



# HOMER TOWNSHIP

## Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

April 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

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

The meeting will be conducted at the Homer Township Office located at 14350 W. 151<sup>st</sup> 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 April 11, 2023, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:05 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. Rob Rivera did the Invocation.

#### 3. Roll Call for Quorum

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

#### 4. Public Comments (Must sign in and are 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

Mike Carlson is personally purchasing seed for the Trantina Dog Park and will donate his time to aerate and seed each side separately rendering each side closed for a month one side at a time for the seed to take. Also willing to help out seniors at no charge for smaller jobs. Per Supervisor Balich this was not on the agenda, but the board is in favor of Mr. Carlson doing this.

#### 5. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

##### a. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve March 13, 2023, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Connelly  
All in Favor  
Ayes (4)  
Nay (0)

##### b. Parade

- i. Parade will be held Saturday June 24, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Homerfest

##### c. Pet Expo

- i. Update on the PETFEST on Saturday June 17, 2023, at Town Center Park in Homer Glen.

#### 6. Supervisor Report: Steve Balich

- a. Motion to accept the resignation of Angel Shake as Homer Township Tax Collector  
1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Connelly

All in Favor  
Ayes (4)  
Nay (0)

- b. Motion to accept the resignation of Mark Gawron as Homer Township Trustee

- i. Trustee Gawron has resigned due to new employment but will remain on Committees and will

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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.

volunteer as his time permits.

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

All in Favor

Ayes (4)

Nay (0)

- c. Motion to approve Angel Shake as Homer Township Trustee: Trustee Angel Shake recited the Oath of Office administered by Clerk Vicki Bozen.

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

All in Favor

Ayes (4)

Nay (0)

- d. Motion to approve Michael Clausen as Homer Township Tax Collector: Collector Michael Clausen recited the Oath of Office administered by Clerk Vicki Bozen.

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

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- e. Motion to approve a Special Needs Committee

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

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- f. Motion to approve Angel Shake as Chair of the Special Needs Committee

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

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- g. Motion to approve Brent Porfilio as Co-Chair of the Special Needs Committee

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

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- h. Information: Homer Township is abating \$3,613.58

- i. Information: Homer Highway is abating \$7,227.16

- j. Motion to approve zoning case ZC 23-018 Special Use Permit in A-1 zoning district for landscape business.

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

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- k. Motion to approve Truck Dealership on approx. 142<sup>nd</sup> and Archer Avenue.

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

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

- l. Motion to approve Parking Expansion for the Booth Family Limited Partnership.

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

All in Favor

Aye (5)

Nay (0)

## 7. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. **2023/2024 HTRD Levy**

The 2023/2024 HTRD Tax Levy is \$1.375 M (this is a ~22% tax reduction from the 2022-2023 HTRD Levy). The 2024/2025 Tax Levy will be developed later this summer/fall and will likely reflect a third straight tax reduction.

- b. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement**

In a joint effort with LTRD and Lockport, HTRD will be replacing this critical 2 lane bridge. IDOT will be paying for 80% of the project costs, while the remaining 20% will be shared with LTRD and Lockport via an IGA. Phase I engineering will begin this Spring, with construction completion estimated in 2026/2027 depending on the Phase I and II review cycles at IDOT and Will County.

c. **2023 HTRD Roadway Paving Program**

The bids came in high last week for the 2023 Roadway Program for 2.32 miles of HTRD collector/residential roads. We are looking at reducing the scope to bring it within our capital improvement budget.

d. **2023 HTRD Roadway Lighting Program**

The bids also came in high last month for the 2023 Roadway Lighting Program. We are looking at doing the conventional portion of the lighting program this year and installing one solar light at the HTRD for monitoring - if the test solar light turns out to be feasible and performs to our satisfaction - then we will be doing the solar portion of the lighting program in 2024.

e. **2023 HTRD Roadway Striping Program**

The bids came in lower than expected for this program and this work will be done this summer/fall after the 2023 roadway program is completed.

f. **\$5k HTHC Special Needs Grant**

The application deadline is May 1 – please go to the [homerhighway.com](http://homerhighway.com) website to file an application. The Applicant need only be a HS graduate, and Homer Township resident.

**8. Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella**

**9. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports**

a. Homer Township Volunteer Committee: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Mark Gawron, Collector Angel Shake, Patti Komar, and Rose Reynders.

b. Senior Task Force: Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair

Trustee Bonomo was happy that Game On at the Megaplex was willing to do the senior's luncheon on short notice. Thank you to Pastor Dana from Cross of Glory for your donation.

c. Rob Rivera

d. Matt Connelly

i. Multi-Cultural Event at Homer 33c

e. Land Use Committee: Assessor Maurella, Supervisor Balich, Highway Commissioner Porfilio, Clerk Bozen, Trustees Bonomo, Rivera, Gawron and Connelly

f. Truck Task Force: Highway Commissioner Porfilio

**10. Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act:** Clerk Vicki Bozen Chairman, Angel Shake Vice-Chair, Supervisor Steve Balich, Trustees: Mike Bonomo, Matt Connelly, and Rob Rivera, Carmen Maurella, Brent Porfilio, Jim Shake, and Karen Roti. Mark Gawron was absent.

a. Motion to exit Homer Township Regular Board Meeting 7:31pm

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

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

b. Motion to enter Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency 7:31pm

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Shake 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Roti

Ayes (9) Porfilio, Maurella, Balich, Bonomo, Connelly, Rivera, Angel Shake, Jim Shake, Karen Roti

c. Public Comments: (Must sign in and are limited to one 3-minute comment per person) none

i. Individuals who signed up are allowed to talk for 3 minutes during public comment

ii. Please no interruptions or talking out of turn

d. Motion to approve March 13, 2023 Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Maurella 2<sup>nd</sup> Balich

Roll Call

Ayes (9) Porfilio, Maurella, Balich, Bonomo, Connelly, Rivera, Angel Shake, Jim Shake, Karen Roti

Nay (0)

e. Motion to approve Committee on Local Government and Efficiency Act Final Report

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Shake 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Roti

Roll Call

Ayes (9) Porfilio, Maurella, Balich, Bonomo, Connelly, Rivera, Angel Shake, Jim Shake, Karen Roti

- f. Motion to exit Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency 7:33pm  
1st Angel Shake      2nd Karen Roti  
Roll Call  
Ayes (9) Porfilio, Maurella, Balich, Bonomo, Connelly, Rivera, Angel Shake, Jim Shake, Karen Roti  
Nay (0)
- g. Motion to enter Homer Township Regular Board Meeting 7:33pm  
1st Bonomo      2nd Connelly  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Shake, Rivera, Connelly, Bonomo, Balich  
Nay (0)

**11. Accounting**

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for March 2023: Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building  
1st Connelly      2nd Bonomo  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Bonomo, Shake, Rivera, Connelly, Balich  
Nay (0)

**12. New Business**

- a.

**13. Old Business**

- a. Micro Pantry

**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 approved under the Open Meetings Act
  - i. Call Closed Session to Order
  - ii. Roll Call
  - iii. Discussion
  - iv. Motion to Adjourn Closed Session and return to regular meeting

**15. Return to Open Session**

**16. Action Following Closed Session (if any)**

- a.

**17. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm  
1st Bonomo      2nd Connelly  
All in Favor  
Ayes (5)  
Nay (0)

**NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations in this meeting should contact the Township Supervisor's Office, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-4534. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please give at least 48 hours notice prior to the meeting. Request for ASL interpreters require five (5) working days advance notice.