

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,
Town of Homer,

ss. MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

Accepted May 4, 2009

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Administration office (14350 W. 151st St., Homer Glen IL.) on **April 6, 2009**

PRESENT:	Andrew Fazio	Supervisor
	Evelyn K. Walano	Town Clerk
	Stephen J. Balich	Trustee
	Mike Costa	Trustee
	Nancy Strack	Trustee
ABSENT	Pam Meyers	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 asked Trustee Balich to lead the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo, Assessor Szykowski and Attorney Sramek.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

OPEN FORUM: Vince Collabelli of HAC asked to formally withdraw their request from last month to build a net to block the balls from leaving the Pony field. Another issue has come to their attention that is more pressing which needs to be addressed and there will not be enough money to do both.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: Cathy Boo reported that the Plan Commission approved all of the special use and variances requested by School District 33C. There was some discussion regarding these variances which include a 6 ft tall fence for the bus parking lot and no screening on Cedar Rd. to help deter vandals, a 75 ft easement and trail along Cedar Road which is being required by Will County. The lot coverage is at 54% and the parking stalls for the busses need to be reduced by one foot. The Plan Commission did ask for a second exit for the Fire Department. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to concur with the Plan Commission and contact Chief Schofield regarding the second entrance. 2nd by Trustee Strack Discussion: Trustee Strack asked if there is going to be sufficient drainage. The response was that the entire lot coverage will be at 51.8% once all is completed and they have compensated for more than enough drainage. Also the other bus lots all have 6 ft high fences with barbed wire to deter vandalism. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

SUPERVISOR REPORT: 1. Wedgewood Highlands: Attorney Sramek stated that when the subdivision was established they dedicated a conservation easement instead of a park donation. They dedicated a 200 ft wide area as a conservation easement because of the stand of Oak trees along the road. There are 4 lots that back up to this easement and there has been some encroachment onto the easement. This was brought to the Townships attention and Attorney Sramek has talked to the homeowners in question. He had suggested they remove some of the structures but they could leave the pathways. Attorney Sramek would like to go back there in a couple of months, after they have had a chance to do the work and then report back to the Board. Trustee Strack felt the conservation easement needs to be enforced as much as possible, within reason. Trustee Balich disagreed, since they are the only ones using it they should be able to do what they want. Trustee Costa felt that if there was a walkway that is possibly OK but there should not be any structures on the easement. **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to have Attorney Sramek evaluate and report back to the Board 2nd Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – no, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Parks: The Library would like to use Culver Park on Wednesday June 10, 2009 From 9 am – 1 pm and Wednesday July 29, 2009 12 – 3:30 **MOTION** by Trustee Strack to allow the Library to use Culver Park June 10, 2009 July 29, 2009 2nd Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to allow Butterfly Garden to use the Complex pavilion Thursday May 28, 2009 9 am – 2 pm alternate rain date Friday May 29, 2009 2nd Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to allow Boy Scout Troop 61 to use the Culver Park Sat. August 22, 2009 from 12 noon – 4 pm 2nd Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

All of the money has been received from the insurance for the park garage roof collapse. The money for damages to equipment ie: tractors, is close to \$30,000. For the Town Hall it is close to \$9,000. The contents coverage loss payment was over \$10,000, the amount for the truck was over \$5,000 and the building was \$82,000. He is purchasing 2 tractors with the County bid for about \$27,878.33. The tractors should arrive in the next week or so. The equipment will be there to maintain the parks. He is in the process of purchasing weed whackers now. Trustee Costa asked if the Town Hall will be repaired so it can be put into use. Supervisor Fazio said he hoped so.

3. Line item transfer: **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to transfer \$500.00 from line item 990 Contingency in the Town Fund to line item 709 Social Security and to transfer \$3500.00 from line item 990 Contingency in the Town Fund to line item 722 Health Insurance Refund and transfer \$100.00 from line item 990 Contingency to line item 773 Custodial also in the Town Fund 2nd Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Trustee Balich to pay March bills payable in April 2nd Trustee Costa Discussion: Trustee Costa asked about the line item transfers made last month for the Road and Bridge. Commissioner DeVivo had a new report from Road and Bridge showing the transfers being made but there are a couple of line items that went over budget this month. **AMENDED MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve all bills except to table the Road and Bridge bills for March 2nd by Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRUSTEE REPORTS : Trustee Balich: none

Trustee Costa: 1. Parade & Fest: They still have not determined the time but once it is decided they would like to put it on the website.

2. HAC would like to put up a split rail fence around the eating area of the concession stand and along the walkway to keep people off of the grass.

Trustee Meyers : Trustee Costa reported for Trustee Meyers 1. Trantina Farm Development status: Star gazing was a big success and they are thinking they would like to do it again.

2. Status of Insurance Claims: Is the Board going to get a copy of everything? Supervisor Fazio said “yes”

3. Budget: Is the board going to meet to discuss the budget? Supervisor Fazio said “sure”

Trustee Strack: nothing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Trustee Balich to accept and release August 7, 2006 executive session minutes 2nd Trustee Costa discussion: Trustee Costa stated that these had been previously approved it is a question as to release them or not. **AMENDED MOTION** by Trustee Balich to release all approved executive session minutes except September 11, 2006 2nd Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve and release executive session minutes from February 21, 2008 2nd Supervisor Fazio Discussion: **AMENDED MOTION** by Trustee Balich to approve but not release executive session minutes from February 21, 2008 2nd Trustee Costa **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Strack – abstain (she was absent), Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve regular meeting minutes from March 9, 2009 2nd by Trustee Costa Discussion: typo on pg 3 **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Costa – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution of Previous Months Bills: none

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: He wanted to bring plans for a salt dome this year but it probably won't be until next year. IDOT is asking for an agreement for light improvements to 159th Street at RT 7 and Cedar Road. It will cost the Highway Department \$6,000.00. Copies of the agreement were given to the Board. He read the bid results to the Board, a copy was also given to all.

ASSESSOR REPORT: nothing

CLERKS REPORT: 1. Appointment of Keith Hojek to Homer Township Fire Protection District: **MOTION** by Trustee Costa to table until Supervisor Fazio can talk to the Fire Chief 2nd by Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Missing items: The Clerk has brought up many times that items which had been in her files are no longer there and new items which should be in her filed with the Clerk have never been given to her. Again a letter was submitted to the Board members with a list of items that are known to be missing. This is not meant to be an all inclusive list. Since records are continuously being taken from the Clerks office and not returned or never given to the Clerk the Clerk can not be held responsible for any records that may be missing.

Old Business: none

New Business: Trustee Costa has received calls from the alarm company regarding the Trantina Farm again.

Executive Session: no executive session

MOTION by Trustee Costa to adjourn at 8:08 pm 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Costa – yes, Trustee Meyers – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk