

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

April 5, 2010
Approved May 3, 2010

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Administration office (14350 W. 151st St., Homer Glen IL.) on **April 5, 2010**
Meeting began at 7pm with the Pledge, and ended at 11:10pm

PRESENT:	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, and Attorney Sramek.

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- 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 park report to prior to Item 6. Voice Vote---All yes Motion Carries**
 - 5. Open Forum**
 - A. Lockport Heights Sanitary District Allison Walk discussed Block Grant to get funding to repair water main in Lockport Heights. There is no cost or liability for the Township. Township merely accepts funds and disburses them. Public Hearing will be in May. Motion by Supervisor Meyers,**

second by Trustee Neitzke to accept the proposal and move to the public hearing. All---Yes Motion Carries

- B. Lori Mc aleavy discussed the SRA and children of special needs, indicating the importance of the SRA**
- C. John Kool discussed trail going behind peoples homes in Yanges Park, and a 30 car unwanted parking lot. The residents will be starting a petition against both. He went on to talk about the creek being contaminated. He asks who will be taxed for the construction, and maintenance of the trail. It is explained to him that the Village of Homer Glen is planning the trail, and that the Township wants to hear from the neighbors. Stated that Easement and Intergovernmental agreements may be needed.**
- D. Perry Manago expressed support for the SRA and special needs children requesting more money for the SRA.**
- E. Vince Colaboli asked the Board to approve an amendment to the field use policy to accommodate more people, and give time to fix the fields. HAC proposed a new field at Culver Park, where the unused soccer field is located. HAC will fully fund the project, and get permits etc. field to be used by 5 to 8 year olds. Special Township meeting necessary to approve field since it is not on the agenda.**
- F. Joe Malacina Discussed the Trantina Farm Dog Park and other Structures. He said some are good and others in poor condition. Wants board to evaluate structures before they are repaired. Does not want to spend a lot of money to fix them. Explained that buildings were assessed and found to be sound.**
- G. Berny Kucharski does not think it is safe to get a lap top computer.**
- H. Tedd Kagianas talked about expenditures. Says board needs to cut spending which will reduce the Levy next year.**
- I. Nancy Strack discusses her support of the SRA but wants to make sure funds are used correctly. Thinks we could add extra services from the Township. Recommends changing the line item to Youth and Special Needs in the budget from SRA.**
- J. Dan Mc Devitt AD for Stallions and member of Parks & Rec. Committee Supports new field use amendment. He asks for a change in the policy allowing warm ups on the baseball fields before Saturday games. This was denied due to the size of the 8th graders. Explained that HAC and Stallions need to work it out.**

- 13 D. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to approve Illinois Sprinkler proposal. Verbiage is specific in the proposal All---Yes Motion Carries**

Discussion of committee assigning members to various parks, La Cross on Soccer Field, and donation of Soccer goal posts.

Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to accept the field use policy amendment. Mc Devitt was asked if this was the part he was concerned with. Discussion of use by older children. Explained that the policy is to protect the Township. **All ---Yes Motion Carries**

Approval of August 14th with a rain date of August 15th for the HAC/ Founders Club Annual Softball Tournament with alcohol and proper Insurance. TORMIA has the Insurance and said it meets the requirements. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, Second by Trustee Bozen to approve the Tournament. All---Yes Motion Carries**

6. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to approve the Bills Per discussion. \$200 Expenditure for G.A. was Emergency assistance. \$800 in Park Re-Build was for material for the Old Town Hall All ---Yes motion Carries**

Approval of Bills – March bills payable in April

- 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

7. Approval of Minutes:

- A. Approved Executive Secession minutes, to release or not to release:
 - i. February 1, 2010 **Motion by trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke to release. All—Yes**
 - ii. August 3, 2009 **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek to not release. All—Yes Motion Carries**
 - iii. February 21, 2008 **Motion by Supervisor Meyers not to release retracted. Motion by trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke to release. All—Yes**

- iv. November 3, 2008 Motion by Trustee Neitzke, second by Trustee Bozen to release. All---Yes Motion carries
- v. September 11, 2006 Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke not to release. All---Yes Motion Carries
- vi. December 7, 2006 Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to release. All -Yes Motion carries

- B. Approve March 1, 2010 Executive Secession minutes Motion to approve but not to release All---Yes Motion Carries
- C. Approve March 1, 2010 Regular Board Minutes Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to approve as amended. Trustee Bozen---No All others ---Yes Motion carries. { Motions are included on March 1st 2010 Minutes as well as amended items.}
- D. Approve March 30, 2010 Budget Workshop Minutes Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke to approve. All---Yes Motion Carries

8. Plan Commission:

- A. Chairman Cathy Boo: No Report

9. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report:

- A. Approval of Tentative Road District Budget. Attorney said this needs to be published Motion by supervisor Meyers, second by trustee Sowa to approve. Supervisor Meyers, Trustees Sowa and Kruczek ---Yes Trustees Neitzke and Bozen -No Motion Carries

