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HOMER TOWNSHIP

MINUTES

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
April 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 April 9, 2024, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:25pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation¹

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. John Walter 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, and Assessor Carmen Maurella. Collector Michael Gondek was absent. *A quorum was established.*

4. Public Comments

Must sign in and are limited to one 3-minute comment per person:
none

- 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 March 11, 2024, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo
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

6. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

- a. Discussion of 143rd Street expansion. A lawsuit will be filed with the goal to get the thing stopped.
- b. Update on Hadley Road Parade. Supervisor Balich said Heidi Pacella will lead the Township forward. Heidi Pacella said it will be Will County Route 1. She has been an advocate for the community for the past year, volunteering to make this Homer Township parade amazing. This parade is unique and special, and we will collaborate closely with the Will County Historical Society with will agricultural historical, nature, and community. To experience the beauty of the land. A tribute to all that was here before us.
- c. Update on Civic Center Should go to planning commission next month and hope to break ground in July. Want to do a lot of different things with out raising property taxes.

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. **2024 Roadway Paving Program** Bids were received and the low bid came in slightly lower than our estimate which is great news. Construction is scheduled to start in May.
- b. **2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Program** The 2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Program will be completed next week.
- c. **Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement** The Phase I Report is nearly finished and will be reviewed next week with the Phase I consultant. Design is anticipated to start upon approval of the Phase I Report later in 2024, and Construction is anticipated to begin in the 2025/2026 construction season.
- d. **Unmah Cemetery** The HTRD filed objection letters to the Owner as well as the Will County Land Use Department for Phase II of the subject site improvements. We have installed cameras near the entrance to monitor activity there, as well as retained a local towing company for towing of any vehicles illegally parked in the HTRD Meader Road ROW as per the new HTRD No Parking Ordinance.

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

10. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports

- a. Senior Task Force: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair Please spread the word to other seniors about our events which are available on our website.
- 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 March 2024: Certificate of Deposit, Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, Open Space, General Assistance, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building
1st Clausen 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call Ayes (5) Rivera, Clausen, Shake, Bonomo, Balich Nay (0)

12. New Business

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)

17. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm

1st Bonomo 2nd Shake

All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

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