

HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

September 12, 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 September 12, 2011
Meeting began at 7:30pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:45pm

PRESENT:	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee Absent
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee
	John Kruczek	Trustee arrived 7:32pm
	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 7:30pm by Supervisor Meyers with the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo, and Attorney Sramek.

1. **Call the meeting to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Open Forum** (Please sign in prior to meeting and limit comments to 3 minutes)
 - A. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the Homer Glen Junior Women's Club for their contribution in funding and providing the volunteer services for the Old Town Hall Beautification Project.
 - B. IM Canal National Heritage District now includes Homer township on the map of the canal.
5. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen for Approval of Bills – August bills payable in September, 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: None

7. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report: Forest Mannor pre-construction meeting Tuesday 9-13. residents have been notified of the project.

8. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: None

9. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

- A. **Motion to table both sets of Minutes till October by Trustee Kruczek, second by trustee Neitzke All---yes Motion Carries**
 - 1) August 1, 2011 Regular Board Minutes
 - 2) August 1, 2011 Executive Session Minutes
- B. **Status Report:** New Voting System desk in cooperation with County Clerk's Office set up and waiting for County to install equipment. We would like to install a doorbell at the back door.
- C. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke not to exceed \$600 for Citadel Information Management proposal (ESTIMATE of \$481.30) for Township wide (Highway, Administration & Assessor offices) record disposal services (attached proposal). All---yes motion Carries**

Motion by Trustee Kruczek second by Trustee Neitzke to amend the motion to say not to exceed 12cents per Lb. cost plus transportation fee. All---Yes Motion Carries

10. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:

- A. **Motion by Trustee Neitzke, second by Trustee Bozen to approve purchase of (9) 2011 TOI Laws & Duties Handbook at \$23.50 each (see attached). All---Yes motion carries**
- B. **Status Report:** Notice of award of \$200,000 for the 2011-12 CDBG Grant from Will County Land Use Dept for work at Lockport Heights with the Sanitary District (copy attached).

- C. AECOM assessment/evaluation report RE: HVAC issues at Founders Crossing units will be finished soon.
- D. Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing: Vinyl flooring/carpeting replacement in various units of concern.
- E. Status Report Wedgewood Highlands Conservation Easement: Site visit scheduled with Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) officials to evaluate long term management. A plan of action for maintenance will be addressed.
- F. 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. They have invited Homer Township to join their work group to explore potential locations along Long Run Creek, possibly the Yangus Park properties. I will attend the first meeting on Sept 13, 2011 (see attached email).
 - 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. We continue working with TOIRMA, Stallions, Fire Department and Homer Glen Building Department to resolve and currently waiting to receive contractor proposals for necessary work to bring the building into compliance.
 - 2) Roofing repairs completed on football tower, soccer concession building and baseball dugouts (see attached proposals).
 - 3) PENDING: TOIRMA recommendations to modify Township 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. We are at 2 full time and 1 part time presently.
- H. Informational: Illinois Dept of Labor/Prevailing Wage Act new legislation (see attached).
- I. Status Report: Land use concerns RE property located at: 16059 W. 151st Street (see attached correspondence and letter per Board's directive on 11-1-2011). The Temple may like to annex to Lockport. Supervisor went to the Plan commission meeting in Lockport and expressed our concerns. The item was tabled. The concerns of the residents are now known.
- J. Supervisor received Correspondence received from IDOT (copy attached). Supervisor never asked Congressman Lipenski to speak in her behalf. Bags 159 business owners received a notice from IDOT indicating that any business wanting turn lanes could have them for \$150,000, supporting the fact that IDOT is really about the money not the safety as they have tried to claim. Clerk will get the names of the JACAR Board of elected officials that oversee IDOT for the Board. Question of the cost of raised medians compared to just stripeing brought up. Township will watch the direction the Village of Homer Glen takes on this issue.
- K. Pending: Reconstruction of the park storage garage will becoming soon.

11. Township Committee Reports:

A. EVENTS COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa: none

- 1) Status Report: 2011 Children's Halloween Party will be at Young school October 29th
- 2) Status Report: Combined 2011 & 2012 Anniversary Festival and parade possible date will be June 22nd to 24th 2012. Discussion of intergovernmental agreement. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek for Commissioner De Vivo to move forward with the intergovernmental agreement for the fest. All—yes motion Carries**
- 3) Status Report: 2011 annual Homer Harvest Days festival was a success and we thank the volunteers.

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

- 1) Committee member appointments will be addressed in time. Presently we are working on a clothes drive for Operation Home Front. Rally planned for September 24th. Ace Hardware on 159th has donated a empty store front to store the clothes. The 911 ceremony was a success, and Supervisor Meyers accepted a plaque for the Township from the Founders club and St. Joseph's Club. Balich and Szykowski will continue to pick up bags of clothes from those who can't get them to the drop points.

C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS: Chairman Bill Karn

- 1) Pending: Committee reorganization and Trantina rental unit repairs discussed.

D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Trustee John Kruczek

- 1) Status Report: Complex parking lot resurfacing complete.
- 2) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek second by Trustee Bozen to approve Bengston's proposal for restoration of trail surface at Sendra and Goreham Parks (copy attached) NOTE: Proposals solicited from Bengston Nursery, Aspen Creek Landscaping and Dahl Landscaping. As of 9/8/11 per staff, Aspen Creek and Dahl have declined submitting proposals because they are too busy to take on the additional work this year. Trustee Kruczek wants removal of debris to be included in the proposal. All---Yes Motion Carries**

Motion by Trustee Kruczek, Second by Trustee Bozen to amend the motion to say not to exceed \$9300 for both Parks. All---Yes motion Carries

- E. SENIOR COMMITTEE:** Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen said she was planning on attending the TRIAD conference with the Clerk again this year. Consensus on the Board was to pay the expense if the TIAD does not.

13. Old Business: Both groups thanked us for the donation.

- A. Will County Center for Community Concerns donation acknowledgement (see attached).
- B. Will County Children's Advocacy Center donation acknowledgement (see attached).

14. New Business

- A. Informational: FPDWC notice of selective tree and brush control at Messenger Woods Nature Preserve (December 2011 – October 2013).
- B. Announcements:
 - 1) FPDWC public information meeting on Sept. 15, 2011 between 5-7 PM at Hadley Valley Substation, 15808 Maple Rd, New Lenox (RE: Messenger Woods work addressed in Item 14 A above).
 - 2) Hgy. Commissioner said we need to start the Levy process
 - 3) Nov. 23, 2011 the intergovernmental luncheon to improve communication will take place from noon till 2pm.

Motion by Trustee Neitzke, second by Trustee Bozen to go into Executive secession 9:03pm All----Yes Motion carries

15. Executive Session

- A. Pending litigation
- B. Employment matters

Motion By Trustee Neitzke, Second by Trustee Kruczek to Resume Regular secession, no action was taken All---yes Motion Carries 9:44pm

16. Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Trustee Neitzke for Adjournment All---yes Motion Carries 9:45pm

Malfunction with tape recorder prevented recording of regular secession to be available.
Executive Secession is available.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS
REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING
October 3, 2011, 7:30P.M.