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HOMER TOWNSHIP

MINUTES

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
July 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

The meeting was called to order on July 8, 2024, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:00pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation¹

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Father Tom Loya did the Invocation.

3. Roll Call for Quorum

Present were Supervisor Steve Balich, Trustees Michael Bonomo, Angel Shake, and Michael Clausen, Acting Clerk Patti Komar, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, and Assessor Carmen Maurella. Clerk Vicki Bozen, Trustee Robert Rivera and Collector Michael Gondek were absent. *A quorum was established.*

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.
Mike Carlson thanked all who volunteered at Homer Fest including Dan Fialko, Mike Bonomo, Angel Shake, Cindy La Ha and Vicki Bozen
Sue Steilen commented on Trantina and 143rd Street widening
Jessica Barnes commented on fixing high school and parks
Nancy Hockenberry commented on 143rd Street expansion

5. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

a. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve June 17, 2024, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes

1st Shake 2nd Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (4) Nay (0)

6. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

- a. Discussion of 143rd Street expansion.
Supervisor Balich explained about the 143rd Street expansion
 - b. Discussion of Trantina.
Supervisor Balich discussed the project and that we are not going to raise taxes.
 - c. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-0708-RES1 setting the compensation for Homer Township Officials Four Year Term beginning May 19, 2025.
Supervisor Balich discussed no raise in pay for elected officials
- 1st Shake 2nd Clausen All in Favor Ayes (4) 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.

7. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement** The Phase I Report is scheduled for completion this Fall and Phase II Design is anticipated to start upon approval of the Phase I Report and selection of a new consultant. Construction is anticipated to begin in the 2025/2026 construction season.
- b. **2024 Ditch Regrading and Culvert Jetting** We shot grades and will be performing ditch regrading near the Gougar/Bruce Road intersection, as well as along 163rd Street/Regents Road, and a few other locations within the HTRD. If you have witnessed any ditches which are holding water, clogged culverts needing jetting, or flooding in any unincorporated HTRD areas, please contact us so we can investigate and help.
- c. **143rd Street Widening Project TRO – status** With respect to the 143rd Street widening project TRO, HT has sued the Will County Executive and is awaiting a trial date with another judge – it has been re-assigned 3 times already. It is disappointing that the Village still has yet to follow HT’s lead and has not yet filed a law suit despite the fact that their mayor has publicly stated in front of the County Board and at public meetings that they are against the widening and support the residents. I would like to suggest, if you can, please contact the mayor and ask her to urge the Village to also file their law suit in order to further help the local residents and public win. Until the law suit is resolved, we ask that all property owners along the 143rd street ROW avoid signing any eminent domain papers or offers to sell their property to the WCDOT – and if they have been offered to or signed anything, please bring copies of that paperwork to the HT Office for scanning and to send to our attorney.
- d. **Solar Lights** We just installed a solar light in the HTRD yard and it is performing rather well. We have received bids for, and will be evaluating, installing solar lights throughout the HTRD ROW in dark areas where power is not available in 2025.

8. Assessor Report: Carmen J Maurella III

- a. Board of review Appeal is Sept 2024 this year

9. Collector Michael Gondek

10. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports

- a. Senior Task Force: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair
- 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

11. Accounting

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for June 2024: Certificate of Deposit, Equipment & Building, Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer, Park, Road & Bridge, and Town.
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (4) Nay (0)

12. New Business

- a.

13. Old Business

- a. Micro Pantry for people & pets

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

1st Bonomo 2nd Shake All in Favor Ayes (4) Nay (0)

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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