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Clerk

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

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

January 13, 2025, 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 January 13, 2025, 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. John Walters 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: none

- a. Individuals who sign 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 December 9, 2024 Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes

1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)**b. PETFEST**

- i. Tentative date is Saturday, June 14, 2025 for PETFEST. Location at the Homer Township Civic Center

6. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich**a. Discussion of Civic Center and 143rd Street.****b. Town Hall**

- i. January 9th at William J Butler School at 7pm
- ii. January 28 at Goodings Grove School at 7pm
- iii. February 11 at Oak Prairie Junior High at 7pm

c. "How to Keep Our Children Safe Online!" Presentation at Homer Junior High on Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 7pm to 8:30pm**d. Motion to approve Will County Zoning Case ZC-24-106 for numerous variances to construct a pool house.**1st Clausen 2nd Bonomo

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

e. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-0113-RES1 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lockport Township Park District.1st Shake 2nd Bonomo

Roll Call Ayes (5) Rivera, Shake, Bonomo, Clausen, 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. Annual HTRD Roadway and Infrastructure Assessment:

The annual HTRD Roadway Assessment has been performed and selection of the streets for the 2025 Capital Improvement Program will be announced at next month's meeting.

b. Winter Plowing and Salt:

We have 4 trucks equipped with salt spreaders and plows to best serve you and take on the worst of winter storms, including having trucks on reserve for breakdowns. As was the case last year, for any heavy snows, or staff sicknesses, God forbid, we have a standby snow plow driver from our Township Parks Department ready to go. We still have over 100 tons of treated salt in our storage dome ready for spreading in below zero temperatures for the travelling public's safety, as well as an additional 300+ Tons on reserve. Thus far this season we have been operating on a 2.5-3 hour salt and plow cycle, and prioritize arterials roadways first – we typically make our first rounds at 4-5AM well before rush hour and as required throughout the day as the snow continues to accumulate. 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, and always watch out for black ice. And as a reminder when driving on snow and ice days, please leave yourself plenty of room to stop when approaching intersections and for sudden stops by traffic in front of you.

c. 2025 HTRD Signing Program:

Over the winter we have started a new signing program throughout all of the HTRD ROW including assessing all existing signage (regulatory signs, warning signs, guide signs, street name signs, etc.). Signage locations, conditions, mounting heights, and reflectivity are being assessed throughout the winter as required to conform to the new 2023 MUTCD Standards in keeping all of our roadways and traveling public safe. Doing the assessment in-house is saving HT taxpayer's money from hiring an engineering firm to perform this service.

d. Smith Road/Long Run Creek Bridge Replacement:

The Phase I Report has been approved by IDOT and Phase II Design is anticipated to start subsequent to selection of a Design consultant – by the Spring/Summer of 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin in the 2026 construction season. The project is being funded 80% by IDOT, and HTRD is only paying 7% of the costs due to participation in a 3-way IGA with the City of Lockport and the Lockport Township Road District for the remaining 20% project expenditure – saving HT taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.

e. Homer Township Christmas Party / Touch a Truck Event:

On Dec. 21st the HT Road District hosted the 2024 HT Christmas Party and Touch a Truck Event with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, cookies and hot chocolate, kid activities and touch-a-truck. It was a huge success with over 100 residents attending.

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 December 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) Shake, Bonomo, Clausen, Rivera, 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 7:38pm

1st Shake 2nd Clausen All in Favor Ayes (5) 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