

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Town of Homer,

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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 20, 2010**
Meeting began at 7:30pm with the Pledge, and ended at 8:10pm

PRESENT:	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee
	John Kruczek	Trustee
	Christina Neitzke	Trustee arrived 7:40pm

Township Supervisor Pam Meyers and Stephen J. Balich Township Clerk conducted the Special Township Board meeting where the following official business was transacted. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Meyers with the pledge to the flag. Also present was Assessor Szykowski who arrived at 7:33pm.

1. Call to Order:7:30pm
2. Pledge
3. Open Forum: Margaret Sabo said Cindy Raja wrote a letter to the Board in support of the Trantina farm.
4. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers that Board approves previously approved exterior plans for the Trantina Farm House in accordance with Will county. Second by trustee Sowa.** Discussion: Clerk asked to repeat the motion, Supervisor said it can be obtained from the recording. Stated that Barn Reconstruction was \$100,000 over budget. There is a need to see realistic numbers as to cost since we are over budget now. Pointed out that this is a different discussion not on this agenda. Statement made that we need a plan to tell us where this is going and how much it will cost. Stated that although fixing the roof is a need to protect the building, there is a need for a plan with a final cost. Where we are going with the project, and cost needs to be brought forward. Discussion of how Will County inspectors became involved. Disagreement of if there was a formal complaint or not. Pointed out that everything spent was

approved by the previous Board. It is a waste of time getting new bids unless the board wants to go forward. Delay is causing the cost to increase. Demolition could cost up to \$25,000 because of required testing for lead, asbestos, etc. The current alarm system helps stop vandalism. Statement that many people said to tear down the town house countered by another that many want it saved. Question as to the cut off for spending. Question of what the final cost will be and the \$50,000 budgeted, answered by that the Board approved the budget. Discussion of 8 million from referendum going to purchase open space property. Part of the open space by Founders Crossing was carved out, then sold for a profit. The money from that profit went to the operating fund for open space. Tax money does not go toward open space, but it does go to bond repayment. This was supported by the past Board. About \$5000 was spent since day 1 on the Farm House which was not included in the grant. Question of why money from the sale was not used to pay down the bonds, was not discussed because not specific to the agenda. Pointed out that Will County land Use Dept. said a complete plan would be necessary for each phase. Request to read the motion results in withdrawal of motion and second because the recording could not be played back at this time without stopping the recording for the rest of the meeting. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers Second by Trustee Sowa to approve previously approved plan as budgeted in compliance with directives form will County Building Dept.** Discussion: In order to get in compliance with Will County we need new bids. Discussion of fundraising, donations, and volunteers. Pointed out that approval gives committee the authority to move forward not to exceed \$50,000. New bids must be approved by the Board. **Trustee Bozen---NO Supervisor Meyers, Trustees Sowa, Kruczek, and Neitzke---Yes Motion Carries.**

5. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by trustee Neitzke to adjourn All---yes Motion carries. 8:10pm**

Additional Details of this meeting can be found on the recording

The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 2, 2010 at the Old Town Hall 16057 Cedar Lockport, Il. 60491 7pm