

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
February 11, 2019
7:00pm

Call to order.

Those Present: Village Trustees; Joe Bear, Kevin Knott, and Zach Wells, not present, Guy James, Mike Johnson, and Charles Montgomery, also present: Village Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Village of Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, and Maintenance Ryan Byerley, Village residents, Billy Mitchell, Herb Lacey, Jim White, and Christine Cunningham.

Board Comment: The Mayor thanked the employees for their work repairing the water main breaks.

Minutes: Kevin Knott made the motion to approve regular, cemetery, and Library minutes as presented and amended, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Reports: Kevin Knott made the motion to approve water, treasurer, maintenance, police, sewer, zoning, and Village hall reports as presented, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Water loss is not accurate due to estimated billing, fire, and main breaks.
- Cross connection survey's will be sent out
- There is a leaking valve at Coffeen and Main that is scheduled to be fixed

Village bills: Kevin Knott made the motion to pay Village bills as presented: Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Raymond Cunningham, yes, and Zach Wells, yes, motion approved.

Downtown development and north drainage will be tabled due to lack of board members

Free Lending Library: Zach Wells made the motion to allow Library to place a donated Free Lending Library by the new playground at the Village Hall, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Water tower pump: Kevin Knott made the motion to purchase new pump for the water tower not to exceed \$5,500.00 (less if we are able to pick up), Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Raymond Cunningham, yes, and Zach Wells, yes, motion approved.

No action on grant writer

Excess chairs: Zach Wells made the motion to sell 50 cloth covered chairs to the Masonic Lodge in the amount of \$250, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Raymond Cunningham, yes, and Zach Well, yes, motion approved.

Fireworks Contract: Joe Bear made the motion to approve 2019 fireworks contract with Jamaica Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$13,000.00, (\$8,000 Village rec, and \$5,000 donations), Zach Wells

second the motion, roll call vote, Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, no, Raymond Cunningham, yes, and Zach Wells, yes, motion approved.

MFT update: The new Engineer, Farnsworth is getting all of the 2018 paper work caught up and sent to IDOT. They will be meeting with Maintenance in a couple of weeks to review 2019 MFT program.

Budget meetings: February 18 - Budget review

February 25 – Police/TIF

March 4 – Water/Sewer

March 18 - General

April 1 - General

ALL MEETINGS 6:00PM

Adjourn: Joe Bear made the motion to adjourn, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 7:44PM

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
February 18, 2019
6:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Joe Bear, Mike Johnson, Zach Wells, Kevin Knott, Village Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and resident, Jim White.

This meeting is to discuss large projects for 2019/20.

Important projects:

North Drainage, \$20,000, for the area outside of town.

Village Hall parking lot repaving, \$27,000 has been saved for this project

Concrete for pavilion, \$10,000

Trees for Village Hall and Caboose park, \$3,500

Safety posts for the new playground, \$4,600

Village Hall parking lot drainage, \$6,000

Walking path at Village Hall to be put off till future

Wabash Well repairs \$15,000

Discussion of water plant replacement needs to be a discussion in the near future.

Current funds allocated in the projects funds: \$56,500 for maintenance building, \$5,500 bucket truck, \$7,000 plus \$20,000 insurance for parking lot.

Need to add back hoe to project funds, need to reach \$100,000

Need to use Goad fund for north drainage and Wabash well. Use some of Goad fund for infrastructure.

Allocations for this years \$13,500: \$7,000 to parking lot, \$6,500 for back hoe

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, and Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 7:20.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2019
6:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Joe Bear, Zach Wells, Charles Montgomery, Kevin Knott, Village Board President/Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and guest, Jim White.

Police: Raise clothing allowance to \$2,000.00 and lower equipment to \$8,000.00.

TIF:

Raise Village Hall Repairs to \$25,000.00, to include pavilion concrete-\$10,000.00, garage/restrooms and concrete around restrooms, \$5,000.00, trees-\$3,500.00.

Maintenance Building: Electric upgrades, and a lean too and concrete.

Park: Raise \$9,000.00. Benches repaired, electric for north pavilion, light for new park.

