

HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMBINED PLANNING/BUSINESS MEETING

Homer Township Hall
16057 S. Cedar Road
Lockport, Illinois 60491

November 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

*Minutes presented to the Board 12-14-2020
Minutes approved by the Board 12-14-2020*

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the meeting was conducted in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control guidelines, Illinois Gubernatorial Executive Orders/Restore Illinois and the Open Meetings Act. The wearing of masks and social distancing was prescribed. Region 7 Resurgence Mitigation limits meetings to a maximum of 25 guests, 25% of the meeting room capacity, social distancing requirements and prescribed CDC, Health Department and governing guidelines.

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Supervisor Meyers conducted the Meeting of Township Board where the following official business was transacted. Also present was Attorney Sramek, Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Township Clerk Kathleen Kruczek, Assessor Szykowski, and Highway Commissioner De Vivo.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:46 pm

1. **Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was performed.
2. **Roll Call:** Supervisor Meyers, Trustees Kruczek, Kalas, Fijan and Offord.
3. **Matters from the Public:**
 - A. Residents of Carriage Manor Estates have requested on opportunity to publicly present longstanding unaddressed issues regarding dangerous traffic and safety conditions on Tameling Drive. They have submitted supporting documentation to be provided to the Board and Highway Commissioner.
 - 1) **Mr. George Doktorczyk-** Mr. Doktorczyk voiced his frustration with the speed and amount of traffic on Tameling Drive citing it as a safety issue for both pedestrians and vehicles. Furthermore, the absence of sidewalks creates an additional safety hazard he noted. These safety issues have been brought forth to the Highway Commissioner since 2005. He has heard many reasons as to why these concerns have not been addressed including its too expensive, difficult to work with IDOT etc... He is astonished that after 15 years of pursuing some sort of remedy nothing has been done or presented in an effort to rectify the problems. Mr. Doktorczyk stated he has previously suggested speed bumps or stop signs and was told it would damage the Highway Departments snow removal equipment so was not applicable. He

asserted that the safety of the public is far more important than any damage of Highway equipment.

- 2) **Mr. Tom Noonan-** Mr. Noonan favors putting in a one-way street as a remedy to the increased speeding and heavy traffic on Tameling Drive.
- 3) **Mr. Ray Bonk-** Mr. Bonk questioned Commissioner De Vivo asking if the plans recently provided to him were structurally possible as a remedy to increased traffic on Tameling Drive. Commissioner De Vivo answered that a petition in 2006 was brought forward regarding Tameling Drive safety/traffic concerns and at that time the community voted against it. Adding, that in order for the Highway Department to institute a change it must receive more than half the votes from the community supporting the changes desired. Variations like speed bumps, Commissioner De Vivo explained, require additional approval which includes permission from the fire department and school district. Major changes like traffic control requires further approval from the County. The Commissioner and Ed (Last name unknown to the clerk) scheduled a date to discuss these safety/traffic issues on Tameling Drive. However, due to health issues with Ed as well as the Commissioner meetings were delayed. With the recent concerns from residents of Carriage Manor Estates Commissioner De Vivo was finally able to meet with Ed and several others residents where proposed drawings were presented offering possible solutions. What the residents proposed at this meeting, the Commissioner clarified, is the improvement of two intersections (one maintained by IDOT the other by Lockport Township) which do not lie in the Commissioners jurisdiction. Additionally, a project of this magnitude the Commissioner explained, would incur fees of 4 to 500,000.00 thousand dollars. He added that changes made to an IDOT road could be cumbersome and difficult as strict IDOT standards must be adhered to. These suggested changes must also be accepted by the Lockport Highway Commissioner, Will County engineer as well as IDOT. Another suggestion recommended at this meeting was a turn lane (deceleration lane). Turn lanes, the Commissioner illuminated are determined by the speed of the road. In this case 300 feet of road/construction to construct a turn lane would be essential to comply with state law given the current speed of the road. This too would prove to be a very costly project. Regardless, De Vivo went on, the Road District is a maintenance Department and their responsibility is to maintain the roads and not the undertaking of major construction. Major construction of this nature would be considered capital improvement and the Road District doesn't have a line item for work such as this. Furthermore, the Road District the Commissioner claims, lacks the ability to procure a grant for a project of this magnitude.