10. Assessor Karen Szykowski : No Report

11. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

- A. Committees need to give me a tentative schedule for meetings for the rest of the year. Agendas still need to be given to me at least 2 days before the meeting so I can post within 48 hours. Approved Minutes still need to be submitted within 4 days after their approval. Make sure all committee members send in their Statement of Economic Interest to County.
- B. Purchase of least expensive lap top computer available, to be used for elections and Annual Town meeting. This computer will need very little memory and no bells and whistles. Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Neitzke to table All---Yes Motion Carries

12. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:

- A. Status report: All farm leases have been executed for 2010-11

- B. Status report: Town Hall repairs
- C. Status report: Amended map for Fiddymet Creek Preserve Conceptual Trail
- D. Status report: Annual township audit will begin May 3, 2010
- E. Action required to advise Supervisor on the direction for disposition of 1996 Dodge Ram truck. Truck is being held at repair shop after breakdown and has extensive issues involving costly repairs. Discussion of surplus and Junk having different procedures to follow. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to tow the truck to the Hgy. Dept. for storage as a potential trade in. All---Yes Motion carries**
- F. Action to Approve Tentative FY 2010-11 Township Budget. Attorney states that minor changes to the budget can be made, and that Board has little say over Road District Budget. Time is necessary for staff to make changes to the budget. It is not legal to take back the vote approving the Road District Budget by making a new vote to table. Without Tentative Budget being passed staff can't provide budget Vs. Actual on the monthly bills for the trustees. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa to table 2010-2011 budget. Supervisor Meyers and Trustee Sowa ----No Trustees Bozen, Neitzke, and Kruczek-----Yes Motion Carries Budget Workshop for April 19th at 7pm agreed on.**
- G. Request to replace tables in Administration Building Conference/Lunch Room. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Sowa not to exceed \$1500 to replace the tables. Trustees Kruczek, Bozen, and Neitzke---No Supervisor Meyers and Trustee Sowa----Yes Motion Fails**

13. Trustee and Township Committee Reports:

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
 - i. Committee appointments **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Supervisor Meyers to accept appointments to the Events Committee of Cathe Boo, Mary Pat De Grassie, and Karen Synkowski. All---Yes Motion Carries**
- B. EMA & PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Steve Balich
 - i. Need Motion to change name to Emergency Management and Safety Committee due to change in the law not allowing less populated Townships to have an agency or authority. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Sowa to change the name to Emergency Management and Safety Committee. All---Yes Motion Carries.**
- C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn
 - i. Motion from Committee: To recommend Board include funds in 2010-11 budget to replenish turf in dog park at Trantina Farm. Need to get turf for 2 acres. Turf Grass is best solution. Need to do 1 sidewhich is 1 Acre this year and the other side 1 acre next year.

- We can discuss at the Budget Workshop. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Sowa to table till next month**
- ii. **Motion from Committee: To accept proposal for roof repairs on Trantina farmhouse from Stan's Roofing & Siding LLC. Motion By Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa to accept the recommendation of the committee.** Trustee Neitzke declares she is a friend of Bob Kot, one of the bidders. Discussion of Fire Dept. and others having concerns of structure of the buildings. Supervisor explains that she had positive structural assessments and Fire Dept. wants her to put in a lock Box. Concern expressed about entire project. Question of its purpose, and sinking money into it. Pointed out that Past Supervisor wanted a living history farm, and old board agreed. Discussion of historical items. Pointed out that building may not be sound, and could be a waste of money. Note that one of the bids indicate the building may be unsafe. **Trustee Bozen, Neitzke, and Kruczek---No Supervisor Meyers and Trustee Sowa---Yes Motion Fails**
 - iii. Discussion of tax payer Dollars used for Trantina

D. SENIOR COMMITTEE, No Report

E. YOUTH & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Christina Neitzke

- i. Committee recommends changing wording on Town Fund line item to state: "Youth & Special Need" generically instead of previous verbiage **Motion by Trustee Neitzke, second by Trustee Bozen to change line Item 772.6 to Youth and Special Needs. All---Yes Motion Carries**

14. Executive Session

- A. Personnel: **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa to go into Executive Secession 10:40pm All---Yes Motion Carries**
 - B. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, Second by Trustee Bozen to return to the Regular meeting 11:00pm All --- Yes Motion Carries**
- No Action was taken in Executive Secession**

15. New Business

- A. Employee annual salary review; **Motion By Trustee Kruczek, Second by Trustee Bozen to freeze pay schedules for the employees due to current economic times.** Discussion of small increase to show appreciation for a job well done despite outside business's paying less. Indicated that many people are loosing 20 to 25% of their salary but keeping their jobs. Discussion of a .25 cent raise as a small gesture.

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

**B. Request from Lower Des Plaines Ecosystem Partnership. Marcia De Vivo
will come to the May meeting.**

16. Old Business

**A. Annual Town Meeting April 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM at 16057 S. Cedar
Road**

**B. Change in dates of previous request from Homer Library for use of Culver
Park**

17. Adjournment

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

BUSINESS/PLANNING

May 3, 2010

7:00P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

7:00 PM