

# HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,  
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING  
MEETING

July 12, 2010 Draft 2 Tabled 8-2-10  
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**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES** met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on **July 12, 2010**  
**Meeting began at 7pm with the Pledge, and ended at 8:33pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee <b>Absent</b>
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee
	John Kruczek	Trustee <b>Absent</b>
	Christina Neitzke	Trustee <b>Arrived 7:05pm Left 8:35pm</b>

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, & Assessor Szykowski. Attorney Scramek was absent.

1. Call the meeting to order: 7pm
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Amendments to the agenda
5. Open Forum

- A. Keith Nyman on behalf of T-Mobile-Request for access/easement on Lamers Park property to access existing Com Ed tower to collocate a new wireless communication facility. The Board is interested, It will be put on the august Agenda. *Board recommended they go to Homer Glen for Permits and requirements before coming back to the township.*
- B. Steve Balich will ask Board to Pass Homer Township Resolution HT071210. **Motion Trustee Bozen, second Trustee Neitzke** Discussion of Resolution asking for no new laws, or changes to any law, asking to just follow existing laws. **All----Yes Motion Carries**  
Berny K spoke out from the audience saying he did not like where this appeared on the agenda. Trustee Bozen, and Supervisor Meyers felt it was fine because it is on the agenda saying Steve Balich will ask the Board to pass the resolution. If our attorney feels there is a problem the resolution can be re-affirmed at the August meeting.

**Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Bozen to amend the Agenda moving approval of the bills to prior to the rest of Open Forum. All-----Yes Motion carries**

- 6. Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Neitzke for Approval of Bills – June bills payable in July subject to discussion. 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**

Return to Open Forum beginning with Dan Mc Devitt from the Park & Rec. Committee and Homer Stallions Board. Dan says it makes sense to have the Park Committee comprised of key sports group figures, but majority of the committee is from HAC. Trustee Kruczek according to Dan has a conflict of interest when he votes on the Town Board concerning issues concerning Park & Rec. committee since he is a Board member of HAC. He went on to say changes to the sports usage policy for the complex was done without representation from the Stallions Football since he was unable to attend that meeting. He said there is no time for Football to do maintenance. Discussion of field maintenance.

Ron Gonites stated the problem is about fields and the township protecting the property. Said fields were not shut down so fall baseball could take place.

John Kooi does not like Trustees Kruczek and Knaak from the Village being on multiple boards. How committees are formed discussed. It is pointed out that there are other parks beside the Complex.

Allison Norvil said she does not want the Trantina Farm torn down. It is pointed out that there was no decision to tear down the farm.

Debra Norvil explains the Trantina farm house is in good shape, and she is willing to donate to keep the farm house.

- 7. Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Supervisor Meyers for approval of the June 7, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes after discussion motion and second is withdrawn. Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Supervisor Meyers to table All---Yes**

**Motion by Trustee bozen, second Truste Neitzke to Table June 7, 2010 Executive Session Minutes All---Yes Motion Carries**

**8. Plan Commission:**

- A. Chairman Cathy Boo: Report had no report, but member Tom Fijan discussed the cell tower proposal and possible problems. It was pointed out that the board could sent the Cell Tower request to our Planning Commission, the board would like some input from adjacent neighbors.**

9. **Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report:** Some projects are on hold due to the 150 engineers strike

10. **Assessor Karen Szykowski Report:** None

11. **Clerk Steve Balich Report:**

- A. Request approval for Board members who wish to attend Township Officials of Illinois Annual Educational Conference November 7-9, 2010. Registration is \$140, Room is \$107.52 per night, as of 7-12-10. This is going for approval now so that we can take advantage of lower prices. Discussion of the numerous reasons this is important to attend. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Neitzke to have the Township pay for the Room, Registration, and mileage. Meals are the responsibility of the individual. All---Yes Motion Carries**

12. **Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:**

- A. **Action Item:** Adopt policy for alcohol consumption, liability and control on township owned properties per recommendations of Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Assoc. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Supervisor Meyers to adopt the Policy.** Discussion of Policy and risk. **All---Yes Motion Carries**
- B. **Action Item:** Request to send one office employee for Quick Books training class **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Bozen to send Mary Pat to the 2 day class.** Discussion of need for the class, and mentioned that cost will come from Training in the budget. **All---Yes Motion Carries**
- C. **Action Item:** FYI, proposal for damaged tree at Yangas Park. Stumps proposal was approved
- D. **Status Report:** FYI, Continuation of plans to complete exterior maintenance project at various township sites limited by weather factors Trustee Neitzke Left No Qurrum
- E. **Status Report:** Homer Township Fire Protection District inspections and recommendations include Education class on safety at Senior Housing, and code updates.
- F. **Status Report:** FYI, Parking lot repair proposals solicited
- G. **Status Report:** Intergovernmental/easement agreement with Village of Homer Glen for bike trail path through Yangas Park on Hold, waiting for the Village.
- H. **Status Report:** FYI, Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Homer Glen for Homer Harvest Days event

13. **Township Committee Reports:**

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa; None
- B. EM & PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Steve Balich: None
- C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn

- i. Will County Land Use Dept. inspection of Trantina property-farmhouse and all outbuildings.
- ii. Trantina farmhouse roof repairs. Bill asked the Board to make a decision. Special meeting will be necessary.

D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek: None

E. SENIOR COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen: None

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

**15. New Business:**

- A. **Action Item:** Homer Township Chamber of Commerce invitation to participate at the 2010 Community Expo-Health Fair on August 28 from 9-2 PM. Supervisor recommends we take part but need Trustee's help to man the table.

**16. Old Business**

- A. **Action Item:** Marcia De Vivo, President-Lower Des Plaines Ecosystem Partnership request for IEPA Grant partnership for Long Run Creek Watershed project. Marcia will come back next month.
- B. **Tabled Action Item:** Request for financial support from the Will County Children's Advocacy Center. We will discuss next month.
- C. **Information Item:** FYI, City of Lockport hosting a Property Tax Forum on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7PM in the Board room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) Central Square
- D. **Pending:** Disposition of inoperable Park Dept 1996 Dodge Truck

**17. Executive Session: None**

**18. Adjournment: Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Supervisor Meyers to Adjourn. All—Yes**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**BUSINESS/PLANNING**  
**August 2, 2010**  
**7:00P.M.**