



# HOMER TOWNSHIP

## Meeting Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

August 14, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

<http://www.homertownship.com/>

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on August 14, 2023, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:00 pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.

#### 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 Michael Bonomo, Angel Shake, Robert Rivera, and Michael Clausen, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, and Collector Michael Gondek. Assessor Carmen Maurella was absent. *A quorum was established.*

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

- a. Individuals who signed up are allowed to talk for 3 minutes during public comment
- b. Please no interruptions or talking out of turn

#### 5. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

##### a. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve July 10, 2023, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Rivera  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Shake, Clausen, Bonomo, Rivera, Balich  
Nay (0)
- ii. Motion to approve August 7, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Shake  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Rivera, Shake, Clausen, Bonomo, Balich  
Nay (0)

##### b. Parade

- i. Final expense & revenue report for Parade: The 2023 Parade had \$0 in revenue and \$4,620.77 in expenses.

#### 6. Supervisor Report: Steve Balich

- a. Motion to approve Mike Gondek to Special Needs Committee and Land Use Committee.  
1<sup>st</sup> Shake 2<sup>nd</sup> Rivera  
Roll Call  
Ayes (5) Shake, Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, Balich  
Nay (0)
- b. Motion to allow Supervisor to approve all bid work for Founders Crossing CDBG including bid posting

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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.

and bid opening, and to accept lowest and most responsible bid for work to be performed.

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

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- c. Motion to approve selling two John Deere Riding Lawn Mowers to purchase one Toro Riding Lawn Mower.

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

Roll Call

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

Nay (0)

- d. The State of Illinois has Recognized the Month of October as Italian Heritage Month. This is a symbol of the respect due Italians in the State of Illinois for all the extraordinary contributions of those of Italian descent over the years to every aspect of life and culture. Columbus is a symbol of the greatness achieved by so many Italians coming after him. As the first President of the Will County Italian American Association, I would like to ask the Board to join me in a round of applause in honor of this historic occasion celebrating the month of October as Italian Heritage month.

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

a. **Trantina Farm Update**

- b. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement** 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. The Phase I Engineering is scheduled to begin this Summer.

- c. **2023 Roadway Paving Program** The HMA milling and paving portion of the 2023 Roadway Paving Program has been completed by D Construction – the stone shoulders are scheduled to be installed this week and a punch list walk thru this month for the following streets:

- i. Gougar Road (Bruce Rd. to N. Prairie Ridge sub.)
- ii. Meader Road (Bruce Rd. to the S. limit of HT)
- iii. Bruce Road (W/Meader Rd. intersection)

- d. **2023 Roadway Lighting Program** We will be standardizing all roadway lighting in HTRD ROW to reduce electric costs, streamline maintenance, and provide roadway lighting in dark, unsafe areas of the HTRD roadway system. The 2023 Roadway Lighting Program will begin in September (due to the long lead time on material orders right now) and will be completed this year. We will be investigating solar lights for locations where electricity is not readily available in 2024.

- e. **2023 Roadway Striping Program** The 2023 Roadway Striping Program has begun and is scheduled to be completed this month now that the 2023 Roadway Program has been completed.

- f. **2023 Homer Township Highway Commissioner's Grant** We are still accepting applications for the 2023 HT Highway Commissioner Special Needs Grant for \$5,000. Applicant needs to be a HS graduate, and Homer Township resident. The HTRD Grant application can be filled in via the following Homer Township Highway Department link: <https://www.homerhighway.com/grant>

- g. **Muslim Ummah Cemetery** The access road/cul-de-sac and driveway serving this site have been completed, however HTRD has sent comments to the Owner of deficiencies in their driveway work in the HTRD ROW. The HTRD Site Access Permit remains valid, however only for addressing the driveway deficiencies.

- h. **2023-2024 Winter Salt** The HTRD has a 2-year contract for roadway blended salt which will continue thru this Winter. We have leftover salt from our previous mild winter and have an additional 300 ton available thru the current salt contract for the upcoming winter.

## **8. Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella no report**

## **9. 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 Lifestyle Expo coming to Hadley Middle School on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm  
All are welcome to join us.

- c. Special Needs Committee: Angel Shake Chair, Brent Porfilio Co-Chair, Mike Gondek

- d. Land Use Committee: Assessor Maurella, Supervisor Balich, Highway Commissioner Porfilio, Clerk Bozen, Trustees Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, and Shake, and Collector Gondek.

- e. Rob Rivera
- f. Mike Clausen

**10. Accounting**

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

**11. New Business**

- a. Engineering for the Civic Center will be going out to bid. We will not raise taxes or create fees to build the civic center.

**12. Old Business**

- a. Micro Pantry

**13. 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

**14. Return to Open Session**

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

- a.

**16. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm

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

All in Favor

Ayes (5)

Nay (0)

**NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

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