

October 2021

September was a month that saw much positive progress for the Township.

But the September meeting will forever be remembered for the introduction of a simple proclamation that the administration believed was completely in alignment with the spirit, character, and souls of the residents of Homer Township. It was a non-binding proclamation recognizing the Township as a sanctuary for life. The voters of this Township knew the beliefs and ideology of the Homer Township Republican Slate, and they elected us by a significant margin. The voters spoke. This proclamation was met with behaviors from a few certain public attendees that are not consistent with acceptable discourse becoming of a municipal government meeting. A guest speaker was rudely interrupted multiple times and harassed to the point where her valuable life lessons were essentially silenced. For all of our residents that respect rules and civility, we promise to enforce Roberts Rules going forward.

The soul, spirit, and character of a Township must be promoted and supported, and our supervisor believes that he was elected by a mandate and stands ready to show the residents that he stands for them and their beliefs.

Moving on... there were many good news stories in September:

- The Township is working with Apple Tv to film a segment for a series on Township Property.
- We are still waiting on our insurer to let us know what will be covered in repairing the damaged floor at the Old Town Hall.
- The Village of Homer Glen has signed the agreement with the Township Road District which is essentially what the lawsuit from the past Administration wanted. The difference is, thanks to the new Village Trustees, we worked out an agreement that works for everyone. Commissioner Porfilio has announced that the Township will be looking at a 75% tax decrease for the Township tax levies relating to the Highway Department. Also, Commissioner Porfilio uncovers significant tax levy increases (tax levies that doubled over the past 3 years) under the previous administration... more to come on this.
- The Parks being offered to Homer Glen are "Park Donations" for various subdivisions that were put in prior to the existence of Homer Glen. If there was a Homer Glen, they would have been given to Homer Glen. Therefore, it is only right to give the parks to Homer Glen. Morris Park is divided into a Lockport section and an unincorporated section. The unincorporated section is in discussion with the Lockport Jr. Porters as giving them a permanent license, an ownership for the right to use the property in exchange for maintaining it. This was the same deal offered to the Homer Stallions and Homer Athletic Club that both organizations turned down. The Lockport part is in discussion with Lockport Township Park District. The bottom line to our taxpayers is the elimination or substantial lowering of the Township Park Levy depending on how these negotiations end up.
- We are currently getting prices on putting a well at the Dog Park and by the firepit at the Trantina Farm.

- Our 3 committees are up and running with a positive forward momentum:
 - Our Road Commissioner Brent Porfilio and Trustee Mike Bonomo are looking at innovative ways to stop the semi-trucks from going into the subdivisions.
 - Trustees Matt Connelly, Mike Bonomo, and Rob Rivera had a successful first bingo teaming up with St. Bernards. They will be having the monthly bingo start up again at Cross of Glory the second Tuesday of the month.
 - The Land Identification Committee is hard at work. Chairperson Mark Gawron, Trustee Angela Adolf, and Assessor-elect Carmen Maurella have identified our properties, and are working with the County to assess the allowable use of each of these parcels.

We continue to work hard to represent you, the residents, and continue to deliver on our promises as candidates. There is much more to achieve, and we are ready to keep the pedal to the metal.