

# HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,  
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING  
MEETING

August 1, 2011 Draft  
Approved October 3, 2011

**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES** met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on **August 1, 2011**  
Meeting began at 7:30pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:25pm

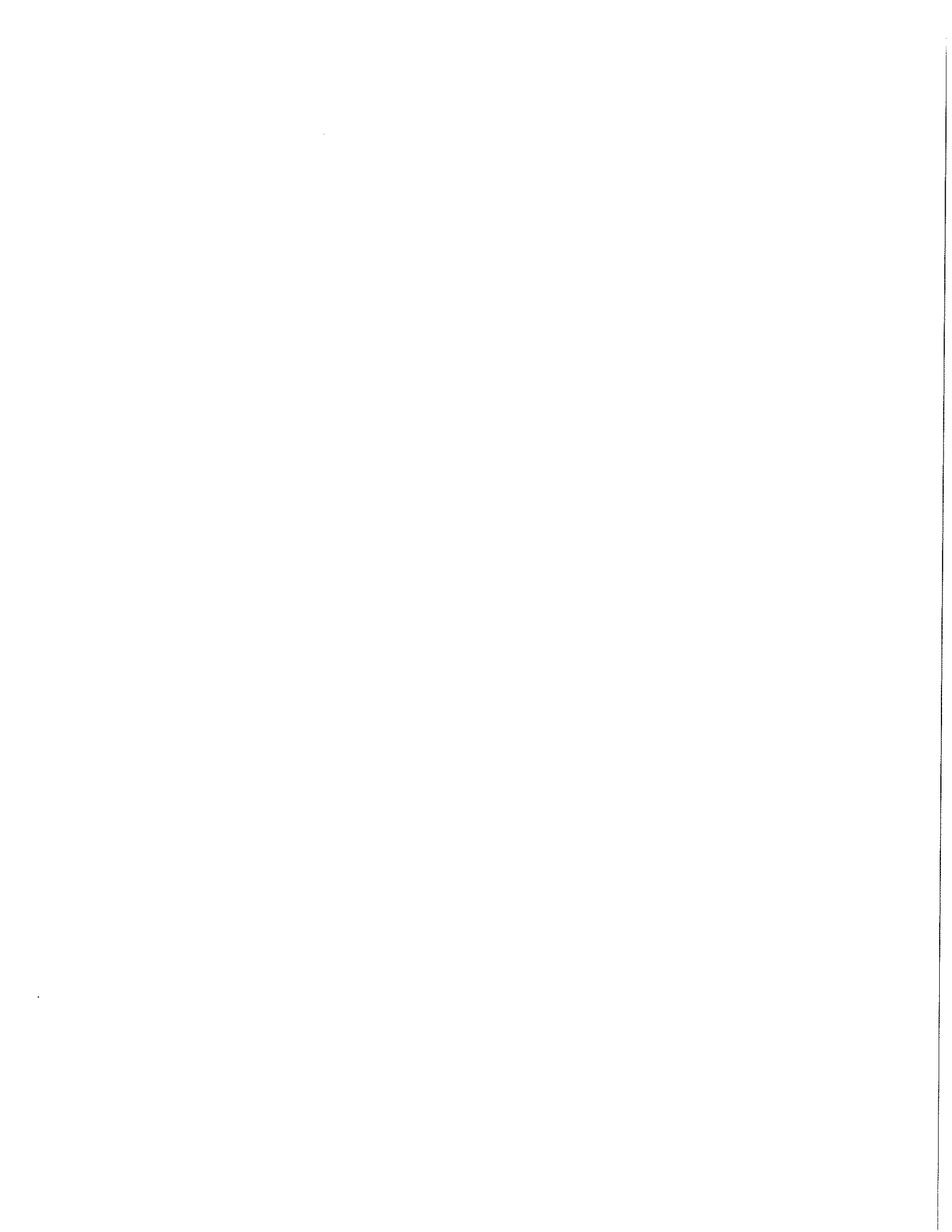
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee
	John Kruczek	Trustee
	Christina Neitzke	Trustee Absent

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 with the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo, Assessor Szykowski and Attorney Sramek.

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Open Forum
  - A. Public participation and input: None

**Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Bozen to eliminate 10C from the Agenda All---Yes Motion Carries**

5. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek for Approval of Bills – July 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

6. **Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo Report:** Discussion of possible annexation of Shari Geshena Temple property into Lockport. **Motion By Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Bozen to give the Supervisor the authority to write a letter expressing Township concerns regarding the Temple being in compliance with all the Ordinances prior to holding services. All—Yes Motion Carries**
7. **Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report :** August 16 the ribbon cutting ceremony will take place for electronics re-cycling. This is a Homer Glen program. Will County has a program that picks up from homes.

The paving program is almost finished. Commissioner is meeting with Comm Ed to put in signals at 151<sup>st</sup> & Parker. Land owners donated the land for the turn lanes. This will be paid by an 80/20 Grant with 20% being paid for by the Road Dist. Forest Mannor will be getting new roads, sidewalks, and curbs using Motor fuel tax money that has been accumulating.

Stallions would like to use Fest land for practice. Road Commissioner sees no problem with letting community groups use the land with proper insurance. Parking cars there is ok but dependent on weather.

