



# HOMER TOWNSHIP

## Meeting Agenda

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

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

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

Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

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

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation<sup>1</sup>**
3. **Roll Call for Quorum**
4. **Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen**
  - a. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. Motion to approve November 6, 2023, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes
    - ii. Motion to approve and to release or not release November 23, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes
    - iii. Motion to approve and to release or not release May 19, 2022 Executive Meeting
    - iv. Motion to approve and to release or not release October 17, 2022 Executive Meeting
  - b. **Tax Abatement**
    - i. Motion to approve Tax Abatement for the Township's General Obligation Bonds Series 2021 in the sum equal to the levy.
  - c. **Holiday Display Program**
    - i. Motion to amend the Holiday Display Program that all items must be installed and taken down by Township maintenance staff.
5. **Supervisor Report: Steve Balich**
  - a. Discussion of Hadley Road and 143<sup>rd</sup> Street expansion.
  - b. Notification and discussion of Will County Zoning Case #ZC-23-115. Motion to approve.
  - c. 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.
  - d. Farming license bid solicitations were published for Welter Property. One proposal was received. Motion approving the proposal submitted by Jeff Haas of \$60 per acre for a term of four years.
6. **Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio**
  - a. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement** We are waiting for the 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 are assessing and updating our HTRD roadway, bridge and culvert ratings database this month for 2024 and will be announcing the streets to be improved for the 2024 Roadway Paving Program in January 2024
  - c. **2023 Roadway Lighting Program** The lighting materials required for the 2023 Roadway Lighting Contract are still on order and the Program is now scheduled for completion in the Spring of 2024
  - d. **2023 Homer Township Highway Commissioner's Grant** We will be closing applications for the 2023 HT Highway Commissioner Special Needs Grant on 12/31/23 and announcing the winner in January,

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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.

2024. The 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. **2023-2024 Winter Plowing & Salt** Our snow plow trucks and equipment have already been out for the winter season – we now have 4 trucks equipped with salt spreaders and plows to best serve you and take on the worst of winter storms, including having trucks on reserve for breakdowns. We are operating at a 2.5-3 hour salt and plow cycle, and prioritize arterials roadways first – we typically make our first rounds at 4-5AM well before rush hour. If there are ever any issues with our salting and plowing operations, please contact us at 708-301-0246. We ask that you please avoid parking in the street during snow events so we have a clear path to salt and remove snow.

**7. Assessor Report: Carmen Maurella**

**8. 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

**9. Accounting**

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

**10. New Business**

- a.

**11. Old Business**

- a. Micro Pantry

**12. 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

**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**

**NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

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