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# HOMER TOWNSHIP

## MINUTES

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

April 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on April 8, 2025, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:39pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W 151<sup>st</sup> St, Homer Glen, Illinois 60491.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustee Rivera did the Invocation.

### 3. Roll Call for Quorum

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

### 4. Public Comments

Must sign in: none

- Individuals who sign up are allowed to talk for 3 minutes during public comment.
- Please no interruptions or talking out of turn.

### 5. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

#### a. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve March 14, 2025 Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Rivera All in Favor Ayes (3) Nay (0)

### 6. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

- FYI, Noor Real Estate LLC, owner of Lockport Gas & Food located at 14747 W 159<sup>th</sup> St., Homer Glen, filed a motion to obtain a liquor license, the hearing was held on April 3rd, 2025.

- Motion to approve Resolution HT2025-0408-RED2 to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government.

1<sup>st</sup> Bonomo 2<sup>nd</sup> Rivera All in Favor Ayes (3) 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.

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

**a. 2025 Roadway Program:**

The 2025 annual HTRD Roadway Program will include re-paving nearly a mile of 163<sup>rd</sup> Street from the end of the 2 lane section east of Gougar Road east to Cedar Road. To save HT taxpayers money, we are processing an IGA with the City of Lockport to share in the costs, as well as using MFT funding.

**b. 2025 HTRD Solar Lights Program:**

The pilot solar light installation which we observed throughout the short daylight winter season at the HTRD yard was a success and as such this program should continue moving forward in 2025 as it will save HTRD taxpayer's money by using solar power rather than power supplied locally by COMED and provide light in dark areas of the HTRD roadway network where electricity is not available.

**c. 2025 HTRD Crack Sealing Program:**

The new Roadway Crack Sealing Program, which was developed last year with new in-house equipment and staff to save HT taxpayers money, should be continued moving forward in 2025 to further reduce our annual maintenance budget and taxpayer levy and allow reductions in the long-term annual Capital Improvement Program budget.

**d. 2025 HTRD Signing Program:**

The new signing program which includes assessing all existing signage (regulatory signs, warning signs, guide signs, street name signs, etc.) needs to be completed moving forward in 2025 to conform all HTRD signing to the new 2023 MUTCD Standards in keeping all of our roadways and traveling public safe.

**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 soon with the same Consultant that performed Phase I. Construction is anticipated to begin in the 2026 construction season. The project is being funded 80% by IDOT, and HTRD is only paying 6.3% 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.

**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 March 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> Rivera      2<sup>nd</sup> Bonomo      All in Favor      Ayes (3) 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 7:54pm

1<sup>st</sup> Rivera      2<sup>nd</sup> Bonomo      All in Favor      Ayes (3) Nay (0)

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