

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

June 6, 2011 Draft
Approved July 11, 2011

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on-June 6, 2011 Meeting began at 7:35pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:37pm

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

1. Call the meeting to order : 7:35pm
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Open Forum (Please sign in prior to meeting and limit comments to 3 minutes)
 - A. Public participation and input: None
5. Public Hearing for Proposed Township and Road District FY 2011-12 Budget
 - A. Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Neitzke to adopt Homer Township Road District FY 2011-12 Budget All—Yes Motion carries
 - B. Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers to adopt Homer Township FY 2011-12 Budget

- 1) **Note: Change from Tentative Budget provided in G A Fund budget to include Line Items # 707, 709, & 712 All –Yes Motion Carries**

6. Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Neitzke for Approval of Bills – May bills payable in June, 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

7. Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo: None

8. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report:

- A. Adopted Prevailing Wage Act (copy attached).
- B. Resident in Wedgewood Highlands Mr. Lahey, has problem with water . the 22 ft. curb and gutter has a 1 inch pitch causing water to move slowly. To make things worse, the sub pump discharges at the top of the curb. The Village is asking the Road Commissioner to repair the situation. Commissioner is just giving the Board FYI. He will work with the Village in addressing the situation.
- C. The paving opening is 9am June 15th
- D. The Fest is going well. Posters can be picked up at his office.

9. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: None

10. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) **Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers for Approval of May 2, 2011 Regular Board Minutes All—Yes Motion Carries**
 - 2) **Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers for Approval but not to release of May 2, 2011 Executive Session Minutes All---Yes Motion Carries**

11. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:

- A. Prevailing Wage Act- Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Neitzke to adopt ordinance of intent to comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (copy provided). All---Yes Motion Carries**
- B. Founders Crossing Senior Housing Facility HVAC Issues:**
- 1) Discussion of ongoing problems with system (Memo attached).
There is a possible water quality issue. Rents have never been raised, however garbage pick up has increased. The Board is doing a good job working with the same budget for the last 3 years. The Board has been able to set up a reserve fund for future needs by being frugal. Senior housing pays for itself.
 - 2) **Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers to accept proposal from AECOM for an independent, professional HVAC assessment in the amount of \$3,600 per the services specified in the proposal and professional service agreement (copy provided). All-- Yes Motion Carries**
 - 3) The CBDG grant proposal is looking good, but the funding will be less. The 2010 project is going on presently.
- C. Status Report Verizon Wireless Business Program:** We will be switching over the Trustees cell phone and Maintenance Dept employee's wireless service to take advantage of the State of Illinois Government Contract awarded to Verizon Wireless providing cost savings and additional services. This will also allow for expanded services for the Maintenance employees phones (not Trustee phones) to include the Field Force Manager basic plan (see attached information for details of service).
- D. Status Report Homer Township Healing Garden:** Volunteers and Master Gardener Diane Sramek have been putting in an enormous volume of work (approx. 100 hours of volunteer time) at the site in preparation for the MADD Walk and an upcoming University of Illinois Extension-Master Gardeners Garden Walk whereby the Healing Garden will be one of the Gardens premiered on the tour. Thanks to many volunteers and donations from the Homer Highway Dept and Homer Tree Service (approx. 30 yards of mulch total) the site is beautiful. Discussion of a fundraiser for improvements to the Healing Garden.
- E. Status Report Caton Farm-Bruce Road Bridge/Expansion project:** May 4, 2011 meeting with Transportation Corridor Committee for Caton Farm-Bruce Road Phase 1 Study project (copies of agenda & preliminary maps provided). The project is moving forward, but money is an issue.
- F. Status Report Wedgewood Highlands Conservation Easement violation:** Update on meeting with Forest Preserve District of Will County and letter from Township attorney (copy provided). Mr. Lahey has not taken a position as of yet. If he does sue, we have a good chance to recapture legal fees. Forest Preserve will work with us being more specific on what needs to be done to restore the conservation easement. Attorneys are being consulted, to make sure things are done correctly.
- G. Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing:** Both upcoming rental unit vacancies at senior housing facility are spoken for and secured

with rental deposits. One unit has been repainted and will be available after flooring is refurbished. The other unit has final "walk through" appointment scheduled and refurbishing will begin after that. Previously approved landscaping proposal work is scheduled to begin.

- H. **Status Report Town Hall Exterior Improvements:** Meeting for proposed Town Hall exterior/landscaping proposed improvements sponsored by the Homer Glen Junior Women's Club (copy provided). Supervisor let the Board know we are getting a small tiller, information included in packet.
- I. **Pending:** Provided draft IGA to Homer Glen for Yangas Park trail easement for final review.
- J. **Pending:** Reconstruction of the park storage garage postponed waiting for more information regarding planned improvements to roadway/Schilling School.

12. Township Committee Reports:

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
 - 1) Combined 2011 Anniversary Festival and parade-Volunteers still welcomed. Things are moving along.
 - 2) 2011 annual Homer Harvest Days festival. Things are moving along. We need Volunteers.
- B. EM & PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Steve Balich: None
- C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn: None
- D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek
 - 1) **Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Neitzke to approve awarding contract to Mrs. B Parking Lot Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$9,367.13 to perform the resurfacing project at Complex parking lots as specified in proposal. All--Yes Motion Carries**
- E. SENIOR COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen: None
- F. YOUTH & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Christina Neitzke: Committee is still not responding, Chris will call a meeting and see what happens.

13. Old Business: None

14. New Business

- A. **Announcements:**
 - 1) **OUR CONDOLENCES:**
 - a. Peter Komar, father of Trustee Vicki Bozen, passed away on May 29, 2011.

b. Marion L. Meyers, mother of Planning Commission Chairman Cathy Boo, passed away on May 30, 2011.

2) ANNIVERSARY FEST-Homer Twp 175th & Homer Glen 10th-Takes place from Thursday, June 23rd to Sunday, June 26th. Please join in the celebration.

Motion by Trustee Neitzke, Second by Trustee Sowa to leave regular secession and go into executive secession All--Yes Motion carries 8:58 pm

15. Executive Session

A. Pending Litigation

B. Personnel

16. Motion Trustee Neitzke, Second by Trustee Sowa for Adjournment. All--Yes Motion Carries 9:37pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING

July 11, 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.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program service, or activity of Homer Township, should contact the office of the *Township Clerk* as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. The *Township Clerk and his contact information is: Steve Balich, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-7042*

The ADA does not require Homer Township to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of Homer Township is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to *the Township Supervisor, Pam Meyers*.

Homer Township will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.