

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

October 3, 2011 Draft
Approved November 14, 2011

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on October 3, 2011
Meeting began at 7:38pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:34pm

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 ----- pm by Supervisor Meyers with the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo, and Attorney Sramek.

Call to order: 7:38pm

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Matters from the Public** (Please sign in prior to meeting and limit comments to 3 minutes)
 - A.** Kathleen Konicki, Will County Board Representative/Canal Corridor Association: Information with regards to I & M Canal Corridor Assoc revised boundary recommendations to the National Park Service to include Homer Township. This provides matching funds to various projects that may happen in Homer Township. There is a goal of economic development through Tourism.
 - B.** Public participation and input: None
- 4. Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Bozen for approval of September bills payable in October, 2011 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

5. Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo Report: None

6. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report: Funds saved over the years in the MFT Fund will pay for the Forest Mannor project. The Branch Pickup program ends November 1st. Re-cycling program is going well. County has in home pickup program.

7. Assessor Karen Szynkowski Report
Absent due to a schedule conflict.

8. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

A. Minutes (Action/Motion requested):

- 1) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen for Approval of August 1, 2011 Regular Board Minutes tabled from 9-12-11 All ---Yes Motion Carries**
- 2) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval not to release of August 1, 2011 Executive Session Minutes tabled from 9-12-11 All---Yes Motion Carries**
- 3) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen for Approval of September 12, 2011 Regular Board Minutes All---Yes Motion Carries**
- 4) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen Approval of September 12, 2011 Executive Session Minutes not to release All---yes Motion Carries**

October 15th 10am to Noon The Clerk will hold Voter Registration at the Old Town Hall

- B. Status Report:** New Voting System Equipment in cooperation with County Clerk's Office is in a waiting status for County.
- C. Status Report:** Citadel Information Management Township wide (Highway, Administration & Assessor offices) record disposal services will take place October 19th.

9. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report (Action/Motion may be requested):

- A. Status Report:** Notice of additional award of \$100,000 bringing total award for the 2011-12 CDBG Grant from Will County Land Use Dept to \$300,000 for proposed improvements at Lockport Heights with the Sanitary District.
- B. Levy:** Beginning work and request consensus from Board to continue to use same budgetary figures for all *discretionary* funds (not including bond funds) as have used over past three years in the levy preparation—once again without increases.
- C. Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing:**
 - 1) AECOM assessment/evaluation report RE: HVAC issues at Founders Crossing units (report copy attached). Engineer and Supervisor will Have a conference call this week. Suggested that we test a unit that becomes empty. Water Quality is a problem, that may impact the system.
 - 2) Vinyl flooring/carpeting replacement in various units of concern.
 - 3) One rental unit vacancy as of 9/30/11.

- D. **Status Report Wedgewood Highlands Conservation Easement:** Site visit with Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) officials (Field reports attached). Fallen trees will be left alone. There is a thick brush which makes walking difficult.
- E. **Status Report:** Village of Homer Glen has received a small Grant from the Bio-Diversity Group to improve water quality conditions within Long Run Creek/Des Plaines River for the benefit of improving the endangered Hines Emerald Dragonfly habitat and would like to partner with Homer Township to provide a demonstration section of proper stream & bank maintenance along Long Run Creek at Yangus Park.
- F. **Football Tower/Building Inspections (Action/Motion requested):**
 - 1) As a result of Village of Homer Glen and Fire Department building and fire safety compliance inspections, there are still outstanding issues with the football tower. Working with TOIRMA, Stallions, Fire Department and Homer Glen Building Department to resolve the issues, contractor proposals for necessary work to bring the building into compliance were solicited. Three contractors responded by visiting the tower and meeting with the village inspector prior to submitting a formal proposal. Only one contractor was interested in submitting a proposal (See attached Memo for full details). Members of the club can look at the books, not the Township. The clubs are private organizations.
 - 2) **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to approve proposal submitted by Prairie Green Inc. in the amount of \$2,420.00 to perform work to bring Complex football tower into compliance with village building codes which will be reimbursed to the Township by the Stallions Football organization. All ---yes motion Carries**
 - 3) Will County Health Department inspection of Concession Stand is resolved.
 - 4) **PENDING:** TOIRMA recommendations to modify Township Facilities/Sports Usage Policy to clarify procedures for maintenance and usage of ALL township owned structures and properties by the public.
- G. **Status Report:** Maintenance staff manpower update.
- H. **Status Report:** Reconstruction of the park storage garage (see attached). Steps needed to do this project are outlined. May be preferred to hire an Engineering firm to get the best bid price, and oversee the project. At least 3 bids from engineering companies are desired.
- I. **Informational:** Invitation from City of Naperville to receive information concerning a cooperative bid procurement program (see attached). Supervisor and Road commissioner will attend.

10. Township Committee Reports

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
 - 1) **Committee Appointment**
 - a) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke to appoint Frank Gonzales serve on Homer Harvest Days/Events Committee All—yes motion Carries**
 - 2) **Status Report:** 2011 Children's Halloween Party will be 11am to 2pm at Young school. Volunteers are needed, Adm. Assistant De Grassi thanked for her help.
 - 3) **Status Report:** Combined 2011 & 2012 Anniversary Festival and paradeis moving ahead.
 - 4) **Status Report:** 2011 annual Homer Harvest Days festival
- B. MILITARY COMMITTEE: Chair persons Clerk Balich & Assessor Szykowski
 - 1) A Committee person will be considered possibly after the Holidays.
 - 2) The Clothes Drive for Operation Home Front is going well.
 - 3) 911 Ceremony was very moving. Supervisor Meyers accepted a plaque for the Township from the Homer Founders Club, and St. Joseph's Club for Duty, Honor, and Service to the Community.
 - 4) Village of Homer Glen is having a Mike Hike on November 12th (5k run) for the trail system which has a proposed name like Hero's Trail on part of it.

October 26th Supervisor and Clerk will be at the Old Town Hall 7pm for a Town hall Meeting.

- C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS: Chairman Bill Karn
 - 1) **Pending**: Committee reorganization and Trantina rental unit repairs.
- D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee John Kruczek
 - 1) **Status Report**: Restoration of trail surface at Sendra and Goreham Parks completed.
- E. SENIOR COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen. Trustee Bozen and the Clerk will attend the TRIAD Conference. Homer Seniors are preparing for their Christmas Party.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

- A. **Informational**: TOI 2011-12 Legislative Survey
- B. **Informational**: Reminder of new meeting schedule beginning January 9, 2012 with regards to changing the meetings to the second Monday of the month.
- C. **Informational**: City of Lockport consideration of request to rezone 50 acre parcel at 163rd and Gougar Road from O-2 to M-1 (email copy attached).
- D. **Informational**: Will County Land Use Dept. approval of Temporary Use Permit for property located at 14549 W. 159th Street, Homer Township *with conditions* from Oct 6-31, 2011 (see attached email from K. Konicki).

14. Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Bozen to adjourn to executive session under Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss:

- A. **Subsection C-11: Litigation**
 - B. **Subsection C-1: Employment**
- All---Yes Motion Carries 9:10pm

Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa to return to Regular secession. No action was taken. All---yes Motion Carries 9:34pm

17. Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Sowa for Adjournment. All---yes Motion Carries

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING

November 14, 2011, 7:30P.M.

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), Homer Township will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Township does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Township will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Homer Township programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Township will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in Township offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.