Village improvements: raised to \$22,500.00 (\$17,500 for meter radio reads if eligible)

Engineering: Lower to \$15,000.00

Remove line item 82301

Downtown development lower to \$15,000.00

Heritage Ranch raise to \$4,000.00

Raise Fire Department and South Homer Township to \$12,500.00

Raise Heritage School to \$25,000.00.

Raise grants \$35,000.00

Adjourn: Joe Bear made the motion to adjourn, Charles Montgomery second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 7:04pm.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2019
6:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Joe Bear, Mike Johnson, Kevin Knott, Guy James, Charles Montgomery, and Zach James, Village Board President/Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and Guest, Jim White.

Discuss 2019/20 Budget

Sewer:

Sewer line repair decreased to \$10,000
Remove line item "Travel"
Training raise to \$600
Supplies and Chemicals raised to \$1,500
Sewer Dept Maintenance raised to \$7,500
Office supplies lowered to \$1,000
Equipment lowered to \$2,000
Projects fund raised to \$14,000 (\$3,000 to go towards backhoe)

Water:

Operational Salary raised to \$30,000
Equipment repair raised to \$3,000
Equipment water plant raised to \$7,500
Change line item 52101 to water line repair and raise to \$5,000
Tools decreased to \$1,000
Line item "travel" removed
Training raised to \$1,000
Supplies and Chemicals decreased to \$15,000
Water Dept Maintenance decreased to \$14,000
Well maintenance raised to \$12,000. Repairs need to be made to well 2
Fire hydrants lowered to \$3,000. One on hand now, need to order one this year, and one a year after
Water meters raised to \$16,000 (last year for meter replacement, look into radio reads next year)
Office supplies lowered \$1,000
Remove bank charges line item

Schoolview repairs, discuss issue with landlord

Approve water/sewer rate increase at March meeting, write letter to residents in regards to the raise.
Water increase minimum raised to \$17.50 and per thousand raised to \$8.50
Sewer increase minimum raised to \$39.00 and per thousand raised to \$7.00

Adjourn: Charles Montgomery made the motion to adjourn, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 7:30pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Cemetery Board Meeting
March 8, 2019
9:00am

Call to order 9:17

Those present: Board members, Joe Bear, Billy Mitchell, Ray Cunningham, and Guy James, and Clerk, Sharon Jeffers

During cleanup at Cemetery, make sure that we only clean up items that are on the ground and old worn items only.

Need to spray around stones this summer.

When finances improve we could discuss purchase of small markers for unmarked graves.

Legion paid \$400 to have a portion of Cemetery weed-eated last year.

Will be filling low areas when weather breaks and dries.

Roads need gravel. Possibly box grate and then add gravel.

Mowers need to be moved and set up soon for mowing season.

Look into rolling the grass areas around the roads where vehicles have left the road.

Find out where Bill Steffey Veteran marker needs to be placed.

Altorfer credit has been used by the Legion. There is a remaining credit of \$414.39.

Next meeting March 26th at 9:00am.

Adjourn: Billy Mitchell made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 10:23am

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Cemetery Board Secretary/Village Clerk

Village of Homer
500 East Second Street Homer Illinois
March 7, 2019

Attending: Zach Wells, Joe Bear, Mike Johnson, Ray Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm. The committee went into executive session at 6:03 pm. Zach Wells made the motion and Mike Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee came out of executive session at 6:29 pm. Zach made the motion and Mike Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

At 6:30 pm the committee reviewed John Rouse, Homer Police Chief

At 6:45 pm the committee reviewed Cindy Pruitt, Homer Village Treasurer

At 6:55 pm the committee reviewed Sharon Jeffers, Homer Village Clerk

The committee recommends that mileage be paid for village errands run with private vehicles.

7:12 pm the committee reviewed Ryan Byerley, Homer Village Maintenance Supervisor

A review of water plant chores and the role of Ed was discussed. The hours and work schedule for Dale Katterhenry was also one of the areas covered. Issues of vacation and salary were also deliberated. Summer help utilization was discussed.

The committee voted to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Joe Bear made the motion and Mike Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.