



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Local Government
Consolidation and Efficiency Act Meeting

January 9, 2023, 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. **Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act:** Clerk Vicki Bozen Chairman, Angel Shake Vice-Chair, Supervisor Steve Balich Trustees: Mike Bonomo, Matt Connelly, Mark Gawron, and Rob Rivera, Carmen Maurella, Brent Porfilio, Jim Shake, and Karen Roti
 - a. Motion to exit Homer Township Regular Board Meeting TIME 7:27pm
1st Gawron 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (5) Bonomo, Gawron, Rivera, Connelly, Balich
Nay (0)
 - b. Motion to enter Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. TIME 7:28pm
1st Rivera 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Connelly, Gawron, Balich
Nay (0)
Also present were Clerk Vicki Bozen Chairman, Collector Angel Shake Vice-chair, Assessor Carmen Maurella, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, Resident Jim Shake, and Resident Karen Roti. *A quorum was established.*
 - c. Public Comments: (Must sign in and are limited to one 3-minute comment per person)
 - i. Individuals who signed up are allowed to talk for 3 minutes during public comment
 - ii. Please no interruptions or talking out of turn
Rose Reynders commented on the confusion that she has received regarding the Ability Awareness Committee and other committee people feel that they feel like they are not a part of the Committees with the village they are asking if these services are supposed to be provided for the township why are they not allowed to participate in the meetings from the Village. Anyone is allowed to come to the meetings. In May they will review the committees people that want to join in the Village who live in the township they cannot be a chair or a co-chair, but they can participate in but not be a chair but can volunteer to be a member.
Supervisor Balich commented on coming up with money to pay for programs. Only way to do this with out raising taxes is through grants and funding for other sources.
 - d. Discussion on Township efficiency and possible improvement.
 - i. Local efficiencies: Chairman Vicki Bozen commented on the following:
 1. Seniors
 - a. Township has always taken care of seniors, including hosting monthly meetings as well as events geared toward seniors. On occasion we partner with or collaborate with the Village of Homer Glen to improve services such as the Senior Expo. At this point there is no duplication of services with the seniors in Homer Township. Additionally leaving the seniors in the hands of the Township will allow to service a wider area of residents.
 2. IGA
 - a. Utilize other government bodies or municipalities for services which allow for cost effective services to be performed and is a cost savings for taxpayers.
 3. Community Outreach/Events:

- a. Collaborating with the Village of Homer Glen on numerous events including Senior Expo, PETFEST, Parade, and volunteering for HOMERFEST.
 - 4. Township offers services in a much more cost effective: smaller staff:
 - a. There are many services the Township offers including: Handicap Placard, Lending Closet for medical equipment, Senior Housing, Notary, General Assistance, and a voting location including registering residents to vote.
 - ii. An analysis of whether consolidation should be an option with another unit of government
 - 1. The following has been consolidated with the Village: Chairman Vicki Bozen commented that we have already done this through the following:
 - a. Ability awareness
 - i. merged with the special needs
 - b. Highway Department
 - i. The Village of Homer Glen creating a Highway Department as other cities located within Homer Township take care of other roads and now so does the Village.
 - c. Parks
 - i. The Village of Homer Glen has a parks department and since all parks besides Morris Park is located in the Village there is no overlapping of services once again a savings to taxpayers.
Trustee Bonomo commented on how well we work together
Porfilio commented if the Homer Glen in it's entirety is in Homer Township if there is any way that the committees is Homer Glen can cover the Township because they have more resources.
Chairman Vicki Bozen also commented on the paper surveys.
 - iii. Create a report with recommendations covering efficiencies, accountability, and consolidation explanations.
- e. Motion to exit Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. TIME 7:43pm
 - i. Paper surveys will be passed out to Homer Township residents who attended for input on matters discussed and handed in to Clerk Bozen before leaving or end of the meeting. No respondents
1st Rivera 2nd Gawron
Roll Call (10) Michael Bonomo, Mark Gawron, Matt Connelly, Robert Rivera, Jim Shake, Karen Roti, Brent Porfilio, Carmen Maurella, Angel Shake, Steve Balich
Nay (0)
- f. Motion to enter Homer Township Regular Board Meeting TIME 7:44pm
1st Connelly 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (5) Gawron, Rivera, Connelly, Bonomo, Balich
Nay (0)