



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

February 14, 2022, 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/>

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order on February 14, 2022, 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. John Walters did the Invocation.
3. **Roll Call for Quorum**
Present were Supervisor Steve Balich, Trustees Angela Adolf, Michael Bonomo, Rob Rivera, and Matt Connelly, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, and Assessor Carmen Maurella. *A quorum was established.*
4. **Presentation of *Award for Bravery and Courage* to 8yr old Gigi Glynn of School District 92 for entering Reed Elementary School without a mask after Sangamon County Circuit Judge Raylenc Grischow issued a temporary restraining order that prevents schools to require students to wear masks in school.**
5. **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
Sheri Boniecki-Cooling commented on Attorney General Letter and unneeded vehicles
Judy Van Lonkhuizen commented on supervisor and ongoing problems
Angie Dryer commented on senior housing
Karen Wirth commented on the roads, love your neighbor and community over politics
Roy Adcock commented on grants and truck traffic
Ellen Moriarty commented on Special Recreation
Giada Roti congratulated GIGI
Missy Chandarana commented on general assistant and the road district.
6. **Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Motion to approve January 10, 2021, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes
1st Connelly 2nd Rivera
All in Favor
Ayes (5)
Nay (0)
 - b. **Letter from Attorney General**
Clerk Bozen read the letter from the Attorney General saying that the Public Access Bureau has found that the Homer Township Board was not in violation of any Open Meetings Act requirements.
7. **Supervisor Report: Steve Balich**
 - a. Motion to approve hiring Jennifer Consolino to write grants for Homer Township. Her compensation would be by stipend not to exceed 1% of the total grant funds that get approved.
1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call

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.

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

Nay (0)

- b. Motion to write a letter to State House and State Senate against proposed legislation for Illinois State Statutes regarding any forced detainment, vaccinations, quarantine, testing, examinations, counseling, and treatment.

1st Connelly 2nd Bonomo

Roll Call

Ayes (4) Connelly, Rivera, Bonomo, Balich

Nay (1) Adolf

- c. Motion to send a letter to Lockport District 205 concerning the Superintendent's stance on mandates.

Motion was to remove letter

1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- d. Motion to approve appointment of Attorney Mary Dickson of Bond, Dickson, and Conway to serve as Special Counsel to the Township at a rate not to exceed that of the Township Attorney, to work on matters at the direction of the Supervisor and Township Attorney, including representing the Township in current pending tax rate objection cases.

1st Adolf 2nd Connelly

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- e. Motion to increase rent for the horse farm located at the Purdy Farm on 6.2 acres, The owners currently pay only \$800.00/year for the property while the property taxes are \$1,900.00 per year. Motion to increase rent to \$2,500.00 year.

1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- f. Motion to approve a change in rent at the rental house on Trantina Farm from \$1200.00 to \$1300.00 with up to a 5% yearly increase. Current tenant has been there since 2015 with no rent increase.

1st Adolf 2nd Connelly

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- g. Homer Township wrote a check for \$1,167.00 in support of the Northern Will County SRA for 12 Special Needs Individuals.

- h. Motion to approve Supervisor to purchase Ford F250 for approximately \$25,000.00 through the Road District state bid for the Park Department and old truck to be given to Assessor.

1st Adolf 2nd Rivera

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

8. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. Snow Plowing and Salting

- Performance evaluation of last major snowstorm
- Future adjustments
- Truck issues/mitigation
- Plowing maps

- b. HTRD Build out

- Permit Status (HG, IEPA)
- Fencing (PZC, VB)
- Bidding

- c. 2022 HTRD Roadway Program

- \$350k budget
- Bidding in April/May '22

- Smith Road bridge deck replacement (2,500 SF x \$187/SF = \$450k); inv. cost sharing with LTHD & Lockport
 - 1 mile of roadway improvements (1 mile @ \$25/SY = \$100k); (Streets rated 2 or less - 140th St, McDonald Dr, McKenzie Ave, Muir Dr, Scott Ct, Scott Dr, Shetland Ct.)
- d. HTHC Special Needs Grant
- Applications/Deadline
 - Evaluations (AA Committee)
 - Award Dinner
9. **Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella**
- a. Valuation of Homer Township
\$1.8 Billion evaluation
10. **Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports**
- a. Senior Committee: Trustee Bonomo, Trustee Rivera, and Trustee Connelly
Zingo and Valentine's Luncheon was a success
- b. Truck Enforcement Committee: Trustee Bonomo and Road Commissioner Porfilio
Tamling Drive
- c. Land Identification Committee: Trustee Adolf, Assessor Maurella and Mark Gawron
Putting together property that Homer Township owns
11. **Accounting**
- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for January 2022: Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building including a bill for \$16,293.85 from Ancel Glink Law Firm for services provided from past administration
1st Connelly 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (5) Adolf, Bonomo, Connelly, Rivera, Balich
Nay (0)
12. **New Business**
- a. Landworks Limited upscale landscaping and environmentally friendly business on a 7 acre parcel coming to Homer Township. The Township Supervisor and Trustees have no objections with the plans
Landworks submitted.
13. **Old Business**
- a. A long-term license agreement for Lockport Jr. Porters for a portion of Morris Park, still in progress.
- b. Check out "What's Happening" which is a blog for the Township elected officials to post additional information regarding current events
14. **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
15. **Return to Open Session**
16. **Action Following Closed Session (If Any)**
- a.
17. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 8:0pm
1st Adolf 2nd Bonomo
All in Favor
Ayes (5)
Nay (0)

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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