Mrs. Suzanne O'Malley (from the audience) suggested a "right in right out roadway. This the Commissioner explained, would also require extensive work/ cost which would involve rebuilding the roadway, culverts etc. Commissioner De Vivo noted he will be meeting with an engineer this week to discuss alternative solutions citing that he believes the easiest and most cost-effective way to resolve difficulties on this street would in all likelihood be to make this a one-way street. He will report back to residents of this area once he speaks to the engineer. At that time he intends to present possible options/solutions to the residents.

Additionally, Commissioner De Vivo stated, he previously requested increased Police presence which he had hoped would deter speeding and misuse of the roadway by commercial trucks. This however appears to have been unsuccessful.

De Vivo noted that he will provide Traffic Counts/ reports to residents at their next gathering which may assist them in the decision-making process. Supervisor Meyers added that the increased presence of large trucks and more traffic is probably the result of interstate 355 as well as the nearby warehouses.

- B. Open the floor for additional public input.

- 1) **Mr. Roy Adcock-** Mr. Adcock thanked the Board for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the CDBG project for Lockport Heights Sanitary District. He cited, they are going out to bid for the final phase of this project which has lasted ten plus years. Mr. Adcock acknowledged this Boards continued determination and assistance in bringing this project to fruition.
- 2) **Mrs. Jennifer Consolino-** Ms. Consolino questioned agenda number 8 which states, “Setting of Township Officials Salary for the 2021-2025 term of office”. She desired to know if the Board will be decreasing or increasing salaries in light of 8 months of cancelled committee meetings during the Covid 19 pandemic, no maintenance services, and zero cutbacks with staff or spending. She also desired to know if this will be discussed in closed executive session this evening, would the Township be doing any hiring, and what will be discussed during executive session. Supervisor Meyers answered that she is unable to provide an answer as to how the Board will vote as that portion of the Agenda has yet to be visited. Meyers added that Executive session is a closed session but it won’t be visited for setting the Township salaries.

Mrs. Consolino then questioned the binding referendum in which the residents voted no to abolish the Road District and desired to know why the Board is pursuing litigation. Trustee Kruczek reminded Mrs. Consolino that this is public comment not Question and answer. Furthermore he explained that there are some topics which the Board cannot openly discuss.

Mrs. Consolino queried if the Township has been collecting for transportation services and if so for how much and how long. Clarifying, Mrs. Consolino questioned if funds have been set aside for transportation services. Supervisor Meyers answered funds have been budgeted for transportation services and services from Pace have been provided since the Road Commissioner stopped providing these services some time ago.

Mrs. Consolino desired to know when the Board plans to break ground on the pole barn project and if grant funding has been procured. As has been discussed for the past few years, Supervisor Meyers noted, there is no plan to break ground because this was the Committee’s desire to explore options and investigate possibilities for a public multi-purpose building at Trantina Park. Given the continued disdain for the Committees exploratory actions by a small number of residents this topic was presented at a special meeting via petition (petition failed) and then again to be presented at the Annual Town meeting which was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic by Governor Pritzker. This Board then surmised it would be prudent to seek all residents input via an advisory referendum in an effort of transparency and allow the public to direct the Committee as to whether they should pursue such a facility or not. Thus the community has voted in favor of the advisory referenda and the Committee can now move forward investigating possible arrangements knowing they have the communities support.

4. Accounting:

A. October, 2020 account payables and receivables

- 1) Call for a motion to approve October, 2020 account payables and receivables of the following funds:
Motion to approve the October 2020 account payables and receivables by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Kalas, No discussion, All yes- Motion carries.
 - a) Equipment & Building
 - b) Founders Crossing Bond
 - c) Founders Crossing (Operating)
 - d) General Assistance
 - e) Open Space
 - f) Park Maintenance
 - g) Park Developer Contributions
 - h) Road and Bridge
 - i) Town

B. Line Item Transfer of Budget Appropriation:

1) None submitted

C. Request for funding contributions (Resolution HT 2013-06/10):

1) None submitted

5. Highway Commissioner Mike De Vivo Report:

A. Township Road District Transfer of Assets

1) Request from District Commissioner and Mayor of Homer Glen to discuss their proposed “transfer of Stewardship of the Homer Township Road District to the Village of Homer Glen”.

