



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Agenda

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

May 8, 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/>

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation¹**
3. **Roll Call for Quorum**
4. **Eagle Scout Recognition**
5. **Presentation by HERO**
6. **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
7. **Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Motion to approve April 11, 2023, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. **Parade**
 - i. Parade will be held Saturday June 24, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday June 25th to coincide with Homerfest
 - c. **Pet Expo**
 - i. Update on the PETFEST on Saturday June 17, 2023, at Town Center Park in Homer Glen.
8. **Supervisor Report: Steve Balich**
 - a. Presentation of Homer Township TENTATIVE Budgets: General Assistance; Founders Crossing General; Founders Crossing Bond; Open Space; Park; Park Developer Contributions and Town funds for fiscal year April 1, 2023, thru March 31, 2024. The Clerk will publish the Notice of Public Hearing, scheduled for June 12, 2023.
 - b. Motion to dissolve the Committee on Local Government and Efficiency Act.
 - c. Notification to the residents that Homer Township will be installing fences on properties belonging to Homer Township where encroachments are occurring.
 - d. Motion to accept the bid and approve the contract for Lockport Heights CDBG 144th Place Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to Benchmark Construction Company in the amount of \$1,248,000.00.

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.

9. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. **2023/2024 HTRD Budget** Presentation of Homer Township Road District TENTATIVE Budgets: Equipment & Building and Road & Bridge Funds for fiscal year April 1, 2023, thru March 31, 2024. The Clerk will publish the Notice of Public Hearing, scheduled for June 12, 2023.
- b. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement** 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 pre-construction meeting for the 2023 Roadway Program was held last week on 5/2/23 and work will begin this month for ~1.5 miles of HTRD collector/residential roads. It is a slight reduction of the 2.32 miles in the bid package in order to bring it within our capital improvement budget.
- d. **2023 HTRD Roadway Lighting Program** The pre-construction meeting for the 2023 Roadway Lighting Program was held last week on 5/2/23 and work on it will also begin this month. 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 2023 Roadway Striping Program work will be done this summer/fall after the 2023 Roadway Program is completed.
- f. **Trantina Farm** M&J Underground is stripping topsoil and providing clay fill which will be needed to construct the building and parking lot pads. The Agreement includes payment from M&J to HT in the amount of \$20/truck load of clay, and there will be no charge for the topsoil stripping/stockpiling or the erosion control roadway and fencing required for the permit. Over 5,000 cubic yards of clean clay (bad soils will be tested by M&J prior to delivery) are expected resulting in an overall HT taxpayer savings of over \$200k for the topsoil stripping and clay work – it is estimated to be completed within 3-4 months. A permit was secured from Homer Glen for this work. Public Hearings will begin when there is a written plan and renderings.

10. Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella

- a. The Assessor's Office is now taking applications Senior Freeze and Senior Exemption due by July 1, 2023.

11. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports

- a. Homer Township Volunteer Committee: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Trustee Angel Shake, Mark Gawron, Patti Komar, and Rose Reynders.
- b. Senior Task Force: Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair
- c. Rob Rivera
- d. Matt Connelly
- e. Angle Shake
- f. Special Needs Committee: Angel Shake Chair, Brent Porfilio Co-Chair
- g. Land Use Committee: Assessor Maurella, Supervisor Balich, Highway Commissioner Porfilio, Clerk Bozen, Trustees Bonomo, Rivera, Connelly and Mark Gawron.
- h. Truck Task Force: Highway Commissioner Porfilio

12. Accounting

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for April 2023: Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building

13. New Business

a.

14. Old Business

a. Micro Pantry

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 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

16. Return to Open Session

17. Action Following Closed Session (if any)

a.

18. Adjournment

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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