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HOMER TOWNSHIP

AGENDA

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

January 8, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151st Street,

Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

<http://www.homertownship.com/>**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 December 11, 2023, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes

b. PETFEST

- i. Motion to approve PETFEST for June 15, 2024
- ii. Motion to approve up to \$25,000 for PETFEST.

6. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

- a. Discussion of Hadley Road and 143rd Street expansion.
- b. Motion to approve a legal objection to the expansion of 143rd Street.
- c. Motion to approve Supervisor to issue Executive Orders as necessary.
- d. Motion to approve Homer Township Organizational Chart.
- e. Motion to approve Standard Operating Procedure for Founders Crossing.

7. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. **2024/2025 Tax Levy:** For the 3rd year in a row, we are reducing your HTRD tax levy – it will be \$1.2M for R&B and \$150k for E&B totaling \$1.35M, of which the HTRD will only receive \$750k after the half shares for the R&B levy are redirected by the County to the municipalities within HT – including Homer Glen, Lockport, New Lenox and Lemont.

- b. **2024 Roadway Paving Program** We have completed our annual HTRD ROW infrastructure assessment and are pleased to announce the 2024 Roadway Paving Program. We are focusing on an area within a 1-mile proximity to each other in NW HT (totaling 1.25 miles) in order to minimize bids by cutting down on mobilization and transportation costs: off Smith Road 138th St - 0.23 miles and 140th St - 0.15 miles, off Lockport Heights 136th Ave -0.25 miles and 147th Pl – 0.47 miles, and off Archer Ave Basham Ave -0.15 miles.

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. 2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Program The 2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Contract is now scheduled for completion in the Spring/Summer of 2024

d. 2023 Homer Township Highway Commissioner's Grant We have closed the for the HT Highway Commissioner Special Needs Grant as of 12/31/23 and will be announcing the winner at our February 2024 meeting.

e. Winter Plowing & Salt

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, and always watch out for black ice.

f. 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 begins - which is not anticipated until the 2026 construction season.

8. Assessor Report: Carmen J Maurella III

- a. The 2024 Soft Appeal will be open February 1-May 30, 2024. The Soft Appeal process is available to assist taxpayers in reviewing their assessments. Please keep in mind that the assessments are as of January 1, 2024. The assessments are based on 3 years of valid sales, not including the current year. For example, 2024 values are based on 2023, 2022, and 2021.

9. Collector Michael Gondek

- a. Motion to retire our old logo and approve the new Homer Township logo as presented.

10. 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

11. Accounting

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

12. New Business

- a.

13. Old Business

- a. Micro Pantry

14. 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

15. Return to Open Session

16. Action Following Closed Session (if any)

- a.

17. Adjournment

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations in this meeting should contact the Township Supervisor's Office, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-4534. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please give at least 48 hours notice prior to the meeting. Request for ASL interpreters require five (5) working days advance notice.