

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

September 13, 2010 Draft
Approved October 4, 2010

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on **September 13, 2010**
Meeting began at 7:04pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:20pm

PRESENT:	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee arrived 7:06pm
	John Kruczek	Trustee arrived 7:25pm
	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 7:04 pm by Supervisor Meyers with the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo who arrived at 7:03pm, Assessor Szykowski who arrived at 7:16pm and Attorney Sramek.

1. **Call the meeting to order**
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Amendments to the agenda: none**
5. **Open Forum**
 - A. University of Illinois Extension Services to discuss partnerships with local governments will come up under Old business
 - B. Roy Adhock asked if the Highway Dept. was going to be taken over by Homer Glen. Commissioner De Vivo said NO, and went on to explain intergovernmental agreements with the Village of Homer Glen and City of Lockport.
6. **Line Item Transfer:**

A. Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Supervisor Meyers for Approval of \$3,000. transfer from Town Fund Line Item #990 Contingencies to Line Item #750 Mosquito Abatement for extra sprayings. Discussion of best line item to take this from. All---Yes Motion Carries

7. Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of Bills – August bills payable in September per discussion Question concerning Temporary Employee 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:

A. Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Supervisor Meyers for Approval of August 2, 2010 Regular Board Minutes. Discussion of bid for roof, some thought it should come back to the Board for Approval. Consensus that minutes reflected discussion correctly. Trustee Bozen Abstained Others---Yes Motion Carries

August 2, 2010 Executive Board Minutes not in the packet and will be brought to the October Meeting.

B. Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Supervisor Meyers for Approval of July 20, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes. All---Yes Motion Carries

C. Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Supervisor Meyers for Approval of July 12, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as Amended. All---Yes Motion Carries

D. Motion By Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa Not to Release June 7, 2010 Executive Secession Minutes. All---Yes Motion Carries

E. Motion to Release April 5, 2010 Executive Secession Minutes. All---Yes Motion Carries

F. Motion by Supervisor Meyers not to Release March 1, 2010 Executive Secession Minutes All---Yes Motion Carries

D. Motion not to Release September 11, 2006 Executive Secession minutes. All---Yes Motion Carries

9. Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo: None

10. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report: Discussed successful paving program, salt, working with Lockport, and hiring new employee. Branch program ends 11-1-10.

11. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: none

12. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

A. Early Voting begins October 11th

13. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:

A. Action Item: Approval of Board meeting schedule for 2011 and 2012 discussed. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to approve the 2011 schedule as presented.** Trustees Sowa and Kruczek withdraw their the motion and second after discussion. Supervisor will check with staff about availability of second Monday instead of the First Monday at 7:30pm for next years meetings. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to table pending revision to Second Monday at 7:30pm**

B. Status Report: Culver Park Parking lot repairs and thank you to Highway Dept for their assistance

C. Status Report: We are working with Homer Township Fire Protection District on inspections and recommendations. The planned meetings with occupants of Founders Crossings Senior Housing facility went well.

D. Status Report: Exterior painting/repairs at Town Hall completed.

E. Status Report: Reconstruction of the park storage garage moving along.

F. Status Report: Parking lot repairs at Administration Building (thank you Highway Dept for assistance), Founders Crossing Senior Complex and Sport Complex going on at present.

G. Status Report: Town Board direction to solicit proposals to address the Village of Homer Glen's request to remove weeds and vegetation on township owned property between Senior Housing and Healing Garden

(proposed Community Center) and north of Senior Housing facility. This will be addressed soon.

14. Township Committee Reports:

A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa

- a. Action Item:** 2011 Parade & Fest Celebration of Township 175th and Village 10th Anniversary approval of estimated expenses of \$15,000 from the Township, \$15,000 from the Highway Dept. and \$30,000 from Homer Glen. There is a hope of making all the seed money back, so the event pays for itself. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa to move forward on the plan as presented. All --- Yes Motion Carries**

- b. Status Report:** Preparing for 2010 Halloween Party on Oct. 30th 11AM to 2PM at shilling school.

