

**Stephen J Balich**

Supervisor

Vicki Bozen

Clerk

Michael Bonomo**Michael Clausen****Robert Rivera****Angel Shake**

Trustees

Carmen J Maurella, III

Assessor

Brent Porfilio

Highway Commissioner

Collector

Administration Office14350 W 151st Street

Homer Glen, IL 60491

Phone: 708.301.0522

Assessor's Office

Phone: 708.301.8166

Highway Department14500 W 151st Street

Homer Glen, IL 60491

Phone: 708.301.0246

www.homertownship.com**HOMER TOWNSHIP****MINUTES**

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

September 9, 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 September 9, 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. Dominic Pacella did the Invocation

3. Roll Call for Quorum

Present were Supervisor Steve Balich, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Trustees Michael Bonomo, Angel Shake, and Michael Clausen, and Assessor Carmen Maurella. Absent were Trustee Robert Rivera and Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio. *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.

Jessica Barnes commented on Facebook posts

Nancy Hockenberry commented on 143rd Street Expansion

Angie Dryer thanked Mike, Angel, and Jimmy for taking care of her garage door
Dan Fialko clarified about the Village and Township being partisan vs
nonpartisan and said the Township is doing a great job and that Civic Center is
off to a great start

5. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen**a. Approval of Minutes**

- i. Motion to approve August 19, 2024, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes.

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

- ii. Motion to accept resignation of Mike Gondek as Homer Township Tax Collector.

1st Shake 2nd Clausen

Roll Call Ayes (4) Shake, Clausen, Bonomo, Balich Nay (0)

- iii. Motion to appoint Rose Fialko as Homer Township Tax Collector.

1st Clausen 2nd Shake

Roll Call Ayes (4) Clausen, Bonomo, Shake, Balich Nay (0)

1. Swearing in of Rose Fialko

Clerk Vicki Bozen performed the swearing in of Rose Fialko.

- iv. Audit is complete and will be filed with the Illinois Comptroller's Office.

6. Supervisor Report: Stephen J. Balich

- a. Discussion of Civic Center.

- b. Town Hall Meeting October 9, 2024, at Oak Prairie Junior High School.

- c. Motion to approve a quote for air conditioning replacement at the Administration Building.

1st Shake 2nd Bonomo Roll Call Ayes (4) Shake, Clausen, Bonomo, Balich Nay (0)

- d. Motion to approve Resolution HT 2024-0909 RES1 condemning squatters and assisting property owners who encounter squatters.

Motion to change Resolution to Ordinance

1st Shake 2nd Clausen Roll Call Ayes (4) Bonomo, Shake, Clausen Balich

Motion to approve Ordinance HT 2024-0909 ORD1

1st Clausen 2nd Bonomo Roll Call Ayes (4) Bonomo, Clausen, Shake, 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.

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. **2025 HTRD Solar Lights Program** We have received bids for, and are evaluating, installing solar lights throughout the HTRD ROW in dark areas where power is not available in 2025. So far this summer the solar light is functioning adequately, however as the winter season has less light and harsher conditions a decision will be made in the Spring on whether to move forward.
- c. **2024 HTRD Crack Sealing Program** We are beginning yet another new annual maintenance program in HTRD with our 2024 HTRD Crack Sealing Program in an effort to further reduce our annual capital improvement costs. We started last month in the Bridlewood Estates subdivision and are scheduled to finish the rest of the work by the end of the month. Within this new program, HTRD staff is crack sealing all “3 & 4” rated streets in the HTRD limits which will be extending the life of our pavement a few more years prior to having to perform mill & overlay improvements – this will save us money in the long run and allow us to reduce our long-term annual Capital Improvement Program budget. The crack sealing progresses at a rate of ~1 lane mile/day and we will be trying to finish up the program this month to beat the cooler fall weather. Doing the crack sealing with HTRD staff and equipment is saving HTRD taxpayers’ money for this extremely important ongoing annual roadway maintenance.

8. Assessor Report: Carmen J Maurella III

- a. Board of reviews appeal closed today with approximately 100 reviews

9. Collector:

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

11. Accounting

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for August 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 Roll Call Ayes (4) Shake, Clausen, Bonomo, Balich 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 7:48pm

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

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.