Commissioner De Vivo would like to open a dialogue to discuss the necessary steps required to proceed with the “transfer of Stewardship of the Homer Township Road District to the Village of Homer Glen”. Asking the Board, he would like to know the following;

- a. **Does the Township see this happening?**
- b. **Does the Township see an alternative legal path to accomplish this?**
- c. **Does the Township have some idea of a timeline to accomplish this?**

(Present in the audience is Home Glen Mayor George Yukich, Homer Glen Village Manager Karie Frieling, and the Homer Glen Village Attorney Eric Hansen.)

Supervisor Meyers answered that the Township has maintained its position and is seeking the legal advice of the courts before participating in any major undertaking. That seeking legal advice is being done in the interest of what is best, fair and lawful for all Homer Township residents and any stakeholders in the Road District. Given that there are several differing legal opinions, that this has never been done before, and the Township Boards views on the proposed actions by the Village/ Road District unlawful, the Township Board has concluded that the opinion of the Court is vital.

Commissioner De Vivo asked the Supervisor what legal paths are available if this Board does not condone the direction being presented by the Village/ Road District. Supervisor Meyers reminded the Commissioner that discussions have taken place in an effort to find a resolution however these discussions have proved futile. Furthermore it was the Township Boards hope that the Village and Road District would support the Township referendum to abolish the Road District as this is the legal mechanism set in place to dissolve a Road District which is precisely what the Commissioner desires to be done. Asking the Commissioner, the Supervisor pondered, what additional solutions has the Village/ Road District arrived at? Since no additional solutions have been proposed by the Village/ Road District the Township Supervisor and Board have concluded that seeking a legal opinion from the Courts is perhaps the wisest and best option on behalf of all parties. Trustee Kruczek added that given the potential for litigation this Board is limited to what it can discuss at this meeting. Kruczek noted that he hopes that the Village/ Road District can respect the Boards inability to speak regarding this matter while knowing that this Boards intent is that all actions taken by the Township are being done in an effort that this may proceed in a just and legal way taking into account the best interest of all residents and stakeholders alike. Homer Glen Village Attorney Eric Hansen (from the audience) voiced that he believed that the Supervisor had alternative plans available to proceed with the transfer however all he has heard from the Township is that this cannot be accomplished. Adding, that he was also of the understanding that all parties are in agreement that the transfer is a sound undertaking. Trustee Kruczek retorted, that this plan is a sound plan in

the eyes of the Village/ Road District but the Township is not in agreeance. Kruczek reminded Attorney Hansen that both parties' attorneys have conflicting views therefore a solution is difficult to ascertain. He advised the attorney to slow down and let the process take place and perhaps a solution may be more easily reached. Supervisor Meyers asked Attorney Hansen what he proposes as a solution while reminding him that meetings have taken place and no resolve has been reached as a result of these meetings. Further stating, the Supervisor noted, the Village/ Road District/ Township are at an impasse and the reality is we do not agree on the lawful mechanisms required to proceed. The Township's intent is to follow the law and the statutes set forth. Therefore, in the interest of all, before any actions take place, it would serve both parties best to seek the Courts opinion. Consideration must be given to all of Homer Township and is a priority the Supervisor noted. With issues like taxation, future taxation, accuracy, avoiding citizen tax appeals, correction according to past taxation, all these things must be taken into consideration Supervisor Meyers noted. That the intent of this Board is that this be completed correctly and fairly and unfortunately it's not as simple as just signing over a deed. All input must be considered from all stakeholders. Furthermore, there is another scheduled meeting tomorrow which includes officials from the City of Lockport where all parties involved can further discuss the issues at hand.

Homer Glen Mayor voiced his desire for the Village to meet with the Township Board hoping that a dialogue could begin. The Mayor indicated that he has attempted to schedule meetings to no avail. Supervisor Meyers reminded the Mayor that the meeting they were invited to at the Village Hall was a Question and answer session for Homer Glen residents put on by the Village regarding their plans to create their own Public Works Department. Furthermore, notice of this meeting from the Mayor was provided one day prior in which the Township would be incapable of following statutory laws that require they post an Agenda and provide 48 hours' notice should the Township Board be in attendance.

