

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

December 5, 2011 Draft
Approved January 9, 2012

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on-December 5, 2011
Meeting began at 7:30pm with the Pledge, and ended at 8:17pm

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

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 7:30pm by Supervisor Meyers and ended at 8:17pm

Call to order: 7:30pm

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. No Public participation and input
4. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen for approval of November bills payable in December, 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

No cases pending

6. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report: Salt is up 20%, but we bought our salt in the summer so we are unaffected. We received \$42,000 from the federal government as part of disaster relief from last winter's storms.

7. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report : None

8. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

A. Minutes (Action/Motion requested):

1) **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen for Approval of November 14, 2011 Regular Board Minutes all---Yes Motion Carries**

2) **Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of November 14, 2011 Executive Session Minutes not to release all---Yes Motion Carries**

3) **Motion By Supervisor Meyers, Second by Trustee Sowa not to release Executive Session Minutes previously approved all---Yes Motion Carries (all minutes listed in B)**

B.

- 1) October 3, 2011
- 2) September 12, 2011
- 3) August 1, 2011
- 4) July 11, 2011
- 5) June 6, 2011
- 6) May 2, 2011
- 7) April 4, 2011
- 8) March 7, 2011
- 9) January 10, 2011
- 10) November 1, 2010
- 11) October 4, 2010

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

A. Status Report Reconstruction of the park maintenance storage garage:

- 1) Meeting to develop scope of work for project went well. We may be able to save money and have a less burdensome project.

- i. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to approve Resolution No: HT120511 authorizing participation in the Cooperative Job Order Contract Program (attached resolution). all---Yes Motion Carries**

B. Status Report Maintenance Department:

- 1) Making seasonal transition of properties and equipment. Everything from Park Garage Collapse has been inventoried.

C. Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing:

- 1) All units filled to date with no vacancies pending.
- 2) All fire extinguishers in each unit inspected and in compliance.

D. Status Report Football Tower Building Inspections:

- 1) Prairie Green Inc. completed work to bring Complex football tower into compliance with village building codes waiting final inspection from Village of Homer Glen before final pay out.
- 2) Village Inspector Baber came to office on 12/2/11 with sticker for passed inspection and offered a final report will be provided to the township indicating passed final inspection.
- 3) A new exit light was installed and is awaiting final inspection from fire department inspector.

E. Informational: Met with Vista National to prepare for legislative changes that will affect our insurance coverage and employee benefits.

F. Informational: Met with Executive Director of Homer Township Public Library concerning their facility expansion project. There are no objections.

G. Informational: Staff completed process of receiving Property Tax Exemption Certificate for Trantina Farm Open Space Program parcel which will result in a savings of approximately \$6,203.28 annually (copy attached).

H. PENDING: Village of Homer Glen work group to improve water quality conditions within Long Run Creek/Des Plaines River to partner with Homer Township to provide a demonstration section of proper stream & bank maintenance along Long Run Creek at Yangus Park.

I. PENDING: TOIRMA recommendations to modify Township Facilities/Sports Usage Policy to clarify procedures for maintenance, cost responsibilities and usage of ALL township owned structures and properties by the public.

10. Township Committee Reports (Action/Motion may be requested):

A. EVENTS COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa

- a) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Bozen to amend Homer Township Committee Ordinance to restructure Events Committee creating Halloween, Parade, Homer Harvest Days, and Fest committees. all---Yes Motion Carries**

b) Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to approve Chair Linsey Sowa, Mary Pat De Grassi, and Lisa Anderson to the Halloween Committee. Linsey Sowa Chair, Karen Szykowski, Frank Gonzales, and Kathy Boo to the Homer Harvest Days Committee. Linsey Sowa chair, Mike de Vivo, Mary Pat De Grassi, and Debbie Stephens to the Fest Committee. Linsey Sowa chair, Mary Pat De Grassi, and Lisa Anderson to the Parade committee. all---Yes Motion Carries

2) Status Report 2012 annual Homer Harvest Days festival:

a) Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to approve Committee Appointments (attached requests from Matt Ziska and Chanelle Sanderson). all---Yes Motion Carries

3) Status Report 2012 annual Homer Community festival & parade going well.

B. MILITARY COMMITTEE: Chair persons Clerk Balich & Assessor Szykowski: The clothes drive ended and we shipped out 2, 16ft Straight Truck loads. We thank all who donated, and all the volunteers. Special Thanks to ace Hdw. For donating the space.

1) Committee member appointments *previously tabled till after the holidays.*

C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS: Chairman Bill Karn

1) **Informational**: Chairman Karn planning to return for meeting in January, 2012

2) **Status Report**: Kunal Berry Eagle Scout project at Trantina completed (photo attached)

3) **Status Report Trantina rental unit repairs**: In process of securing budgetary/scope of work projections.

D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee John Kruczek

1) **Status Report**: Closing of concession stands/field irrigation, etc.

E. SENIOR COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen

1) Status Report AARP Driving Class was canceled due to lack of interest.

2) Status Report Senior Christmas Party is next week

12. Old Business (Action/Motion may be requested):

i. Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to approve *amended* 2012 monthly Town Board meeting schedule to meet February 6th and publish (attached). all---Yes Motion Carries

A. **Informational**: Final Disposition of Open Meetings Act Request for Review-2011 PAC 16850 from Office of Illinois Attorney General (letter copy attached).

B. Informational: Correspondence from Forest Preserve District of Will County with regard to status of deer management program (copy attached).

13. New Business (Action/Motion may be requested): None

14. Executive Session: None

i. Motion by Trustee bozen, second by Trustee sowa for Adjournment all---Yes Motion Carries 8:17pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS
REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING
January 9, 2012 at 7:30P.M.