8. **Assessor Karen Szykowski Report:** This is a quad year when everyones assessment is checked. Evening hours may be in the works.
9. **Clerk Steve Balich Report:**
- A. Minutes
    - 1) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek for Approval of July 11, 2011 Regular Board Minutes Trustee Sowa Abstains, Trustees Kruczek and Bozen-----Yes Supervisor Meyers ---yes Motion carries**
    - 2) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek for Approval not to release of July 11, 2011 Executive Session Minutes Trustee Sowa Abstains, Trustees Kruczek and Bozen-----Yes Supervisor Meyers ---yes Motion carries**
  - B. New Voting System Equipment offer in cooperation with County Clerk's Office
    - 1) **Motion by Trustee Bozen, Second by Trustee Kruczek to approve purchase of table and miscellaneous supplies not to exceed \$500 to accommodate new equipment All—yes Motion Carries**

**10. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:**

- A. Status Report Audit:** Audit complete, copies provided and/or mailed to authorities as prescribed by law.
- B. Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing:** Replacing vinyl flooring/carpeting in various units of concern. AECOM work to evaluate HVAC issues scheduled to begin.
- C. Status Report IGA between Homer Township and Village of Homer Glen to construct a trail through township property commonly known as Yangas Park:** Final draft of intergovernmental agreement with associated recording documents executed by Supervisor (copies attached).
- D. Status Report:** Fire and Code Compliance inspections completed by Fire Department and Village of Homer Glen for Trantina property, Town Hall, Sports Complex and Administration Center. All passed with exception of outstanding issues with football tower. Working with TOIRMA, Stallions, Fire Department and Homer Glen Building Department to bring into compliance
- E. Status Report:** Storm damage to roofing on football tower, soccer concession building and baseball dugouts. Working with TOIRMA but, necessary repairs may not exceed insurance deductibles.
- F. TOIRMA recommendations to modify Township Sports Usage Policy to clarify procedures for maintenance and usage of township owned structures and properties.**
- G. Status Report:** Investigation report of complaints from neighbors re: flooding events at Goreham Park detention basin. Discussion of situation of 2 flash flood events causing unusual problems. The Village of Homer Glen was notified to discuss possible remedy. No good answer at this point.
- H. Status Report:** Maintenance staff manpower update & report of season's park maintenance progress this season and annex cleaning/inventory project. Summer staff did a great job.
- I. Status Report Town Hall:** Homer Junior Women's Club beginning project to rejuvenate Town Hall. Working with Will County Clerk Office to restore voting activity schedule in Town Hall.
- J. Pending:** Reconstruction of the park storage garage discussed.

**11. Township Committee Reports:**

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
  - 1) Status Report:** Combined 2011 Anniversary Festival and parade.
    - a) Discussion and possible action to support continuing to sponsor a similar festival on an annual basis OR again next year. Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by trustee Bozen to have the Fest again with the same intergovernmental agreement as this year. All---yes Motion Carries**

2) **Status Report:** 2011 annual Homer Harvest Days festival Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> moving well.

B. MILITARY COMMITTEE: Chair persons Clerk Balich & Assessor Szykowski

1) Committee member appointments will be discussed at a future meeting.

2) Szykowski informed the Board of two 911 ceremonies Sept. 10, and 11<sup>th</sup>. Balich talked about the clothes drive for military families.

C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS: Chairman Bill Karn

1) **Pending:** Trantina rental unit repairs. Discussion of possible new co-chair

D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee John Kruczek

1) **Status Report:** Complex parking lot resurfacing complete

E. SENIOR COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen: none

F. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Commissioner Mike DeVivo

1) Initial report on findings of proposed Transportation Committee with regards to exploring the feasibility of providing additional public transportation services for senior and disabled citizens proved to be cost prohibited.

2) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to dissolve Transportation Committee All---yes Motion Carries**

### 13. Old Business

A. **Committee Ordinance Revision:**

1) **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to Revise Homer Township Ordinance ORD01-04-10, Section 1. To remove: "Transportation" from list of committees of Homer Township. All---yes Motion Carries**

B. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM FOR TOI ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR November 6-8, 2011 ASAP (copy attached). Previously approved by Town Board.**

### 14. New Business

A. **Motion by Trustee Bozen to donate \$250 to the Will County Children's Advocacy Center All---yes Motion Carries Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa to amend the motion to include taking the donation from Item 772.6 Youth and special needs All---yes Motion Carries**

B. **Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Sowa to donate \$1000 to the Will County Center for Community Concerns. All---yes motion Carries**

**C. Announcements:**

- 1) **Will County Fair:** August 24-28<sup>th</sup> at County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL
- 2) **Homer Township Chamber of Commerce scheduled public events:**
  - a) Annual Community Expo & Health Fair- Saturday, August 27 at Hadley School from 9AM-2PM

**Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to move to Executive Session for discussion of pending Litigation All---yes Motion Carries 9:07pm**

**15. Executive Session**

**A. Pending litigation**

**Motion By Trustee Kruczek, Second by Trustee Sowa to come out of Executive session. No Action was taken All---yes motion Carries 9:24pm**

**16. Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa for Adjournment All—yes Motion carries 9:25pm**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

**REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING**

**September 12, 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. 151<sup>st</sup> 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.