney Sramek to set some parameters. Assessor Karen Szykowski recommended reviewing the state statutes for the Assessor because they have regulations regarding hours spent in the office. Supervisor Fazio would like to sit down with Attorney Sramek to discuss this issue. **MOTION WITHDRAWN. MOTION** by Trustee Balich to table 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED** **MOTION** by Trustee Balich for supervisor Fazio to sit down with Attorney Sramek to iron out parameters regarding full time hours 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. New Playgrounds: At final inspection of the play grounds a gap between the bolts and the bar was found and needs to be fixed before it will be signed off on.

3. Yearly fire inspection: There were several areas where the Township buildings did not pass. The Township has 60 days to fix the problems.

4. Founder's Crossing: There were some complaints regarding a tenant who was not letting their dog out and the smell was getting bad. Upon inspection the smell was bad so the Township sent a 10 day notice. Supervisor Fazio recommended increasing the deposit on the units in which dogs are allowed or not to allow pets at all. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to double the security deposit for tenants with pets 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Employee Procedures: The Highway Commissioner and Supervisor agreed that new Highway Department employees need to be processed thru the administration office.

6. Township Deeds: discussed later

7. IRS: There was a late penalty fee of \$1000.00 for the Highway Department

8. Park Garage: Nicor has given the Township some refunds for the heating cost.

9. Postings: There was an incorrect date and time on a posting for the Plan Commission in July.

10. Weed complaints: There have been some weed complaints. These should be referred to the Clerk.

11. Flood Grant: The Township may be getting a grant.

12. WCCC: Will County Center for Community Concerns gives emergency services to residents and is asking the Township to donate. There is nothing in the budget for this.

13. Adopt ordinance for Prevailing Wage Act HT 071408: **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to adopt the Prevailing Wage Act HT 071408 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRUSTEE REPORTS :

Trustee Balich: Softball Tournament will be on August 9. There are several teams interested in playing but to date 2 have paid. The pavers are in at the healing garden but they are waiting to put in the trees until the pump is in the pond so the trees can be watered with the water from the pond.

Trustee Costa: 1. Parade Update: The parade went well. The weather was great.

2. Practice Fields for the sports groups: They are looking for more fields to practice on. There is an open area next to Menards that Trustee Costa would like to talk to Menards about using if it is OK with the Board. No one had a problem with that but he would not be representing the Township.

3. Lightning detectors at parks: The sports groups are getting prices. One unit they have seen is \$5,000.00 per unit. One unit would be needed at each park.

Trustee Meyers : 1. Trantina Farm proposed Eagle Scout Projects:

a. Stephen Therry, Farm Equipment Display:

b. Rich Feifar, Screen House Renovation:

MOTION by Trustee Costa to accept both Eagle Scout projects and the service project 2nd by Trustee Strack Discussion regarding volunteers working on Township property, there has to always be an adult present; they have their own insurance etc. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Trantina Farm IDNR July 1, 2008 Status Report: Report submitted.

3. Trantina Site visit: The northern trail needs to have the larger chunks of gravel addressed to be sure the trails are handicapped accessible. There still has to be a final inspection. The IDNR encouraged the Board to submit other phases of the project for grant approval.

4. Trantina Dog Park signs and waste disposal products: **MOTION** by Trustee Strack not to exceed \$350.00 for waste disposal product, \$80.00 for 2 pet waste signs and \$120.00 for dog park rules sign 2nd by Trustee Balich. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee

Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Trantina Well Shed/Will County Permit: Preservation Trade needs to submit a proposal.

6. Trantina Farm Grand Opening & First Annual Homer Harvest Days Task Force: The date for the Grand Opening/Harvest Days will be Saturday Sept 13th 11 am – 6 pm and Sunday September 14th, 11 am – 4 pm No rain date.

Trustee Strack: Nothing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Trustee Meyers to approve March 3, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended subject to verification of tape 2nd by Trustee Strack. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Strack approve June 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended 2nd by Trustee Meyers. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – abstain, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Costa approve June 23, 2008 Special Board Meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Balich. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF JUNE BILLS PAYABLE IN JULY: MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve June bills 2nd by Trustee Strack. Discussion, A bill for \$456.44 in the Park account was paid twice. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution of Previous Months Bills: none

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: 1. Gouger Rd: The road has been closed for months and has not been repaired. The right of way still hasn't been acquired. This is a school bus route and was supposed to be done in time for school to start.

There was some discussion regarding the procedure for turning a road over to Lockport. The consulting company has determined the area along Gouger Rd. south of 159th St. should be high end office and Lockport has adopted it as their comprehensive plan.

2. New Truck Purchase: A new used bucket truck has been purchased the old one will be traded in.

The paving program should be done this week.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The parcel the Plan Commission is looking at was assessed at farm status but the farm specialist from County checked the parcel and determined it not to be in accordance with farm status.

CLERKS REPORT: 1. Clerks computer: The computer is still not working properly. The Clerk will get a written report from Frank, the IT person to see what it would take to get the computer to function properly.

2. List of Bills: With the new form of voting for the List of Bills as a whole sometimes people get confused and check off the boxes differently than they actually voted, so these boxes need to be taken off. There will only be a signature line. The vote will be recorded in the minutes.

Supervisor Fazio needed the Township deeds and they were in the Clerks office. Discussion regarding whether or not copies or originals were needed.

MOTION by Trustee Strack to have all of the original deeds given to supervisor Fazio by Friday to be put in the safe deposit box and in the future if you need to work with them work with a copy. If you need the originals, notify Supervisor Fazio. If you need to work with the originals, they need to be returned within 5 days 2nd by Trustee Balich.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: The Founder's Club will be having a 5K run fund raiser for the Healing Garden in Sept or Oct. The run would be along 151st Street from Parker to Bell Rd. and then north to the healing garden. So 151st Street would need to be closed along with part of Bell Road.

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

Meeting adjourned 11:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk