



# HOMER TOWNSHIP

## Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street,  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

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 May 9, 2022, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:00 pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation<sup>1</sup>

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. John Walters did the Invocation

#### 3. Roll Call for Quorum

Present were Supervisor Steve Balich, Trustees Rob Rivera, Matt Connelly, Michael Bonomo and Mark Gawron, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, and Collector Angel Shake. Assessor Carmen Maurella was absent. *A quorum was established.*

#### 4. Public Hearing

- a. Call for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the **Homer Township FY2022-23 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.**

1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Connelly

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- i. Public Comments

Ellen Moriarty commented on the budget.

- b. **Homer Township FY2022/23** Tentative Budgets as presented and published: Founders Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park, Park Developer Contribution and Town Fund for fiscal year April 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2023.

- c. Call for Motion to adopt Homer Township FY2022/23 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Number HT2022-0509-ORD1.

1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Rivera

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- d. Motion to end Public Hearing

1<sup>st</sup> Connelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonomo

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

Nay (0)

#### 5. Public Hearing

- a. Call for a motion to open the Public Hearing for **Homer Township/Founders Crossing Senior Living** 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application.

1<sup>st</sup> Connelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonomo

All in Favor

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<sup>1</sup> 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)

Nay (0)

i. Public Comments

Ellen Moriarty commented on the grant

- b. Proposed **2022 Community Development Block Grant** project application on behalf of the residents of Founders Crossing Senior Living in the amount of \$2,085,000.00 to update the interior and exterior including repairs to the buildings structure, façade, roof, garage, skylights, windows, heating/ac, and bathrooms.
- c. Call for a Motion for the Board to approve Homer Township Resolution HT2021-0509-RES1 sanctioning the application and authorizing its Chief Executive Officer and Clerk to execute all required documents for the application submittal.  
1<sup>st</sup> Rivera      2<sup>nd</sup> Gawron  
Ayes (5) Bonomo, Gawron, Rivera, Connelly, Balich  
Nay (0)
- d. Motion to end Public Hearing and return to regular meeting agenda.  
1<sup>st</sup> Connelly      2<sup>nd</sup> Gawron  
All in Favor  
Ayes (5)  
Nay (0)

**6. 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  
Christina Neitzke-Troiike commented on the Pop Tab Challenge at the Village of Homer Glen  
Jim Shake comments on the misinformation regarding the zoning of Welter Property and that it is currently zone E-1 not Open Space as some have described  
Theresa Kocanda commented that there is a need for senior housing but also wants open space  
Debbie Laskowski commented on open space and urban development  
Patricia Shilney commented about the senior housing and traffic  
David Shilney commented increasing density and open space  
Allen Nenoff commented on the project and traffic issues  
Eric Crane commented on senior housing and open space  
Gail Livigne decided not to comment  
Joe Tomasek commented he is not opposed to senior housing but wants to preserve open space  
Ron Savara signed up to speak but left the meeting  
Nicolette Campabello commented on community and nature in harmony and no playground in her subdivision  
Mike Campabello commented on open space and that he is an outdoor person  
Ellen Moriarty commented on opening the Town Hall  
John Walters commented on slowing down Lockport expansion and that Welter Farm is less that 50 acres which is the requirements of Open Space.

**7. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen**

- a. Approval of Minutes
- i. Motion to approve April 12, 2022, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> Connelly      2<sup>nd</sup> Bonomo  
All in Favor  
Ayes (5)  
Nay (0)
- b. Update on the Homer Township Annual Parade which will be held on June 25, 2022 (with a rain date of June 26, 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.

**8. Supervisor Report: Steve Balich**

- a. Request for Quote for Professional Services for the best use for the property adjacent to Senior Housing.  
This was skipped
- b. Meeting on May 25, 2022 at Village of Homer Glen regarding the development of a 55+ housing community. Time TBD.

- c. Cease and Desist letter sent to all residents bordering Township property to stop encroachment on Township property.

Attorney mentioned the encroachment is a liability for the Township and must be addressed

## **9. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio**

### **1. Public Hearing**

- a. Call for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the **Homer Township Road District FY2022/23 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Gawron      2<sup>nd</sup> Rivera  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Connelly, Gawron, Bonomo, Rivera, Balich  
Nay (0)
  - i. Public Comments  
Ellen Moriarty commented on the review of the budget and how the Township will maintain the roads with such little money
- b. **Homer Township Road District FY2022/23** Tentative Budgets as presented and published: Equipment & Building and Road & Bridge Funds for fiscal year April 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2023
- c. Call for Motion to adopt Homer Township Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Number HTRD-2022-0509.  
1<sup>st</sup> Gawron      2<sup>nd</sup> Bonomo  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Rivera, Bonomo, Connelly, Gawron, Balich  
Nay (0)
- d. Motion to end Public Hearing and return to regular meeting agenda.  
1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo      2<sup>nd</sup> Connelly  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Connelly, Bonomo, Rivera, Gawron, Balich  
Nay (0)

## **10. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio continued**

- a. HTRD Build Out
- b. 2022 HTRD Roadway Program
- c. HTHC Special Needs Grant
- d. IGA's

## **11. Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella**

### **12. Accounting**

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for April 2022: Founders Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building.  
1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo      2<sup>nd</sup> Gawron  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Connelly, Rivera, Bonomo, Gawron, Balich  
Nay (0)

### **13. New Business**

- a.

### **14. Old Business**

- a. Check out "What's Happening" which is a blog for the Township Elected Officials to post additional information regarding current events.0.

### **15. 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.

**16. Return to Open Session**

**17. Action Following Closed Session (If Any)**

a.

**18. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

1<sup>st</sup> Connelly    2<sup>nd</sup> Gawron

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

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