



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

March 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/>

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on March 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 Rob Rivera and Michael Bonomo, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, Assessor Carmen Maurella and Collector Mark Gawron. Absent were Trustees Angela Adolf and Matt Connelly. *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

Jay Roti commented that members of the board should abstain from voting when money is involved and is in direct conflict of your job and your opinion could show bias.

5. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

a. Approval of Minutes

i. Motion to approve February 14, 2022 Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes

1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera

All in Favor

Ayes (3)

Nay (0)

ii. Motion to approve September 23, 2021 Special Township Board Meeting Minutes

1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo

All in Favor

Ayes (3)

Nay (0)

b. April 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting of the electors

i. Motion to approve April 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera

All in Favor

Ayes (3)

Nay (0)

c. Motion to approve hiring new IT specialist to replace AJTC.

1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera

Roll Call

Ayes (3) Rivera, Bonomo, Balich

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.

Nay (0)

- d. Planning is underway for the Homer Township Annual Parade which will be held on June 25, 2022 along the Parker Road route. If you or your organization are interested in attending, please email me at vbozen@homertownship.com. We will be accepting applications until June 17, 2022.

6. Supervisor Report: Steve Balich

- a. Motion to approve RFQ from Wight Engineering for Senior Housing and Town Hall.
1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich
Nay (0)
- b. Update on property development
 - i. Trantina Farm
- c. Motion to approve a long-term license agreement for Lockport Jr. Porters to use a portion of Morris Park
1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Rivera, Bonomo, Balich
Nay (0)
- d. Motion to adopt Task Force and Advisory/Ad-Hoc Committee Ordinance that terminates all existing committees and establishes new committees (Land Use Committee, Senior Committee, and Task Force for Truck Enforcement Committee)
- e. Motion to appoint the following members to the Land Use Committee:
 - i. Carmen Maurella-Chair, Brent Porfilio-Vice Chair, Steve Balich-Secretary, Matt Connelly, Mike Bonomo
- f. Motion to appoint the following members to the Homer Township Senior Committee:
 - i. Mike Bonomo-Chair, Cindy La Ha-Vice Chair, Vicki Bozen, Angela Adolf, Rob Rivera

Motion for d, e, and f were grouped together

- 1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera
All in Favor
Ayes (3)
Nay (0)
- g. Motion to appoint the following member to the Task Force for Truck Enforcement Committee:
 - i. Brent Porfilio-Chair ~ there was discussion about Mike Bonomo helping
1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera
All in Favor
Ayes (3)
Nay (0)
- h. Motion to approve Spring/Summer Newsletter
1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Rivera, Bonomo, Balich
Nay (0)
- i. Motion to approve 2022 Homer Township Comprehensive Plan subject to modifications or correcting scrivener's errors.
1st 2nd
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Rivera, Bonomo, Balich
Nay (0)
- j. Status Report Financial/Accounting
 - i. Required annual audit/professional services
 - 1. Engagement letter agreement submitted by Herne & Associates, P.C., CPA
 - 2. Motion authorizing Supervisor Balich to execute agreement ending March 31, 2023.
1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich

Nay (0)

7. **Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio**
 - a. Snow plowing and paving
 - b. HTRD Build Out
 - i. IEPA and IL American Permits (pending)
 - ii. HG Permit (secured)
 - iii. Contracts (Paving, Underground, Facility)
 - c. 2022 HTRD Roadway Program
 - i. 350k budget
 - ii. Bidding in May '22
 - iii. Smith Road bridge deck replacement (2,500 SF x \$187/SF = \$450k); inv. Cost sharing with LTHD & Lockport
 - iv. 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
 - i. Application Deadline has passed
 - ii. Evaluating Applications
 - iii. March Grant Award
 - e. IGA's
 - i. HG/Homer Fest
 - ii. HG/Asset Transfer Revisions (Section 8)
 - f. Annual Report
 - i. Fiscal year ends on 3/31
 - ii. AR will be available on 3/11 (Receipts, expenditures, inventory, tax income, etc)
 - iii. Q&A at Annual Town Meeting (4/12)
8. **Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella**
9. **Accounting**
 - a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for February 2022: Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building.
1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Bonomo, Rivera, Balich
Nay (0)
10. **New Business**
 - a.
11. **Old Business**
 - a. Check out "What's Happening" which is a blog for the Township elected officials to post additional information regarding current events
12. **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
13. **Return to Open Session**
14. **Action Following Closed Session (If Any)**
 - a.
15. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm
1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera
All in Favor
Ayes (3)
Nay (0)

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