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# HOMER TOWNSHIP

## Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

February 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street,

Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

<http://www.homertownship.com/>

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on February 10, 2025, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:00pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation<sup>1</sup>

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. Presentation of Awards: Motion to move to 11a

1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>ND</sup> Shake All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

### 5. Public Comments Must sign in

- Individuals who sign up are allowed to talk for 3 minutes during public comment.
- Please no interruptions or talking out of turn.  
Jessica Barnes commented on mailers sent out.  
John Walters thanked the board for their work at the Township.

### 6. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

#### a. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve January 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes.  
1<sup>ST</sup> Clausen 2<sup>ND</sup> Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)
- Motion to approve January 13, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes.  
1<sup>ST</sup> Shake 2<sup>ND</sup> Clausen All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)
- Motion to approve January 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes.  
1<sup>ST</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>ND</sup> Shake All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

#### b. PETFEST

- Tentative date is Saturday, June 14, 2025 for PETFEST.

### 7. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

- Discussion of Civic Center and 143<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Town Hall
  - February 11 at Oak Prairie Junior High at 7pm
- Motion to approve RFQ for Harbor Co to assume CDBG for Founders Senior Housing. 1<sup>ST</sup> Shake 2<sup>ND</sup> Clausen  
Roll Call Ayes(5) Shake, Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, Balich Nay (0)
- Motion to approve an application for a Temporary Use Permit #TUP-25-002 for a mobile office trailer. 1<sup>ST</sup> Clausen 2<sup>ND</sup> Bonomo  
Roll Call Ayes(5) Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, Shake, Balich Nay (0)
- Motion to approve Resolution No. HT2025-0210-RES1 partnering with Home School Parents. 1<sup>ST</sup> Clausen 2<sup>ND</sup> Bonomo  
Roll Call Ayes(5) Rivera, Shake, Bonomo, Clausen, Balich Nay (0)

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**8. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio**

**a. 2025 HTRD Roadway Program:**

The annual HTRD Roadway Assessment has been performed and for our annual capital improvement program for the year 2025 we will be repaving 163<sup>rd</sup> Street from Gougar Road all the way east to Cedar Road. We will be approaching the City of Lockport to share in the cost for their sections, as well as using MFT funding to save taxpayer money.

**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. We currently have over 200 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 200+ 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:**

We have collected all of the required data for our new signing program assessing all existing signage (regulatory signs, warning signs, guide signs, street name signs, etc to conform to the new 2024 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 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.

**9. Assessor Report: Carmen J Maurella III**

**10. Collector: Rose Fialko**

**11. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports**

- a. Senior Task Force: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair  
Trustee Bonomo presented awards to Mark Gawron, Luann Gawron and Cindy La Ha for their work with the Homer Township Seniors
- b. Special Needs Task Force: Trustee Angel Shake Chair and Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio Co-Chair
- c. Plan Commission: 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

**12. Accounting**

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for January 2025: Certificate of Deposit, Equipment & Building, Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer, Park, Road & Bridge, and Town.  
1<sup>ST</sup> Shake 2<sup>ND</sup> Bonomo Roll Call Ayes(5) Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, Shake, Balich Nay (0)

**13. New Business**

a.

**14. Old Business**

- a. Micro Pantry for people & pets

**15. 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

**16. Return to Open Session**

**17. Action Following Closed Session (if any)**

a.

**18. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

1<sup>st</sup> Shake 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonomo 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