



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

June 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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

The meeting will be conducted at the Homer Township Hall in accordance with Illinois Gubernatorial Executive Orders, Restore Illinois Phase 4 and CDC Guidelines. An audio recording of the meeting will be available on the website: <http://www.homertownship.com/>

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on June 14th, 2021, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:02 pm at the Homer Township Hall, 16057 S. Cedar Road, Lockport, Illinois 60491.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation¹

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rob Rivera did the Invocation.

3. Roll Call for Quorum

Present were Supervisor Balich, Trustees Matt Connelly, Angela Adolph, Rob Rivera, and Michael Bonomo, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, and Collector Mark Gawron. Assessor Karen Szykowski was absent. *A quorum was established.*

4. Public Comments (Limited to one 3-minute comment per person)

Ken Marcin commented on transparency, job opportunities and the hiring of our lawyer.

Roy Adcock commented on working together, the Lockport Heights Sanitary District and current IGA.

5. Clerk Vicki Bozen Report

a. Approval of Minutes

i. A motion for approval of May 20, 2021 Special Township Board Meeting

1st Connelly 2nd Bonomo

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

ii. A motion for approval of May 25, 2021 Special Township Board Meeting

1st Adolf 2nd Connelly

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

b. Review of Executive Session minutes and a motion for each to release or withhold

i. Executive session minutes of May 19, 2019

ii. Executive session minutes of September 29, 2020

iii. Executive session minutes of November 9, 2020

Motion to withhold

1st Adolf 2nd Bonomo

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

¹ Homer Township does not endorse religious faith. The prayer is intended to lend solemnity to the public meeting and invite an attitude of respect and consideration.

c. Parade

- i. The annual Parade this year will be on Saturday June 26th starting at 151st & Parker Road heading North. This parade is through a collaboration between Homer Township, the Village of Homer Glen and the Homer Township Chamber of Commerce. Applications are now being accepted for groups or clubs that would like to participate. Please check our website for additional details.

6. Supervisor Steve Balich Report

a. CDBG

- i. The CDBG grant for the Homer Township and Lockport Heights Sanitary District has been approved and work will be underway shortly.

b. Pathway

- i. The IGA for the creation the Pedestrian Pathway has begun with hopes that the pathway will be completed by the start of the Homer Fest. All work is being paid for and completed by the Village of Homer Glen.

c. Appointment of IMRF Agent

- i. A motion to approve Supervisor Stephen Balich as Authorized Agent as presented of IMRF form 2.20

1st Adolf 2nd Connelly

Roll Call

Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Adolf, Connelly, Balich

Nay (0)

d. Litigation with Village of Homer Glen

- i. A motion to drop the lawsuit case no. 2020-CH-808 Homer Township, et al. v. Village of Homer Glen, Homer Township Road District, Mike Devivo. (This litigation was regarding the Homer Township Road District transfer of property to the Village of Homer Glen)

1st Connelly 2nd Bonomo

Roll Call

Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich, Adolf, Connelly

Nay (0)

e. Retirement Funds

- i. A motion to approve the creation of a 401K or similar retirement fund without a Township match.

1st Rivera 2nd Adolf

Roll Call

Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich, Adolf, Connelly

Nay (0)

f. Employment

- i. Currently seeking applications for part-time summer maintenance workers not to exceed 1,000 hours and to be paid minimum wage. A motion to approve the salary of the hiring of 2 to 4 parttime maintenance workers at \$11.00/hour.

1st Adolf 2nd Connelly

Roll Call

Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich, Adolf, Connelly

Nay (0)

7. Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio Report

Old accounts and invoiced mostly closed out or paid off

On going coordination with the Village

Meeting with Tamling Drive due to people using street for short cut

Pedestrian Pathway and landscape to be completed

8. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report

9. Trustee Reports

- a. Trustees Adolf
 - i. School Donation
Working with Carmen Maurella and Mark Gawron to isolate properties and boundaries.
- b. Trustee Bonomo
 - i. Follow up with regards to truck traffic
Residents say truck traffic is still a problem. Looking at putting in cameras and working with Senator Durkin and assistant regarding costs and possible grant. Talking with state as it is their responsibility to keep people safe.
- c. Trustee Connelly
- d. Trustee Rivera

10. Accounting

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for this period ending June 14, 2021: Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building.
1st Connelly 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich, Adolf, Connelly
Nay (0)

11. New Business

- a. Adoption of ordinance **HT2021-0614-ORD1** being the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the following: Founders Crossing Bond Fund, Founders Crossing General Fund, General Assistance Fund, Open Space Fund, Park Developer Contribution Fund, Park Fund, and Town Fund.
Motion to enter into Public Hearing
1st Adolf 2nd Rivera
Ayes (5)
Nay (0)
Public Comment: None
Motion to close Public Hearing
1st Connelly 2nd Adolf
Ayes (5)
Nay (0)
Motion to adopt Ordinance HT2021-0614-ORD1
1st Adolf 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich, Adolf, Connelly
Nay (0)

12. Old Business

- a. Presentation of Public Hearing scheduled for June 21, 2021 for the Homer Township Road District Tentative Budgets: Equipment & Building and Road & Bridge Funds for Fiscal year April 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2022.
- b. Re-organizing of Township Committees within 90 days.
- c. Township Organization Chart
- d. Long-term lease to Stallions & HAC for the Complex
- e. A long-term lease for Lockport Jr. Porters for a portion of Morris Park.
- f. Potential IGA giving the park portion of Morris Park to Lockport Township Park District.
- g. Potential IGA giving all Homer Township Parks to Homer Glen except the Sports Complex
- h. Potential IGA with School District 33c to give them property donated by the Welter Family to be used for Children.

- i. Assignment of Trustee Bonomo to lead initiative and plan to stop trucks from going in subdivisions.
- j. Discussion and possible Action regarding Highway Commissioner and the Township Road District Building with direction to Supervisor and assigned Trustee(s) to proceed with strategy.
- k. Discussion and possible Action regarding pending Road District litigation (executive session, if necessary).

13. Roll Call Vote to Enter Closed Session (If Necessary)

- a. Approval to convene into Closed Session of the Homer Township Board to consider one or more of the following subjects under the Open Meetings Act: Section 2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the Township or legal counsel for the Township, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the Township or against legal counsel for the Township to determine its validity; Section 2(c)(11) pending, or probable or imminent litigation against, affecting or on the behalf of the Township; Section 2(c)(21) minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes

14. Return to Open Session

Not necessary

15. Action Following Closed Session (If Any)

Not necessary

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

1st Adolf 2nd Connelly

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

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