

Village of Homer  
Regular Meeting of Trustees  
June 8, 2020  
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Mike Johnson, Joe Bear, Jim White, Guy James, and Zach Wells, not present, Kevin Knott, Village Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and via zoom, Water, Ed Shirley, and residents, Jim Lacey, and Herb Lacey.

Community Input: Email regarding this July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, concerned with the safety.

Board Comments: Village Hall drainage finished, Asphalt company to begin soon. The new trees that the Village planted last fall are looking good. TIF Creative Workshop Application has been put on hold due to estate being in probate.

Minutes: Guy James made the motion to approve Special and Library minutes as presented (with edit of Special), Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Reports: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve water, treasurer, police, maintenance, sewer, and zoning reports as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Treasurer reported that we had an extra \$27,893 deposited into the MFT account from the rebuild Illinois fund. She also reported that tax revenue has started coming in and she sees no impact from COVID-19.
- Maintenance reported that summer help is doing well. Benches at park are halfway finished. Need to check for trees growing up through fence at sewer plant. Concrete/sidewalk work will begin soon.

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

Health Insurance: Jim White made the motion to enter into agreement with CMS for Employee health insurance for 2020/21, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

South Homer Township TIF: Joe Bear made the motion to approve application for South Homer Township Intergovernmental TIF Agreement FY21, Mike Johnson second the motion, 3 in favor, 2 recuse (Guy James, and Jim White), motion approved.

Demo Bid: Guy James made the motion to solicitate bids for demolition of 305 S Caroline St, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Chevy Truck repairs: Zach Wells made the motion to repair doors and replace tires on Chevy pickup truck, not to exceed \$1,200.00, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Golf cart renewals: Set specific times and days with Don Happ for renewals of Golf cart stickers. Also put expiration dates on stickers.

Park lighting: Joe Bear made the motion to purchase 5 new lights to put on existing poles at the park not to exceed \$1000.00 from TIF, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, recuse, motion approved.

Weed eater: Joe Bear made the motion to purchase a new Stihl weed eater not to exceed \$400 to be split between General Fund, Water, and Sewer, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks: Mike Johnson made the motion to cancel July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks until next year, with Fireworks company holding already paid funds minus deposit lost due to cancellation, with a written amount given to the Village, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Dumpster Day: Guy James made the motion to hold dumpster day on July 11<sup>th</sup>, place to be determined due to parking lot repairs at Village Hall, 8am – noon, four dumpsters, \$20 extra load fee, \$20 for township residents, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Downtown Streetscape plans: Designs were shown to board. Approval of elevation and other engineering costs will approve at July meeting.

Water rates: Guy James made the motion to table Water increase ordinance will be tabled until next fiscal year, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Sewer rates: Guy James made the motion to table Sewer increase ordinance will be tabled until next fiscal year, Mike Johnson second the motion, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Nuisance Property: Mike Johnson made the motion to turn Lacey property over to Village Lawyer, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

## VILLAGE OF HOMER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2020

Present: Ray Cunningham, Joe Bear, Guy James, Kevin Knott, Zach Wells, Cindy Pruitt, The 3 guys from RJD

Presentation by RJD Machining LLC

RJD Machining currently operates in Champaign, IL and is outgrowing its current building so looking for location to build. Currently only have 5 employees and no room for additional machines or employees. 163 x 60 shop plus 40 x 60 office. Photos drawn by FBI were presented. Currently 3,000 sq ft shop, proposing 9,600 sq ft shop. Will have semi deliveries for approach and delivery site will be wider. Access road on west side for deliveries and travel around building to exit on the east and parking on the north. This proposal leaves room for expansion. 30' overhang to allow room for a semi to make a turn or two cars to pass. Work will not begin until crops are out – target date for company is early October. Estimate 2 weeks for putting up the shell.

This is TIF eligible. Potential for 5-6 new employees in the next 4 years. Engineering costs for village and company; land acquisition and appraisal are all TIF eligible. They can either pay in advance and be reimbursed. The village may also be reimbursed through future tax moneys. New TIF program where some dollars could go to school for an internship program. If vote tonight, Sharon would work with Jacob Kline to begin the TIF agreement. Company is interested in an internship program.

Vote to proceed with TIF application. Kevin made motion to move forward with RJD Machining application and Zach seconded

Guy Yes, Joe Yes, Kevin Yes, Zach Yes

Location is corner of Second and Church Street. Beginning of building would be 50'-60' off the road to allow parking in front.

Joe made motion for site selection and land acquisition. Guy seconded. Can buy the land and be reimbursed through tax dollars or Village can loan and TIF tax money would come to us until payoff. Would like first right of refusal for potential surrounding land sale.

Guy yes, Joe Yes, Kevin Yes, Zach Yes, Ray Yes

Guy made motion to approve engineering for proposed site for RJD Machining. Joe seconded.

Guy yes, Joe Yes, Kevin Yes, Zach Yes, Ray Yes

307 S Caroline's owner is interested in selling their two lots. Proceed with investigating purchase price.

Village of Homer  
Cemetery Board Meeting  
Friday, June 19, 2020  
7:00am

Those present: Joe Bear, Zach Wells, Larry Anders, Ray Cunningham, Billy Mitchell, and Sharon Jeffers.

Sharon reported that we have had 5 burials within the last couple of months.

We will put up a map of the Cemetery in the shed to have everyone sign the section they will be mowing to hopefully stop confusion. Also we will put a sheet up to have all volunteers write their name and contact info on and if they are able to weed their section.

The Fire Department is purchasing flags to place on Firemen's grave. We would like to purchase flags for Policemen also. There are currently 10. We would also like to purchase new flags for the Veterans. They would be the size of the Firemen, and Police flags. When we purchase them we need to put a marking on the post to help volunteers with removal of flags. We will wait until winter to purchase depending on finances.

Weed Eater: Zach Wells made the motion to purchase a new Stihl weed eater not to exceed \$400, Larry Anders second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Ray Cunningham, yes, Billy Mitchell, yes, Larry Anders, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Need to have stumps removed, 15-20 stumps. There are trees that need to be removed. Will wait until Village has trees removed.

Still need to cover deteriorating graves with concrete, and fix falling stones.

Roads will be covered with millings from Village hall parking lot.

Roof needs to be repaired on the small garage.

Adjourn: Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Billy Mitchell second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:13AM