Trustee Kruczek reiterated to the audience that the referendum was the first step in accomplishing the Villages desires in a lawful manner and they failed to support it.

Mr. Adcock (from the audience) pondered if this has been investigated by the Road District/ Village for the past few years, why was it just presented to the Township such a short time ago.

B. 2020 Property Tax Levy collectible in 2021

- 1) Tax levy for the tax year 2020 collectible in 2021 for all road purposes for the Homer Township Road District, Will County, Illinois. **Commissioner De Vivo reported that he does not have his levy prepared for this meeting however he fully intends to levy the full amount that he would normally levy and capturing the CPI.**

6. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: No Report

7. Clerk Kathy Kruczek Report: No Report

A. FOIA Report:

- 1) FOIA tracker report: October 2020

B. Minutes: (Approved Township meeting minutes & audio recordings are available at www.homertownship.com)

- 1) Minutes presented for Board review and endorsement:

- a) Semi-annual review of closed (Executive) session minutes to consider public release consent as required by 5 ILCS 120/2.06:
 - 1. April 8, 2019 Call for Motion to restrict or release. **Motion to restrict the April 8, 2019 minutes by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Offord, No discussion, All yes- Motion carries.**
(Commissioner De Vivo excused himself from the meeting)
- b) Pending legal review-September 29, 2020 Special Meeting-Closed (Executive) Session
- c) October 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
 - 1. **Motion to approve the October 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minute by Trustee Kalas, second by Trustee Offord. No discussion, All yes-Motion carries.**

C. Public Notice all 2021 Township Meeting Dates:

- 1) Call for Motion to adopt proposed 2021 Township Board meeting scheduling dates.
 - a) Upon approval of 2021 meeting date schedule, Clerk will post public notice, as required by law.
- 2) A schedule of Township Committee meeting dates must be compiled and posted annually as required by law. **Motion to approve the proposed 2021 Township Board meeting scheduling dates by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Fijan, No discussion, All yes- Motion carries.**
 - a) Committee Chairs must submit their 2021 meeting schedules to the Clerk by December 14, 2020 enabling the list to be compiled and public notice posting as required by law.

D. Elections/Early Voting:

- 1) Throughout Illinois Early Voting produced record turnouts of registered voters, mail in votes and grace period registrations/voters. Lines of voters were not unusual across Will County. Nearly half of all registered voters cast their ballots before Election Day. The County Clerk's office reported 111,395 people participated in early in-person voting and 101,800 in mail-in voting, bringing the total to 213,195 ballots cast as of Monday night, which is 46% of the 463,465 residents registered to vote in Will County.

Since early voting at Homer Township welcomes ALL Will County residents voter services, a ballot must be printed individually for each voting member. This equipment utilized in Early Voting is provided by the Will County's Clerks office. This year in anticipation of increased voting Homer Township requested an additional computer/printer and the County obliged. With three computers/printers (the same amount utilized at Lockport Early Voting) we were able to process twice as many voters as was processed at the previous presidential election in 2016. The additional computer was a huge asset given the increased amount of grace period registration/voters which can at times be a lengthy process to register.

Homer Township Early voting proved to be an enlightening experience. Despite variable weather conditions and increased wait times voters remained determined and thankful for the opportunity to cast their vote prior to Election Day. It truly is an inspiration to have been given the opportunity to interact with so many amazing citizens, attentive staff and volunteers while taking part in such a significant election.

8. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:

A. Status Report Administration:

- 1) **Setting of Township Officials Salary for the 2021-2025 term of office (60ILCS 1/65-20):**
 - a) **Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-1109-RES1 by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Offord. Discussion: Trustee Fijan pondered if changing the value of salary for Highway Commissioner was a feasible option. Supervisor Meyers reminded Trustee Fijan that provisions were set in place regarding the salary for the position of Highway Commissioner and should the miles maintained by the Commissioner be reduced his salary would be adjusted as well. Furthermore given the current economic crisis all salaries have been froze. Supervisor Meyer- yes, Trustees Offord, Kalas and Kruczek- Yes. Trustee Fijan-No. Motion carries.**
- 2) **CDBG Program-Homer Township/Lockport Heights Sanitary District/ Will County**

- a) Proposed change order submitted by Conley Excavating & Construction and supported by Will County for work on the 2016-18 CDBG/Lockport Heights Sanitary District
 1. **Motion to approve Change Order Proposal by Trustee Kalas, second by Trustee Offord, No Discussion, All yes- Motion carries.**
- b) Homer Township's 2020 CDBG Public Facilities and Improvements Grant application has been contingently awarded. Invitations for bidding on the project will be published with the Bid opening scheduled for November 30, 2020.

