

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

DRAFT May 2009

Approved as Amended June 9th, 2009

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Administration office (14350 W. 151st St., Homer Glen IL.) on **May 4, 2009**

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: MOTION by Trustee Balich to move Open Forum to after the approval of the bills 2nd Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to move approval of the tentative budget to the Supervisors report 2nd Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Balich to move the reappointment of Keith Hojak to the Supervisors report 2nd Supervisor Fazio **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT: none

SUPERVISOR REPORT: MOTION by Trustee Balich to approve the posting of the tentative budget 2nd Trustee Meyers Discussion; the line item 771 Senior Operating needs to be increased from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 and the Park fund line item 734 Liability/TIORMA/Workman's comp. already has a bill pending for over \$8,000.00 so it will need to be increased to \$10,000.00. **MOTION** by Trustee Balich to increase line item 771 Senior Operating from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 and Park line item 734 Liability/TIORMA/workman's comp from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 2nd Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED** **Continue budget discussion:** Trustee Strack asked about the beginning balance in the Park account. Trustee Meyers had asked the staff and they assured her it is correct. The amount came from taxes collected. Trustee Balich asked about the resolution for the Open Space interest which will be done later and also what happened to the money the Assessor needs for the new system, this was added to the budget. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

TIORMA recommends all Townships have Medical Catastrophic illness insurance. Homer Township does have it; the policy will need to be renewed July 1, 2009.

MOTION by Trustee Balich to reappointment of Keith Hojak to the Fire Board 2nd Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

OPEN FORUM: Attorney Sramek gave some background information regarding the Wedgewood Highlands conservation easement which was instead of a park donation. Since there was a large stand of Oak trees they put a conservation easement on the home owner's land which said nothing could be developed on the easement. Some land owners have encroached on this easement. Some of the homes themselves are almost on the easement. The homeowners have been contacted and some are here tonight to discuss the issue. It was decided that the sidewalks, walkways and the bridge could stay. However the other changes such as arbors and fountains would need to be taken out and the area that was sodded would need to have trees planted. Mr. Lahey of 16753 Deerpath Dr. has a play set he would like to leave up until his 4 year old daughter is older and then he would remove it. **MOTION** by Trustee Strack that the sidewalks, walkways and the bridge could stay. However the other changes such as arbors and fountains would need to be taken out and the area that was sodded would need to have trees planted 2nd Trustee Meyers **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED** Mr. Lahey asked if he could come to the Board in the future to get approval to remove tree limbs or trees that may fall close to his house causing safety hazards. Attorney Sramek will draw up an agreement to that effect.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Trustee Balich to pay April bills payable in May 2nd Trustee Strack Discussion: there was no line item for attorneys' fees in the new Park rebuild account **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Balich: none

Trustee Costa: Trustee Strack reported for Trustee Costa. 1. Parade & Fest: The planning for the Parade and Fest is going well. They have added an all star game for the 7 year olds at the end. The fest will end at 3 pm as long as it is not too crowded instead of 4 pm as it had in the past.

Trustee Meyers: 1. Trantina Farm Development status: The final item for the grant audit has been submitted so the reimbursement should be coming.

2. Status of Insurance Claims: Is there anything else coming in from the insurance claims? Supervisor Fazio said “no”

Trustee Strack: The Homer Harvest Days will be September 13 & 14, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Trustee Meyers not to release November 3, 2008 executive session minutes 2nd Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Strack to approve regular meeting minutes from April 6, 2009 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Meyers – abstain since she was absent, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Trustee Meyers to approve budget workshop meeting minutes from April 29, 2009 2nd by Trustee Balich **ROLL CALL** Trustee Meyers – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Supervisor Fazio – abstain since he was absent. **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution of Previous Months Bills: none

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: The Highway Department Budget for 2009 – 2010 will also be posted.

ASSESSOR REPORT: nothing

CLERKS REPORT: 1. Clerk's computer has **NOT** been working since before the Annual Town meeting. **MOTION** by Trustee Meyers to have the Clerk's computer repaired 2nd Trustee Strack **ROLL CALL** Trustee Strack – yes, Trustee Balich – yes, Trustee Costa – absent, Trustee Meyers – yes, Supervisor Fazio – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business: none

New Business: This is the last meeting for Trustee Strack, Supervisor Fazio and Clerk Walano so Trustee Meyers wanted to say she appreciated everyone's service to the community.

Executive Session: no executive session

MOTION by Trustee Balich to adjourn at 7:50 pm 2nd by Trustee Meyers **VIOCE VOTE** All in favor, none apposed **MOTION CARRIES**

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn K. Walano
Homer Township Clerk