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HOMER TOWNSHIP

MINUTES

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

October 7, 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 October 7, 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. Rob Rivera did the Invocation.

3. Roll Call for Quorum

Present were Supervisor Steve Balich, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Trustees Michael Bonomo, Angel Shake, Robert Rivera, and Michael Clausen, Collector Rose Fialko, and Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio. Absent was Assessor Carmen Maurella. *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. **none**

5. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

a. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve September 9, 2024, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)
- ii. Audit is filed with the Will County Clerk and the Illinois State Comptroller. A Legal Notice has been published.
- iii. Motion to approve the Tentative 2024 Levy for Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, Park Fund, and Debt Service.
1st Clausen 2nd Rivera
Roll Call Ayes (5) Clausen, Rivera, Shake, Bonomo Balich Nay (0)
- iv. Motion to approve the Tentative 2024 Levy for the Road & Bridge Fund and the Building & Equipment Fund.
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call Ayes (5) Shake, Clausen, Bonomo, Rivera, Balich Nay (0)

6. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

a. Discussion of Civic Center

b. Discussion of 143rd St. temporary restraining order (TRO)

c. Motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Road District, that the District shares with the Township its services, materials, and/or funding for certain aspects of the Civic Center construction project.

1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen

Roll Call Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, Shake, Balich Nay (0)

d. Motion to approve Special Use Permit Zoning Case ZC-24-085 for a variance for maximum accessory building area from 1,800 sq ft to 3,028 sq ft

1st Shake 2nd Rivera

Roll Call Ayes (5) Clausen, Rivera, Bonomo, Shake, Balich Nay (0)

e. Motion to approve Michael Clausen to lead the Civic Center project

1st Shake 2nd Rivera

Roll Call Ayes (4) Bonomo, Rivera, Shake Balich Abstain (1) Clausen 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 past 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 finishing up our new 2024 Crack Sealing Program which was developed to further reduce our annual maintenance budget and taxpayer levy. HTRD staff performed crack sealing of all “3 & 4” rated streets in the HTRD limits to extend 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. Doing the crack sealing with HTRD staff and equipment is saving HTRD taxpayers’ money for this extremely important ongoing annual roadway maintenance.
- d. **2024 HTRD Signing Program** We will be starting this Fall a new HTRD signing program across all of the HTRD ROW which includes assessing all existing signs (street name signs, regulatory signs, warning signs, guide signs, etc.) and replacing them as required to conform to the new MUTCD Standards in keeping all of our roadways safe. In addition, we will also be adding signing as required to meet the new MUTCD and safety requirements.
- e. **143rd Street Widening Project TRO – status**
 - i. The HTRD is filing an injunction against Will County to halt all work related to the 143rd Street Widening project until the current case is resolved. The reasoning for this is because taxpayer dollars continue to be spent on the upfront work required prior to the roadway widening as if the illegal veto from earlier this year never happened – this work includes relocating of existing utilities, staking out improvements, surveying activities, traffic control, etc.
 - ii. Until the current lawsuit 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.

8. Assessor Report: Carmen J Maurella III

9. Collector: Rose Fialko

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 and 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, and Collector Rose Fialko
- 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 September 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 Clausen

Roll Call Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, Shake, Balich

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 7:27pm

1st Clausen 2nd Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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