

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

June 7, 2010 Draft 2

Tabled 7-12-10

Approved 8-2-10

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on **June 7, 2010**

Meeting began at 7pm with the Pledge, and ended at 10:27

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

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 who arrived at 7:05pm, Assessor Szykowski and Attorney Sramek.

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- 1. Call the meeting to order: 7pm**
 - 2. Pledge to the Flag**
 - 3. Roll Call**
 - 4. Amendments to the agenda: Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by trustee Sowa to move Open Forum to before #5 Public Hearings All---Yes Motion Carries**
 - 5. Public Hearings:**
Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Kruczak at 7:55pm to go into Public Hearing. All Yes Motion carries
Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers for Adoption of Homer Township Road District 2010-11 Budget All---Yes Motion Carries

Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Kruczak to come out of Public Hearing. All--Yes Motion Carries

Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Kruczak to go into Public Hearing. All Yes Motion carries. Berny Kucharski wants Board to consider cutting the part time employee in the office. It is pointed out that just because most of the TWP. is in a City or Village the work of the TWP. government does not become less. The TWP. is cutting everything possible.

Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Kruczak for Adoption of Homer Township 2010 2011 Budget. All ----Yes Motion Carries

Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Kruczak to come out of Public Hearing. All--Yes Motion Carries 8:04pm

6. Open Forum: Moved to before #5.

Mike Morrow Superintendent of School District 33C discussed how the District addresses residency. He explained in detail the process which seemed to make sure students meet residency. The only exception was concerning homeless which must meet other requirements.

Glen Stafford Discussed his frustration caused by the new Culver Park baseball diamond. It was explained that the field was locked to protect the newly planted grass, and will be open in a few weeks. Questioned safety, foul balls that may hit his house, possible lighting issues, and relationship of the Township with the Sports Clubs. It was explained that there is a partnership with the sports groups, there will be no transfer of Township property to the sports groups, and the system we have makes it were the groups that are using the field most are paying for it, rather than taxing everyone in the Township. The current Tax is only for maintenance. Any amenities put in by the sports clubs become property of the Township. Glen went on to question why Trustee Kruczak can vote on the Township Board while being a member of the HAC board. Glen feels Trustee Kruczak should abstain from all votes regarding the fields, and the sports groups. It was explained to Glen that all permits were complied to and issued by Homer Glen. Glen then points out residents are losing some of the land to this new field and feels the TWP. is bending toward what is good for HAC.

Jodi Martiniak asks if there is an increase in sign ups for HAC. Discussion of paving parking lots. Pointed out that HAC will keep the fields up, It is a TWP. field donated by HAC. Glen again points to a conflict of interest on the part of Trustee Kruczak. Trustee Kruczak pointed out that he was the number 1 vote getter in the last election and he ran to help the kids in the community.

Supervisor Meyers said there will be improvement on the time between games. The TWP. wants to be a good neighbor, and work with the neighbors on their concerns. She offered to e-mail them when things concerning Culver are involved.

7. Motion by Trustee Kruczak, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of Bills per discussion -- May bills payable in June

Robinson Engineering bill was for site work. Road District uses another law firm when there is a possible conflict of interest between the TWP. and Road Dist. Products are purchased from East Jordon Iron Works are stored and used as needed. **All----Yes Motion Carries**

