



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
September 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

The meeting will be conducted at the Homer Township Office located at 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois, 60491 in accordance with Illinois Gubernatorial Executive Orders, Restore Illinois Phase 5 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 September 13, 2021, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:00 pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, 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 Steve Balich, Trustees Matt Connelly, Angela Adolf, Rob Rivera, and Michael Bonomo, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Collector Mark Gawron and Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio. Absent was Assessor Karen Szykowski. *A quorum was established*

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

a. Individuals who signed up are allowed to talk for 3 minutes during public comment

b. Please no interruptions or talking out of turn

Sarah Haney commented on recording the meeting by individuals and the Sanctuary Township for Life

Kari Worker commented on the Sanctuary Township for Life

Missy Chandarana commented on the Sanctuary Township for Life

Ken Marcin commented on Covid shot and transparency

Sheri Boniecki commented on the Sanctuary Township for Life

Roy Adcock commented on CDBG, dissolving of Township, and the Sanctuary Township of Life

Veronica Staudt commented on township business and the Sanctuary Township of Life

Ellen Moriarty commented on pursuing the referendum on pole barn, the Sanctuary Township of Life, and the mandate and face covering

Regina Robinson commented on using tax dollars for abortion and saying that Sanctuary Township of life is from conception to natural death

5. **Clerk Vicki Bozen Report**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

i. Motion to approve the August 9, 2021 Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes.

1st Connelly 2nd Bonomo

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

b. **Annual Financial Report 2020-2021 is complete and the Illinois Comptrollers Report was filed September 1, 2021.**

6. **Supervisor Steve Balich Report**

a. **Thank you to all who attended our 9/11 Ceremony it was nice to see all the support for our**

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.

great nation

- b. **According to Phase 5 and copied directly from the IDPH website...Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.**
- c. **The 2021 CDBG Public Facilities and Improvement Grant has been contingently awarded and reserved for Homer Township in the amount of \$520,000.**
- d. **Motion to approve Resolution No. HT2021-0913-RES1 a resolution approving a whistleblower protection & prevention of improper governmental action policy in the Township of Homer, Illinois.**

1st Rivera 2nd Connelly

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- e. **Motion to approve Homer Township as A Sanctuary Township for Life**

1st Rivera 2nd Connelly

Roll Call

Ayes (4) Rivera, Connelly, Bonomo, Balich

Nay (1) Adolf

- f. **Motion to draft and send a letter from Homer Township to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly that encourages them to convene to address COVID-19 and oppose the governor's mandates. Specifically, the Homer Township board of trustees called for the Illinois General Assembly to:**

1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo

Roll Call

Ayes (4) Bonomo, Rivera, Connelly, Balich

Nay (1) Adolf

- i. reexamine the governor's mandate to require universal masking in schools and allow parents with advice from their pediatricians to make masking and vaccination choices for their children
- ii. reexamine the governor's executive orders and provide for fact-based mitigation measures and proceed only with votes passed by the legislative body
- iii. afford adequate due process for any municipal corporation, any individual or any business in the State of Illinois to appeal restrictions or orders based on their individual circumstances
- iv. require the governor and executive branch to increase transparency by providing to the general public the data, models and assumptions used as a part of its pandemic response decision making

- g. **Motion to approve Township Administrator Patti Komar as Deputy Clerk (Pro Tem) in the event of absence or vacancy in the Office of Township Clerk.**

1st Connelly 2nd Adolf

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- h. **Motion to approve a Homer Township Special Town Meeting for the following**

1st Bonomo 2nd Adolf

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- i. To transfer the deed to Homer Township Parks to the Village of Homer Glen
 - ii. To give the Homer Township Board authority to sell unused township land
- i. **Motion to pass and approve Ordinance HT2021-0913-ORD1 an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,250,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021 Of Homer township, Will County, Illinois**

1st Connelly 2nd Rivera

Roll Call

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

Nays (0)

7. Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio Report

- a. Update of the IGA between the Village of Homer Glen and The Homer Township Road District referred to as Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Village Of Homer Glen and The Homer Township Road District.
- b. Highway Commissioner to obtain bids for concrete and asphalt repair at Founders Crossing, bid opening on September 20, 2021.

8. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report Absent

9. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports

- a. Senior Committee: Trustee Bonomo, Trustee Rivera, and Trustee Connelly: Trying to create activities for the seniors and Oct 12th is first senior meeting at Cross of Glory
- b. Truck Enforcement Committee: Trustee Bonomo and Road Commissioner Porfilio
- c. Land Identification Committee: Trustee Adolf, Carmen Maurella and Mark Gawron

10. Accounting

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for August 2021: Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building.

1st Adolf 2nd Bonomo

Roll Call

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

Nays (0)

11. New Business

12. Old Business

- a. Township Organization Chart
- b. A long-term license agreement for Lockport Jr. Porters for a portion of Morris Park.
- c. Check out "What's Happening" which is a blog for the Township elected officials to post additional information regarding current events
- d. Supervisor working with Bernardi Securities to the refinance the Founders Crossing Bonds.

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

15. Action Following Closed Session (If Any)

- a.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

1st Adolf 2nd Connelly

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

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