3) ***PACE/Central Will Dial-A-Ride:***

- a) The collaborative group conducted a Zoom meeting to assess issues associated with the pandemic, PACE response to road closures/protests and to review any potential 2021 Service Agreement Changes. No Agreement changes were proposed.

4) ***PACE Locally based Service Vehicle Program:***

- a) The Township began this extensive application process in February. PACE has indicated that the normal lengthy application process was additionally deterred due to administrative working conditions impacted by the pandemic. However, the next step of the process requires the Township to pass a Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Program Agreement, adopt the PACE Drug and Alcohol Policy *and* its Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Plans (SSEPP) as they pertain to Program employees. The comprehensive Agreement has been reviewed by the Township insurer and legal counsel. Upon Board approval, PACE will process the request prior to moving on to the next steps.

1. **Motion approving Resolution HT2020-1109-RES2 authorizing the execution of the PACE locally based Service vehicle Program Agreement, adopting the required PACE Drug and Alcohol Policy and the SSEPP by Trustee Offord, second by Trustee Kalas, No discussion, All yes- Motion carries.**

B. Financial/Accounting:

1) ***Property tax abatement recommended:***

- a) Supervisor has reviewed the finances of its Founders Crossings Senior Housing facility determining that the Township has funds lawfully available to pay the principal of or interest on the Township's \$2,365,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A, dated June 14, 2012 in a sum equal to the annual levy of certain ad valorem property taxes pledged to the payment of the Bonds due in 2021. She is recommending the abatement of taxes for the bond and will present the abatement ordinance at the December Board meeting.

2) ***2020 Property Tax Levy collectible in 2021***

- a) Supervisor is proposing a 2020 levy request projected to decrease its property tax rate, thereby once again reducing the Homer Township portion of property tax rates payable in 2021 (Homer Township has steadily decreased its annual tax rate each year from .1779 in 2013 to .0923 in the 2019 Levy). The calculations are based upon the estimated Equalized Assessed Valuation of Township properties, the projected annual property tax exemptions, the expected new growth, compliance with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law Limiting Rate and the Max Cap Rates. Supervisor has calculated the Township tax rate for 2020 (collected in 2021) to be in the range of .0879 -.0892 based upon the early estimated EAV, exemptions and new growth figures provided by Will County.

1. **Motion to adopt Ordinance No. HT2020-1109-ORD1, an ordinance levying taxes for all Town purposes for Homer Township, Will County, Illinois for the tax year 2020 collectible in 2021 by Trustee Kalas, second by Trustee Kruczek, No discussion, All yes- Motion carries.**

C. Status Report Facilities/Property Management:

1) ***Morris Park:***

- a) Lockport Park District/Homer Township/City of Lockport/ MI Homes subdivision development property collaboration and potential parkland conveyance agreements.

