

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,
Town of Homer,

ss. MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

December 6, 2010 Revised Draft
Approved 1-10-2011

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on December 6, 2010 Meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:08pm

PRESENT:	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee Absent
	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 who arrived 7:05pm and left 7:35pm, and Attorney Sramek.

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1. Call the meeting to order
 2. Pledge to the Flag
 3. Roll Call

Supervisor Meyers thanks all the volunteers, and wishes everyone Merry Christmas

4. Open Forum

Kimberly Jones from the city of Lockport discusses a variance for a Temporary sign on property located along I355. This was heard by our Plan Commission.

Fred Freeman said this sign will make a big difference in exposure. He said the Toll authority has no problem with the increased size. The City of Lockport wants

us not to object to the sign variance so they can approve administratively. If anyone objects, there will have to be a public hearing. Kimberly said they are trying to avoid the expense and time of going through the public hearing process. All properties adjacent have been notified, Public hearing would expand this to 250 ft.

John Kooi talked about Yanges Pk.

5. Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of Bills – November bills payable in December 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

6. Plan Commission Chairman Tom Fihan:

- A. Shri Ganesh Temple, 16059 W. 151st Street in unincorporated Homer Township is not incorporative with the County. There are problems with the building.
- B. Will County Land Use proposed changes and revisions to Billboard ordinance; we need more information. Exchange rates are unclear.
- C. City of Lockport request for administrative sign variance for property located on Lot 15 of Prime Business Campus adjacent to township owned open space parcel commonly known as Purdy parcel. The plan commission sees no good reason, and recommends denial.

7. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report:

- A. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Sowa to adopt Homer Township Road District Ordinance HTH-120610, proposed levy for tax year 2010 collectible in 2011** Commissioner said he has gone flat, no increase for the last 3 years **All ---Yes Motion Carries**

8. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: None

9. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

- A. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of the November 1, 2010 Regular Board Minutes**

Discussion of needed changes. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek to amend the minutes as noted on Page 2 and 3 All---Yes Motion Carries**

Vote on original motion to approve the November 1, 2010 minutes as amended all ---Yes motion carries

b) Motion by trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Kruczek for Approval of the November 1, 2010 Executive Secession Minutes, not to release. All ---Yes Motion carries

10. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:

A. Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to authorize Homer Township Ordinance T12062010, proposed levy for tax year 2010 collectible in 2011 All ---Yes Motion Carries

B. Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Neitzke to accept tree donations from Teerling Nursery to replace 13 dead trees at Senior Housing complex. All ---Yes Motion carries

C. Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Supervisor Meyers to approve proposal from Instant Shade to remove dead trees and install donated trees. All---Yes Motion carries

D. Tabled Action Item: New proposal received to address the Village of Homer Glen's request to remove vegetation on township owned property between Senior Housing units and around Healing Garden (proposed Community Center). Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to remove from the agenda till April. All—Yes motion carries

E. Status Report: FYI Senior Housing rental unit fire extinguishers have been installed in all units in compliance with Fire regulations.

F. Status Report: New federal mandates concerning employee's older dependant healthcare benefits (different from Illinois State mandates previously addressed by township). There are at least 2 people that will be adding an older child. It does not seem like it will be too costly.

G. Status Report: BCBS employee medical insurance renewal in January resulted in a reduction premiums. The revised renewal date will become

effective in April, 2011 to coincide with the township's fiscal budgetary year.

- H. **Status Report:** FYI Maintenance Department new truck-process will be completed once plow lights, bed liner and running board step are installed.
- I. Solicitation of request for proposals for farm leases of township open space parcels have been published in newspaper
- J. **Status Report:** *Final planning for Reconstruction of the park storage garage will start soon in anticipation of possible spring/summer construction.*

11. Township Committee Reports:

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
 - a. Request from Homer Harvest Days Committee to proceed with plans for 2011 event with same amount budgeted and holding event at Trantina Farm. They are finalizing budget but estimates indicate they came under budget in 2010 and they estimate around 4,000 attending the 2010 event. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke to use the Trantina property for Homer harvest Days in 2011. All---Yes Motion Carries**
- B. EM & PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Steve Balich: None
- C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn
 - a. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Sowa to authorize removal of committee member Mike Halper for lack of attendance in compliance with ordinance policy and accept resignation of Allison Norvil from committee. All—Yes Motion Carries**
 - b. **Status Report:** Will County Land Use Building Dept inspection report of Trantina rental unit, show damage to floor joist, which will be repaired. Maintenance staff will remove kitchen flooring to expose joist to enable inspection and repair report from structural engineer who will work with Building Dept to define repair method and obtain permits.
 - c. **Status Report:** FYI, Trantina farmhouse repairs in compliance with Will County Land Use Inspection report and Will County Historic Preservation Commission recommendations.
- D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek discussed Yanges Park, indicated that public opinion is important.
- E. SENIOR COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen: None

- F. YOUTH & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Christina Neitzke is still looking for a Chairman.

15. Old Business

- A. Report from FPDWC concerning plan for deer culling is in packet
- B. Report from Forest Preserve District of Will County in reference to violations of agreement and Conservation Easement at Wedgewood Highlands subdivision indicate significant damage to flora and Flanna which may be why some trees have died. Some past problems have not been resolved. Attorney said the agreement says we can't be unreasonable with holding back approval for trails with public access, when the owner comes for approval. Discussion of no consequence for breaking the agreement. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa to table to get more information from the forest preserve and some input from the public. All ---Yes Motion Carries**
- C. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$15,000 and the Township to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for combined 2011 Parade & Fest Celebration of Township 175th and Village 10th Anniversary.** Discussion of having a special bank account where both the Mayor and Supervisor need to sign the checks. *Dram* shop Insurance is needed, *most likely with coverage for both Township and Village*; emergency situations need to be jointly agreed on by Township and Village. Trustee Kruczek has a problem with the location because HAC is having a large tournament on that date at the complex. He concerned with parking and congestion. **All---Yes motion carries**
- D. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke for a letter of support for the SQISITO Development property on 143rd west of Bell to mirror the letter from the Village, sent to IDOT. All---Yes Motion Carries**

16. New Business

- A. Recommendation from Homer Township Planning Commission pertaining to City of Lockport's request for administrative sign variance for property located on Lot 15 of Prime Business Campus adjacent to township owned open space parcel commonly known as Purdy parcel. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by supervisor Meyers to deny the variance.** Trustee Kruczek sees no problem with the sign, Question of setting precedence for future signs. An Objection from the Township forces a Public Hearing. The sign is temporary but may be up for a number of years until all spaces are fill. **Trustee Sowa—Yes Trustee Neitzke---Abstain Trustee Kruczek---No Supervisor Meyers---yes Motion Fails** There is no Objection. Discussion with Kimberly Jones begins with her volunteering to notify property owners within 250 ft. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa to Concur with the recommendation of the**

planning Commission to object to the Variance. Trustee Kruczek--
No all others --Yes Motion Carries

- B. Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Supervisor Meyers to approve half of cost of additional mosquito spray performed by Clarke in September 2010, without *prior* authorization *from the township* in response to outbreak from additional rains All---Yes Motion carries
- C. Trustee Kruczek would like to see a 2 yr. agreement for the sprinkler system on the agenda next month.
- D. Trustees *request Supervisor to request a representative from the Forest Preserve District of Will County to attend a future Town Board meeting to discuss their plans for Deer Culling in township preserves.*
17. Executive Session : None
18. Motion by trustee Kruczek, second by trustee Neitzke for Adjournment all---Yes Motion Carries
19. *Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm*

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
BUSINESS/PLANNING
January 10, 2011
7:30P.M.