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HOMER TOWNSHIP

MINUTES

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
February 5, 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

The meeting was called to order on February 5, 2024, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:00 pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation¹

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, Assessor Carmen Maurella, and Collector Michael Gondek. *A quorum was established.*

4. Award Presentation

Homer Township recognized Giada Roti for her 1st place at the VFW's District 18 Regional Voice of Democracy's Audio-Essay competition. She read her essay to the audience.

5. Presentation by District 205 Lockport Township High School

Supervisor Balich commented that the Township Board is neither for nor against the referendum and that this presentation is for information purposes only.

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.
Joanne Milani said the letter sent to the Founder's seniors was not sent by anyone at Founders and feels whoever sent it is a coward for not signing their name.
Christy Nahser spoke against the 143rd Street expansion.

7. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

a. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve January 8, 2024, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes
1st Bonomo 2nd Shake All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)
- ii. Motion to approve December 29, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
1st Shake 2nd Rivera All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)
- iii. Motion to approve January 29, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes
1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

b. PETFEST

- i. PETFEST will be on June 15, 2024 on the Homer Township property located just west of the Baseball Fields from 12pm to 3pm
- ii. Looking for volunteers please fill out the application on our website and email it to vbozen@homertownship.com

8. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

- a. Discussion of 143rd Street expansion.
Supervisor Balich discussed what is happening at the Will County Board and what our residents can do to try and stop this expansion.
- b. Motion to approve the Special Needs Committee to the Special Needs Task Force.
1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera
Roll Call Ayes (5) Shake, Bonomo, Clausen, Rivera, Balich Nay (0)

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.

9. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. **2024 Roadway Paving Program** We 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
- b. **2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Program** The 2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Contract is now scheduled for completion in the Spring/Summer of 2024
- c. **Homer Township Highway Commissioner's Grant** We have closed applications for the HT Highway Commissioner Special Needs Grant as of 12/31/23 and will be announcing the winner at our March, 2024 meeting since our February meeting is a week earlier than normal
- d. **Winter Plowing & Salt** Thus far through the winter season, we have been operating at our goal of a 2.5-3 hour salt and plow cycle with 3 drivers (using our 2 drivers from the HTRD and 1 stand by from the HT Parks Dept.) – we have been prioritizing arterials roadways first, with residential streets next and cul de sacs last. We have been beginning our first rounds at ~4-5AM well before rush hour, and for when snow continues we have been doing 2-3 cycles back to back. 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, always watch out for black ice, and ask that you increase the distance between you and the car in front of you as well as decreasing your speed
- e. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement** We have selected the permanent bridge design option with the Phase I Consulting Engineer, and temporary shoring before construction was investigated & discussed and will not be required. Design is anticipated to start upon approval of the Phase I Report in 2024, and Construction is anticipated to begin in the 2025/2026 construction season

10. 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.

11. Collector Michael Gondek Collector Gondek commented on the revised Homer Township website and new logo.

12. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports

- a. Senior Task Force: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair
Trustee Bonomo commented on the upcoming Valentine's Day luncheon
- b. Special Needs Task Force: 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

13. Accounting

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for January 2024: Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building
1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen Roll Call Ayes (5) Clausen, Rivera, Bonomo, Shake, Balich Nay (0)

14. New Business

a.

15. Old Business

- a. Micro Pantry

16. 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

17. Return to Open Session

18. Action Following Closed Session (if any)

a.

19. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

1st Shake 2nd Bonomo All if Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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