- c. Status Report:** 2010 Chamber of Commerce Community Expo-Health Fair went very well.

- d. Status Report:** 2010 Homer Harvest Days Event was a big success. About 4 to 5 thousand people went through. The volunteers were great, and \$600 was raised toward the repair to the farm house.

B. EM & PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Steve Balich: None

C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn

- a. Status Report:** Trantina farmhouse roof repair will begin Thursday
- b. Status Report:** Reminder Stargazing event at Trantina Oct 15 from 8-10PM
- c. Status Report:** Expiration of tenant lease-vacancy of unit October 1st
- d. Action Item:** Will County Land use Building Dept recommendation form rental unit inspections state problem with joices in the crawl space, and repairs to the roof. Supervisor will ask Stans to look at it

D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek

- a. Action Item:** **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa to accept the recommendations of Committee Chairman Kruczek for Committee appointments Randy Barthel, Jack McGrath, Ken Marcen, Ron Joites, Kevin Hoffmiester. Trustee Kruczek abstained, Others—Yes Motion Carries.**
- b. Action Item:** **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Sowa to approve Stallions Football Bonfire event pending proper insurance and paperwork being submitted. Trustee Kruczek Abstained, Others---Yes Motion Carries.**

- E. SENIOR COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen: none
- F. YOUTH & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Christina Neitzke: A new chairman is being sought by Trustee Neitzke

15. Old Business

- A. **Tabled Action Item:** Marcia De Vivo, President-Lower Des Plaines Ecosystem Partnership request for IEPA Grant partnership for Long Run Creek Watershed project. This was tabled.
- B. **Tabled Action Item:** Request for financial support from the Will County Children's Advocacy Center was tabled following discussion of giving to 1 needy group opening up a can of worms as to multiple worthy, needy groups asking for donations. How do we decide who to donate to, and how much to give.
- C. **Tabled Action Item:** University of Illinois Extension Services request for funding assistance \$2000 last month discussed. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa to make a donation of \$1000. Trustees Bozen, Neitzke, and Kruczek –No Supervisor Meyers and Trustee Sowa ----Yes Motion Fails.**

Motion by Trustee Sowa which is withdrawn for \$750

Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Bozen to donate \$500. All ---Yes Motion Carries. There is a \$.65 match by the state for every dollar donated.

- D. **Action Item:** Prepare bid or arrange purchase through State of Illinois program for truck and snow plow to replace inoperable Park Dept 1996 Dodge Truck will have assistance from the Highway Dept. Discussion of process and costs. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to purchase not to exceed \$35,000 working with Commissioner De Vivo to get the most for the money. All---Yes Motion Carries**

16. New Business:

- A. Request from Senior Services of Will County for financial support. There is \$1000 budgeted. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to give \$1000 budgeted. All—Yes motin Carries**
- B. Request from Will County Center for Community Concerns for financial support. We donated \$250 last year. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Sowa, to donate \$250 from Misc. in the Town Fund. All ---yes Motion Carries.**
- C. Request from City of Lockport for funding assistance with repairs to LCTV fiber optic path. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to not fund this project.** Mention of the comments and bias in editing, by the person filming **All--Yes Motion Carries.** It is pointed out that on the Comcast Bill there is a Tax that is collected by Homer Glen and Lockport. The township does not get any of the Tax.

16. Executive Session: none, done in open secession.

A. Employee leave of abstinence is up Friday, and he will not be able to return to work. Supervisor is asking to move Temporary employee to Part Time, giving us 2 part Time and 1 Full Time employee. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to move Temporary employee to part time status. All—Yes Motion Carries**

17. Motion by Trustee Kruczek second by Trustee Neitzke for Adjournment All—Yes Motion Carries 9:20pm

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

BUSINESS/PLANNING

October 4, 2010

7:00P.M.