

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
December 14, 2020
7:00pm

Those Present: Village Trustees: Mike Johnson, Guy James, Jim White, Joe Bear, Kevin Knott and Zach Wells not present, also present, Raymond Cunningham, Village Mayor/Board President, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, Farnsworth/Kevin Hannel, residents, Billy Mitchell, and Jeremy Richards.

No Community input

Board Comment: Christmas lights look incredible, thank you to the Maintenance department for doing such a great job. Continuing making more for next year.

Consensus is to discuss a business district for the Village, we will be asking Nic Nelson from Jacob and Klein to attend January meeting to discuss it and TIF extension.

Farnsworth Proposal: The proposal is a scope of work in order to move forward with design and construction of water plant and system. It is needed for the IEPA. We do not have to move forward with the project. The report is good for 5 years. It researches all aspects of our water system in the report.

Tabled until funding for current projects are secured and future funding is discussed for this project.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve all minutes as presented: Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Village Bills: Mike Johnson made the motion to pay Village bills as presented, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Reports: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve reports as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- The decrease in General Fund from last year is because of the removal of Utility taxes
- We have applied for CARES funds
- We have received rebuild Illinois funds, has to be spent within five years
- January we will discuss the water tower or tank rental for cleaning and painting of tower
- Look into spare motors/drives for sewer department during budget

Setbacks variance: Straw poll vote to approve possible variance for setbacks, all in favor.

Storm Drain repairs: Joe Bear made the motion to accept bid from Dodd Contracting Service in the amount of \$48,380.00 plus tracer wire, to repair storm drain through E Second farmland, to be paid from TIF, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Ray Cunningham, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, recuse, motion approved.

Burnt home on N West is being sent to Lawyer's office.

Question on dirt at 208 W Second St

Peace Meal transfer agreement: Guy James made the motion to approve transfer agreement with Peace Meal to OSF, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

305 S Caroline: Mike Johnson made the motion to bid out sale of land at 305 S Caroline St, to be handled the same as 106 S Ellen St, an agreement must be signed stating a home must be built on the property within a 12-18 month period, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

End of year compensation: Guy James made the motion to approve end of year compensation in the amount of \$150 for John Rouse, Ryan Byerley, and Sharon Jeffers, and \$100 for all other part time employees, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:38pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Water Committee Meeting
January 8, 2021
1:30pm

Those present: Water Committee members, Guy James and Jim White, trustee, Joe Bear, Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Water/Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and Ed Shirley, and Phil Knight from Suez.

Discussion of preparing the Main St water tower to use a temporary tank during the rehab process of the Crittenden tank. Suez presented a contract to rehab Main St tower for use during this time frame, this is not to make the tank a permanent part of the water system. The contract amount is \$7,695.00. If they get into the tower and the repairs are more then they expected, the rehab will be revisited. We can chose to end the contract and only pay for repairs that have been completed. If things go as planned, there is the opportunity to make the Main St tower a permanent part of the water system. This can be discussed at a later date.

Guy James made a motion to recommend presenting the contract for approval to the full board, Jim White second the motion, 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Jim White made the motion to adjourn, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn: 2:10pm