1. On 10/5/2020 the Board approved Upland Design's proposal plans. Upland Design has submitted a formal Service Agreement which has been reviewed by legal counsel.
 - a. **Motion authorizing Township Supervisor to execute the Agreement by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Kalas, No discussion- All yes**
 - b) October 29, 2020 Township Board site recommendations prepared by Upland Design with input from Township Board and submitted to M/I Homes. **Supervisor Meyers has made a couple recommendations for minor changes to be presented to the developer with the Boards consensus and the Board was in agreement.**
 1. **Date of installation for new playground be changed from Sept 31, 2022 to Oct 31, 2023. (Board consensus is that this is acceptable.)**
 2. **Changes of payment dates (which allow ample time for grant funding). (Board consensus is that this is acceptable.)**
 3. **Regarding sewer connections/restrooms to be located near to the parking lot. (Board consensus is that this is acceptable.)**
 4. **Water easement be reduced from 30 to 20 feet. (Board consensus is that this is acceptable.)**
 - 2) **Senior Housing Facility:**
 - a) All rental payments are up-to-date all and lease agreements current. One tenant is not renewing their annual lease.
 - b) **Fire Inspections/Fall Maintenance:**
 5. Annual Fire Inspection and Fire extinguisher checks are complete.
 6. Staff near completion of fall maintenance and exterior weatherization of units.
 - c) **Budgeted capital improvement projects FY2020-21:**
 1. Installation is scheduled for the Board approved window replacements at the facility.
 - 3) **Administration Center Budgeted capital improvement projects FY2020-21:**
 - a) *Pending availability of materials on backlog due to Coronavirus:* Removal and replacement of two original (1991) commercial grade air conditioning units proposal as approved by the Board.
 - b) *Pending production delays due to pandemic, the vehicle is pending delivery:* Board approved purchase 2020 F-450 dump truck outfitted per specs for the trailering of equipment, snow removal, etc. **Additional update:** Ford discontinue production of the 2020 chassis, therefore, we will be receiving a 2021 chassis at no additional charge/cost.
 - c) *Pending availability of materials Job Order Contract Work Order # 084002.00, contractor Robe, Inc. Option 1/Administrative office materials and installation of security barriers on open counters. Additional update: We are applying for potential CARES Act grant funding for this.*
 - 4) **Town Center Park & Morris Park Sports Fields:**
 - a) **Winter Weatherization and Fire Inspections**
 7. Water/irrigation systems closed for winter
 8. Fire inspections complete and resolution of any issues in progress.
 - b) **Football Field Well/Mechanical Shed:**
 1. *In Progress:* Board approved repairs.
 - c) **Baseball Safety netting repairs:**
 1. *Pending availability of materials on backlog due to Coronavirus:* Additional repairs to the support posts are also required. The contractor has indicated continual delays in the delivery of materials and scheduling.
- 9. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS:**
- A. **Events, Chairman John Kruczek: No Report**
 - B. **Open Space Planning & Operations, Chairman Tom Fijan: Given the current approval of the Advisory referenda regarding a multi-functional Community Center, the Committee will now resume investing grant funding.**
 - C. **Parks & Recreation, Chairmen Ed Kalas: No Report**
 - D. **Senior Citizen & Special Needs Advocacy, Chairman George Offord: No Report**

E. **Military & Veteran Affairs Report, Liaison Karen Szynkowski: Thank your veterans on November 11th.**

10. New Business

- A. PACE services update, proposed Budget Hearings and service change announcement.
- B. Clarke mosquito abatement program, September 2020 status report

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

- A. **Covid 19 Pandemic updates:**
 - 1) Region 7 Restore Illinois Covid-19 Resurgence Mitigations requirements as of 10/4/2020.
- B. **Caton Farm-Bruce Road SRA Phase 1 Study**
 - 1) Transportation Corridor Committee meeting held on 10/8/2020.

12. Executive Session: A public body may hold closed meetings permissible by Open Meetings Act to discuss matters pertaining to permitted Exceptions*

*Common/potential Exceptions permitted under the Open Meetings Act (See 5 ILCS 120/2 for complete list):	
2C1	Appointment, employment compensation, performance of public body employees.
2C2	Employee collective negotiations or salary schedule deliberations
2C3	Filling a vacant public office
2C5	Purchase/lease of real property
2C6	Setting price for sale/lease of public body property
2C8	Security procedures
2C11	Probable or eminent litigation
2C21	Discussion of minutes of Executive/Closed Meetings

- A. **Motion to enter closed meeting for the discussion of probable or eminent litigation by Trustee Kalas, second by Supervisor Meyers, No Discussion, All yes- Motion carries at 8:21pm.**
Conceivable Exceptions with regard to Agenda items are for *security procedures and/or probable or eminent litigation.*
 - 1) Call Closed Session to Order
 - 2) Roll Call
 - 3) Discussion
 - 4) Motion to adjourn Closed Session
 - 5) Open Session Roll Call

13. Action/motion required outside of/as a result of Executive/Closed Session: No action taken in Executive Session.

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Kalas, second by Trustee Kruczek. No discussion, All Yes- Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 8:46 pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING*

***HOMER TOWN BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING**

***Date:** December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Township Hall, 16057 S. Cedar Rd, Lockport, IL 60491

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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.