- 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**

- 8. Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Kruczak to approve May 3, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes All ---Yes Motion Carries
- 9. Plan Commission:**
A. Chairman Cathy Boo: Report: None
- 10. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report:**
A. Road Commissioner Adopted ordinance of intent to comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.
Discussion of paving that will begin soon and finish in July. Notation of intergovernmental with Lockport for paving Gouger between 163rd and 167th
- 11. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: None**
- 12. Clerk Steve Balich Report:**
A. Action Item: Asking Board approval to start a Quarterly News Letter. Cost would be about \$1000 for the year. Members of the Township Board and Committee Chairs would be allowed to submit articles. First News letter to go out on second or third week of October. Limit of 1 side 8 ½ x11 each article. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Supervisor Meyers to keep the costs at \$1000 or less, and have Board approval prior to the release of each newsletter.** Road Commissioner said he would help with costs. **All ---Yes motion Carries**
- 13. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:**
A. Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Sowa to Adopt ordinance of intent to comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act All---Yes Motion Carries
B. Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Bozen for Approval of Homer Fire Dept inspection recommending installation of Knox-Box for emergency access at Trantina not to exceed \$305.00 All—Yes Motion Carries
C. TOIRMA risk management insurance field inspection
a. recommends replenishing mulch levels at Trantina Farm playground-referred to OSPO Committee
b. removal of remnants of equipment at Sendra Park-referred to Park & Recreation Committee
c. Policy for alcohol liability and control on township owned properties will be brought by Supervisor to July meeting. Discussion of Amount of coverage we need.
D. Status Report: Application for tax exempt status on township properties not producing revenue.
E. Status Report: Will County Coordinated Para-transit study and recommendations discussed.
F. Intergovernmental/easement agreement with Village of Homer Glen for bike trail path through Yangas Park is in the first draft.
- 14. Township Committee Reports:**
A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa wants to know who will be on the Township float for the June 26th parade.
B. EM & PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Steve Balich: None
C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn
i. Trantina farmhouse roof repairs a priority. Asks to approve a company to do the roof or tell Committee what they need to do. There is a need to know what was already spent and on which items, and how much more money is needed to finish the project. It is pointed out that fire dept. will inspect structure at no charge, but since they may want to burn it for practice, there question of their motive for free service. Will county also can

inspect at no cost. Karn said that Mike Costa who is in Construction finds the buildings structurally sound. There is a hope to get the buildings as historic landmarks. Discussion of the history of the farm. Need to fix the roof ASAP is pointed out. Recommend inspections be done, as well as providing what was already spent and what needs to be spent to finish the project was expressed.

ii. Trantina rental unit deck proposal is pending

D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek: Yanges Pk. Trail was approved. HAC sprayed Culver PK. For weeds. New baseball field at culver will open soon. Tot Lot at complex needs more mulch. Lights at complex need to be replaced. Sendra Pk. merry go round needs to be removed, and there is some graffiti to be removed. Agreement with stallions and HAC on use of field. Working on selling old green bleachers at Culver Park.

E. SENIOR COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen: None

F. YOUTH & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Christina Neitzke: None

15. New Business:

A. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Kruczak to Adopt Resolution #HT060710 In support of actions to enforce existing immigration law, enforcing residency requirements in our School Districts, and making English the official language of Homer Township.** Attorney Scramek said we had no way to enforce this but was ok to bring to the Board. Some Board members felt it was vague, sent mixed messages, and was unnecessary. Others supported it as a statement in support of the rule of law and that it was to the point making a necessary statement. **Trustee Bozen—Yes Supervisor Meyers, Trustees Sowa, and Kruczak ---NO Motion fails.**

B. **Motion by Trustee Bozen to give \$250 to Will County Children's Advocacy Center, Second by Supervisor Meyers.** Discussion resulted in withdrawal of the motion and second. Tabled to see where money can come from.

C. City of Lockport hosting a Property Tax Forum on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7PM in the Board room (3rd Floor) Central Square

16. Old Business

A. **Status Report:** Thanks Jordan event at Trantina Dog Park

B. **Status Report:** Surplus items available (replaced bleacher at Culver) and published (in accordance with law for surplus items under \$2500 in value)

C. **Pending:** Disposition of inoperable Park Dept 1996 Dodge Truck

D. Lockport Heights sanitary dist. Grant looking good.

E. Need for 3 file cabinets at \$250 each explained to the board.

17. **Motion to go to Executive Session For Potential property acquisition by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers 10:05pm All—Yes**

18. **Motion to go to return to the Regular meeting by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers 10:05pm All—Yes**

19. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Kruczak for Adjournment all-----Yes Motion carries**

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

BUSINESS/PLANNING

July 12, 2010

7:00P.M.