



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes

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/>

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on May 8, 2023, 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. Angel Shake did the Invocation.

3. Roll Call for Quorum

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

4. Eagle Scout Recognition

We were proud to be able to recognize another Eagle Scout at our meeting for his commendable accomplishment.

5. Presentation by HERO

Thank you to HERO for coming out and presenting to our audience very important information regarding the opioid epidemic.

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

Mike Carlson updated us on the dog park as he had seeded one side and said it will take about three weeks to germinate. Supervisor Balich mentioned that Mike personally paid for the seed and did all the work himself.

Gail Snyder commented on the open space parcels.

Margaret Sabo commented on the open space program.

Lynn Richardson commented on the Meader Road road construction and the cemetery.

Rose Reynders commented on the cemetery and the lack of answers for residents from the EPA and other government agencies.

Supervisor Balich talked about changing codes at Will County to address cemeteries.

7. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

a. Approval of Minutes

i. Motion to approve April 11, 2023, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes

1st Bonomo 2nd Shake

All in Favor

Ayes (3)

Nay (0)

b. Parade

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

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.

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.
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo
All in Favor
Ayes (3)
Nay (0)
- 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.
1st Bonomo 2nd Shake
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Shake, Bonomo, Balich
Nay (0)

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
Senior Day at Homer Fest on Sunday June 25th from 1pm to 5pm
Veterans Day at Homer Fest on Sunday June 25th from 2pm to 2:45pm
- 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
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call
Ayes (3) Bonomo, Shake, Balich
Nay (0)

13. New Business

- a.

14. Old Business

- a. Micro Pantry: Homer Township Republicans will team up with us for the 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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm

1st Shake 2nd Bonomo

All in Favor

Ayes (3)

Nay (0)

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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