



HOMER TOWNSHIP

Meeting Agenda

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

November 6, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151st Street,

Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

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

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation¹**
3. **Roll Call for Quorum**
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
5. **Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Motion to approve October 16, 2023, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. **FOIA reports**
 - c. **Homer Township Meeting Schedule**
 - i. Motion to approve the 2024 Homer Township Meeting Schedule.
 - d. **Levy**
 - i. Motion to approve the 2023 Levy for Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, Park Fund, and Debt Service
 - ii. Motion to approve the 2023 Levy for the Road & Bridge Fund and the Building & Equipment Fund
 - e. **Transfer**
 - i. Motion to approve line-item transfer of the amount of \$328,000.00 from 684 W/C Block Grant CDBG in the Town Budget, Town Fund to 779 W/C Block Grant CDBG in the Town Budget, Town Fund.
 - ii. Motion to approve a line-item transfer of the amount of \$5,000.00 from 990 Contingencies from Open Space, Open Space Fund to 739 Publish Legal Notice from Open Budget, Open Space.
 - f. **Holiday Display Program**
 - i. Motion to approve the new parameters for the Holiday Display Program.

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.

6. Supervisor Report: Steve Balich

- a. Motion to approve our Maintenance Department to Assist the Township Road District as needed.
- b. Discussion of Agreement sent to the Village of Homer Glen to remove Township Property from the Village of Homer Glen and take it back as Unincorporated Property.
- c. Motion to approve CDL Training Class for Sean Reardon and Jimmy Shake not to exceed the cost of \$8,000.00.
- d. Motion to approve a WEX Fleet Account for the Township Maintenance Department to fuel vehicles.
- e. Motion to approve Resolution Number: HT2023-1106-RES1 establishing policy for immigration law and the enforcement of such laws with regards to safety and security for the residents of Homer Township
- f. Motion to approve a Parade in Unincorporated Homer Township.

7. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement**
The Phase I Engineering has begun and is scheduled to be completed in 2024. We are still waiting for temporary bridge shoring options from the Phase I Consulting Engineer for stabilizing the bridge until construction which is not anticipated until 2025-2026.
- b. **2024 Roadway Paving Program**
We will be assessing and updating our HTRD roadway, bridge and culvert ratings database this month for 2024 and upon completion we will be selecting the streets for the 2024 Roadway Paving Program.
- c. **2023 Roadway Lighting Program**
The 2023 Roadway Lighting Program is waiting on materials prior to starting up. We will be investigating solar lights for locations where electricity is not readily available in 2024.
- d. **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>
- e. **Muslim Ummah Cemetery**
The access road/cul-de-sac and driveway serving this site has been completed, and the Owner is finally addressing the current deficiencies in their driveway. The HTRD Site Access Permit remains valid, however only for addressing the driveway deficiencies.
- f. **2023-2024 Winter Plowing & Salt**
We are now getting frost and snow events and have our snow plow trucks and equipment ready for the winter season for our roadways and residents. We will not be using HGPW for any plowing assistance this year – if a part time salt/plow driver is necessary for an extreme snow or icing event, we now have a 3rd truck ready for plowing and salt, and will be using current certified HT Park staff as required. As far as salt, we have a 2-year contract for 300 ton/year of blended salt plus have leftover salt from last year's mild winter.

8. Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella

9. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports

- a. Senior Task Force: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair
- b. Special Needs Committee: Trustee Angel Shake Chair, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio Co-Chair, and Collector Mike Gondek
- c. Resource Management Task Force: Trustees Michael Bonomo, Michael Clausen, Rob Rivera, and Angel Shake

- d. Land Use Committee: Assessor Maurella, Supervisor Balich, Highway Commissioner Porfilio, Clerk Bozen, Trustees Bonomo, Rivera, Shake, and Clausen, and Collector Gondek.
- e. Founders Crossing Task Force: Trustees Angel Shake and Michael Clausen
- f. Trustee Reports

10. Accounting

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

11. New Business

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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)

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16. Adjournment

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