

# HOMER TOWNSHIP

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,  
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING  
MEETING

Accepted as amended October 2008

**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES** met at the Town Hall (16057 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen IL.) on September 8, 2008.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Andrew Fazio	Supervisor
	Evelyn K. Walano	Town Clerk
	Pam Meyers	Trustee
	Nancy Strack	Trustee
	Stephen J. Balich	Trustee
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mike Costa	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 was Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**OPEN FORUM:** Girl Scout Troop 143 leader Beth Putnam asked if the Girl Scouts would be allowed to decorate the picnic tables at Culver Park with different themes. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to allow the Girl Scout project to beautify the picnic tables at Culver Park 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairperson Cathy Boo was unable to attend. Supervisor Fazio read a letter concerning case #030808 Will County School District 33C. On August 27, 2008 the Plan Commission voted to recommend approval of the zoning change request from A1 to R1. There were several concerns cited that would need to be addressed such as lighting, water drainage, sewer and water availability, traffic concerning the entrance to Cedar Road and the exit where busses will only be able to turn south on Cedar Rd to exit the school. The school district will widen Cedar Rd to 75 ft to accommodate traffic and the potential SRA and trail. This will greatly impact the residents on the east side of Cedar Rd. Attorney for School District 33C Rich Petish indicated the school would annex into Lockport and connect with their sewer and water districts. He also stated the School District will borrow money to build the school and there is enough money to maintain and staff the school with out a referendum. **MOTION**

by Trustee Meyers to table for lack of information 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack discussion: since there was no information forwarded to the Board they need some time to obtain and review information. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**  
**MOTION** by Trustee Balich to have Supervisor Fazio write a letter to Will County Land Use requesting School District 33c be required to come before the Township before getting approval from Will County 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack discussion: the School District is scheduled to appear before the Will County Planning and Zoning Commission on September 23, 2008. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Darlene Jarnis a Cedar Rd. resident was concerned with drainage in the culvert which carries a lot of water now. The plans they saw at the Plan Commission meeting did not show the water run off being addressed, which would increase the amount of water flowing thru the culvert. She and her husband are also concerned with the traffic flow and how the road widening will impact their property.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** 1. Tri County Special Recreation Association **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to contribute \$6,000 to the Tri County SRA 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Line Item Transfer: **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to transfer \$6,000 from line item contingency #990 to the Tri County SRA line item #772.6 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Request to use Trantina Farm: Trustee Strack would like to use the Trantina Farm for a developmental intervention picnic. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to allow the use of the Trantina Farm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Meyers. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Early absentee voting will be held during regular business hours, no Saturday hours.

5. Engineering for storm water overflow at Morris Park is almost done and needs to be paid for. The bid packets should be ready by the end of this week. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to pay \$9,200.00 for engineering costs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Meyers. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS :**

**Trustee Balich:** The pavers have been put in at the healing garden. There was some vandalism there. There will be a 5K run which will pay for some new pavers. Homer Glen will be planting a tree for Arbor Day. There still needs to be a culvert put in. There

is a grant from the State for \$10,000 which was obtained by Renee Kosel to help with the cost of the healing garden.

**Trustee Costa:** Trustee Costa was absent so Supervisor Fazio read his report 1. The Will County Sheriff's Police Auxiliary is asking for a donation for their work during the parade. Supervisor Fazio will find out how much the donation should be.

2. The Halloween party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

3. Homer Athletic Club soded the area behind the concession stand and are planning on putting a sprinkler system in the Pony field.

**Trustee Meyers :** 1. Trantina Farm Update: the Boy Scouts did a very nice job cleaning up for there.

2. Trantina Grand Opening: the task force and committee are working very hard and it should be a very exciting event. They still need adult volunteers. They have a lot of children volunteers.

3. Trantina Well Shed: they are getting proposals now to try to beat the weather.

4. Dog Park Opening: the park is open and needs more waste receptacles and something to keep the little dogs from getting under the gate. A piece of rubber will be put on the bottom of the gate.

5. Eagle Scout Therry – farm implement display project has made it thru the Boy Scouts approval process and is planned for the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>.

6. Homer Fire Department potential donation: The Fire Department has the original fire truck and wanted to know if the Township would like to have it at the Trantina Farm. The only place that may be large enough to house it would be the metal barn. Trustee Meyers will look into it further.

**Trustee Strack:** Nothing

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Trustee Strack to approve July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Regular Board Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Meyers. Discussion: **AMENDED MOTION** by Trustee Strack to table July 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Trustee Strack to approve August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Regular Board Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Meyers. Discussion: **AMENDED MOTION** by Trustee Strack to table August 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Minutes until amended changes are made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 minutes have not been available from attorney; Supervisor Fazio will look into it again.

February 21, 2008 Executive session **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to accept. Minutes not complete, Supervisor Fazio needed to contact the attorney.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to approve but not to release August 4, 2008 Executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Balich. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST BILLS PAYABLE IN SEPTEMBER: MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve August bills 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution of Previous Months Bills:** none

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** Salt and Truck Bids: The cost of salt has gone up from \$35 - \$45 per ton to \$132 - \$180 per ton this year. The lower bid requires 4000 tons to be purchased. He will purchase the salt at the rate of \$132 per ton.

Outfitting the 2 Ford F-550's with plow, dump bed, hydraulics etc. the cost for one is \$41,208.00 with a total cost of \$73,260.08. The other is \$44,569.00 for outfitting because it will have a cap for the wood chips, for a total cost of \$76,620.80. The new/used bucket truck total cost was \$75,931.56 and the International 7400 is \$83,975.00 for outfitting with wing plows, dump bed etc. and a total cost of \$141,675.00.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** none

**CLERKS REPORT:** 1. Clerks computer: A new computer had been installed that day.

**Old Business:** The 911 ceremony went off well, thanks to Supervisor Fazio for speaking and to Commissioner DeVivo for the stage.

**New Business:** None

**MOTION** to adjourn by Trustee Meyers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strack. **VOICE VOTE** all in favor, none apposed. **MOTION CARRIED** Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano  
Homer Township Clerk