

# HOMER TOWNSHIP

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,  
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING  
MEETING

December 7, 2009  
Approved 1-4-2010

**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES** met at the Homer Township Administration office (14350 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Homer Glen IL.) on **December 7, 2009** Meeting began at 7pm with the Pledge, and ended at 11:34pm

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee
	John Kruczek	Trustee
	Christina Neitzke	Trustee

Township Supervisor Pam Meyers and Stephen J. Balich 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 Meyers with the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo {arrived 7:05pm}, Assessor Szykowski and Attorney Sramek {arrived 7:05pm}.

- 1. Call the meeting to order: 7:00pm**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Amendments to the agenda :**

**Motion By Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to move the personnel portion of executive secession to after Old Business.**  
**All---Yes Motion Carries**

**5. Open Forum:**

Ben Entwisle-University of Illinois Extension Program asking for a letter to the County in support of the extension getting funded. He also asked the Township for a donation.

Vince Colabelli from Homer Athletic Club and Tony Drabick of Homer Stallions asked the Board to lease 12 acres of land, of which 2 acres would be parking. The 2 clubs will secure funds jointly through their organizations. They want a list of all Township Land including open space.

**6. Executive Session:**

Litigation

**7. Plan Commission: None**

**8. Trustee and Township Committee Reports:**

**Trustee Kruczek:**

Old Town Hall bids are in the packets. Exterior work is being repaired per the specs of the lowest bid. Still waiting for the ordered window. Gas can be turned on after the furnace is cleaned. After Gas is restored work will commence to restore the water.

**Trustee Bozen:**

Quote from TOI Laws and Duties Handbook page xxii concerning Committees.

**Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Neitzke to repeal all existing policies and ordinances regarding committees in Homer Township.** Discussion of how people are selected, and the list of people that have applied.

**Trustee Sowa---No Supervisor Meyers---No Trustees Bozen Kruczek, and Neitzke---Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Neitzke to create an Ordinance giving the Board the authority to create the committees, name the chairman, and approve the members.**

Discussion of who decides the members on the committees.

**Trustees and Supervisor---Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Neitzke to approve 5 committees: Seniors, EMA and Public Safety, Parks and Recreation including youth and special needs, Open Space operations and planning.** After Discussion motion was amended to split off **Youth and Special Needs into its own committee.**

Seniors, EMA & Safety Committee, Parks and Recreation, Youth & Special Needs, Open Space Operations & Planning, and Events are The Committees.

**Supervisor and All Trustees—Yes Motion Carries**

Discussion: Committees should be done by January. Members name, address, and phone number are necessary to be turned in to the County. We will have a special meeting. Trustee Neitzke will come Up with a process.

**Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke to move insurance to before the bills.  
Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes**

Explanation of health coverage and increase in cost by Ernie Aguliar from Vista National. In an effort to get a better rate from Humana, employees will be asked to fill out another application. There is also a desire to move the beginning year to correspond to The Township fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Switching the dental to Ft. Dearborn will save us money which will offset some of the medical increase. Ft. Dearborn is part of Blue Cross Blue Shield. Vision will be paid entirely by the employee and is voluntary. Suggested that we implement life and dental now.

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield, but revisit in March**

Explanation of deductible was given.  
**Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to move life insurance to Mutual of Ohama  
Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes MotionCarries**

**Motion by Trustee kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to get dental From Ft. Dearborn  
Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

New unfunded law provides coverage for dependents from 23 to 26 and if in the military to age 30. Dependent does not have to reside with the parent. There is a 90 day enrollment beginning Jan1st. We need to determine cost if any to the employee.

**Motion by Trustee Neitzke, second by Trustee Bozen to have all the Cost of complying with older children insurance paid in total by the employee.  
Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to approve the bills per discussion.**

Question emergency repairs by L J Neal & Sons as to other companies

were not called to see if we could get a better price. Emergency situation and past positive experience with their work on windows and glass made them best contact. As to why L J Neals bid on the Old Town Hall was so high, company said they would do a better job.  
**Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**9. Approval of Bills – May bills payable in June**

- A. Creek Enhancement
- B. Equipment & Building
- C. Founders Crossing – Bonds
- D. Founders Crossing Operating Fund
- E. General Assistance
- F. Open Space
- G. Open Space Bond
- H. Park
- I. Park Equipment Rebuild
- J. Park Invest
- K. Road and Bridge
- L. Town

**10. Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to approve The November 2, 2009 minutes.**

Line item transfer for Road district Failed, 3 yes votes were needed.

Line item numbers and amounts were not mentioned.

**Motion amended to Table**

**Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion to accept November 17, 2009 Minutes as amended**

**Changing the word agreement to Consensus**

**Supervisor Meyers—Yes Trustee Sowa ----Abstain Trustees**

**Bozen, Neitzke, and Kruczek---Yes Motion Carries**

**11. Supervisor Report:**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to Approve Property tax levy-Township Ordinance & Certificate of Truth & Taxation Compliance**

Discussion of having the need to have any increase, minimal cost of less than \$.40 per home, asking for 0 increase gives nothing from new construction, increased cost of operations can eat into the reserves which are at the bottom half of what is recommended.

**Supervisor Meyers, Trustees Kruczek & Sowa ---Yes Trustees Neitzke and Bozen---No Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa to table Open Space farming lease proposals until the next meeting { desire to hear from HAC and Stalions concerning their desire to lease Open Space} Discussion of Open Space, Parks, Uses, and Value Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes MotionCarries**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to accept Request from Homer Township Chamber of Commerce to use Founders Crossing Activity Center for Wine Tasting event pending compliance with all legal restrictions Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek not to Donate to Lockport Township HS Late Night 2010 program. Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes MotionCarries**

**Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Neitzke to adopt Property tax levy-Road District Ordinance & Certificate of Truth & Taxation Compliance Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**12. Highway Commissioner's Report:**

**Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Neitzke to adopt Property tax levy-Road District Ordinance & Certificate of Truth & Taxation Compliance Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**13. Assessor Report: None**

**14. Town Clerk's Report:**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to use the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Schedule.  
Trustee Neitzke—No Trustee Bozen---Yes Trustee Sowa—No Trustee Kruczek—Yes Supervisor Meyers—Abstain Motion Fails.**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Neitzke to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday schedule**

**Trustees Sowa & Neitzke---yes Trustees Bozen and Kruczek---No Supervisor Meyers ---No Motion Fails**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second Trustee Sowa to use 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Schedule for Regular Board Meetings.**

**Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

Thanks to all volunteers and residents who attended the Christmas Tree Lighting

**15. New Business**

Homer Township Chamber of Commerce upcoming events  
(schedule attached)

**16. Old Business**

Acknowledgement of thanks from Homer Soccer Club and Will Co. Center for Community Concerns

Board members who want badges should let the office know and pay for them in an effort to get order moving.

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to return to Executive Secession 11:00pm**

**Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**10 minute break**

**11:30 return to regular secession. Trustee Kruczek states no action taken in executive secession.**

**Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa to get a background check for the top 2 choices concerning part time employee applicants, and hire the best candidate**

**Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries**

**17. Adjournment :**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to Adjourn Supervisor and All Trustees----Yes Motion Carries 11:34pm**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**BUSINESS/PLANNING**  
**7:00P.M.**  
**January 4, 2009**