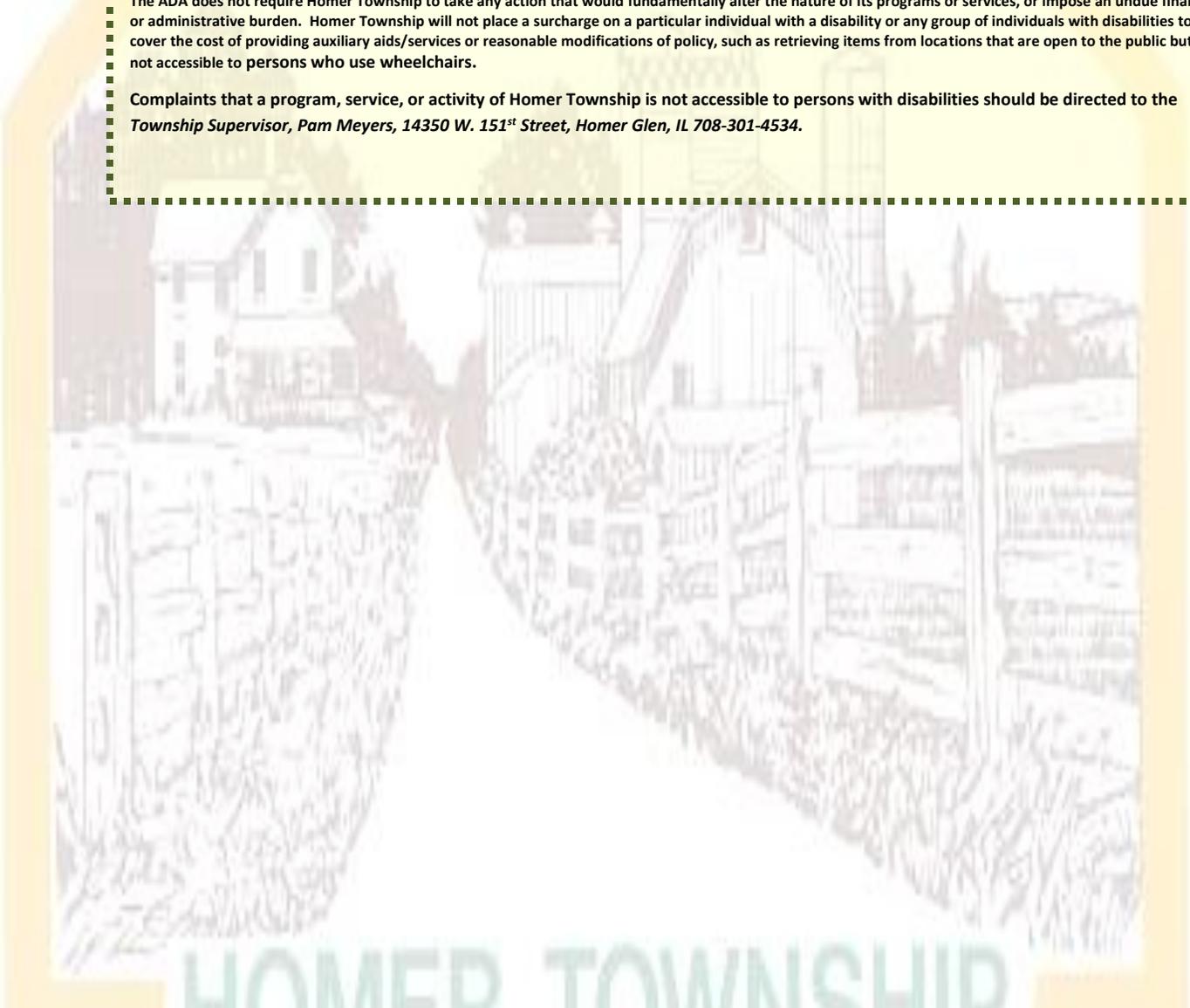
Effective Communication: The Township will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Homer Township programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language 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 Kathy Kruczek, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-7042* as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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. 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.

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, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-4534.*



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