

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
Monday, March 12, 2018
7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees; Mike Johnson, Joe Bear, Guy James, Charles Montgomery, Zach Wells, and Kevin Knott, Village Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance, Ryan Byerly, Water, Ed Shirley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, and residents, Herb Lacey, Billy Mitchell, and Christine Cunningham.

Community Input: Christine Cunningham invited the Board to the Library Open House on Saturday, March 24th from 9am -2pm.

Herb Lacey asked about the State surveying downtown. They are surveying for ADA Sidewalks.

Board Comments: Clerk, Sharon Jeffers turned TIF app into the TIF Committee, Mayor Ray Cunningham and Joe Bear met with an engineer in regards to taking down the old water tower. Clerk, Sharon Jeffers also asked if anyone would like to make a donation towards Sue Jones Memorial fund or flowers.

Minutes: Charles Montgomery made the motion to approve Regular, Personnel, budget, and Library minutes as presented, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Village Bills: Guy James made the motion to approve payment of Village bills as presented, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Charles Montgomery, yes, motion approved.

- The board has requested that sewer samples to be sent to a new company for testing.

Reports: Guy James made the motion to approve Treasurer, Water, Police, Maintenance, Sewer, Zoning, and Village Hall reports as presented, Charles Montgomery second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Village storm sewers have collapsed in several areas outside of town. We need to identify problems and talk to farmers and resolve problems.
- Sewer infiltration is occurring in a couple of manholes. Needs to be hired out and resolved.
- Zoning permits need to be revisited for completion or renewal of permits
- \$1000.00 has been transferred to the new Cemetery Bank account until funds are available

Update Restroom project: The concrete floor has been removed for plumbing, we will be renting a trencher from Ray's Heating and Plumbing, and Ray will be volunteering his time to trench in the water and sewer lines, another plumber will be volunteering his time for the inside plumbing work. A temporary fence needs to be placed around the work area during Soccer practices and games, and the outhouse needs to be placed in another location.

Cemetery update: We are still waiting for the closing. Once the title comes back the closing will be scheduled. The Cemetery Committee will be scheduling their first meeting soon.

Ordinance 031218A: Kevin Knott made the motion to pass Ordinance 031218A, an Ordinance Approving and authorizing intergovernmental TIF agreement between the Village of Homer and South Homer Township in the amount of \$14,000.00, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, recuse, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Charles Montgomery, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 031218B: Kevin Knott made the motion to pass Ordinance 031218B, an Ordinance approving and authorizing intergovernmental TIF agreement between the Village of Homer and Homer Fire Protection District in the amount of \$8,000.00, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, recuse, Mike Johnson, recuse, Zach Wells, yes, Charles Montgomery, yes, and Raymond Cunningham, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 031218C: Kevin Knott made the motion to pass Ordinance 031218C, an Ordinance approving and authorizing intergovernmental TIF agreement between the Village of Homer and the Heritage School District in the amount of \$15,000.00, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, recuse, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Charles Montgomery, yes, motion approved.

L. Carl Goad Charitable Trust: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution accepting funds from the L. Carl Goad Charitable Trust for public purpose, Charles Montgomery second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Charles Montgomery, yes, and Raymond Cunningham, yes, motion approved.

- A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, 7:00pm to further discuss trust

New Accounts: Charles Montgomery made the motion to approve opening two new checking accounts for the Goad Trust and Cemetery, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

USDA Loan: Guy James made the motion to pay an additional \$10,000.00 towards the principal of the USDA Village Hall loan, Charles Montgomery second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Charles Montgomery, yes, motion approved.

Valve Operator: Zach Wells made the motion to approve purchase of new valve operator, not to exceed \$4,500.00, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Charles Montgomery, yes, motion approved.

Water Subscription: Charles Montgomery made the motion to approve trial subscription for Water Department for 60 days, and then review subscription at that time, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Dumpster Day has been set June 9, 2018 from 8am to 11am

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:15pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Special Meeting
March 20, 2018
7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Kevin Knott, Charles Montgomery, Guy James, Mike Johnson, Zach Wells, Joe Bear, Village Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, and Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt.

L. Carl Goad Estate in the amount of \$3.6 million has been invested at a 60/40 allocation at Busey Bank. There is a 1.1% fee on managing these funds (approximately \$39,000 annually).

A Federal law states that 3% of the principle must be taken out every year. It can be re invested.

We plan on taking the 3% out semiannually.

After discussion the board decided to make our first priorities as follows in this order.

1. Repair and replace downtown sidewalks and refurbish downtown.
2. New Maintenance Building
3. Water Plant upgrades

The possibility of land acquisition is always an option and could be looked at in the future.

Can always use TIF in conjunction with the Trust.

Going to look into hiring a grant writer to possibly get grants in conjunction with the Trust.

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

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
March 19, 2018
6:30pm

Those present: Village trustees: Joe Bear, Guy James, Zach Wells, Charles Montgomery, and Kevin Knott, Village Board President, Ray Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerly, and Water, Ed Shirley.

Water 18/19 budget:

Wabash Well is in need of repairs. To what extent do we fix? It was decided to possibly fix or replace current meter. Safety equipment is need for climbing the water tower.

Ogden wells will need maintenance this year.

150 Meters need to be ordered for the replacement program.

Raise water rate to \$12.50 minimum for \$1500, and \$5.50 per thousand.

Increase to:

Water sales to \$137,000

Interest to \$1,000.00

Training- \$600

Insurance liability-\$7,000

Supplies and Chemicals-\$20,000

Water dept Maint. - \$16,000

Fire Hydrants - \$6,000

Fuel- \$3,500

TIF 18/19 budget

Increase to:

Village Hall repairs- \$40,000 for parking lot resurfacing

Water tower loan- \$42,000 pay down loan

Tree removal-\$20,000

Village Hall-\$20,000 for park and landscaping

Streets and Sidewalks - \$20,000

Downtown Development- \$20,000

Heritage JR \$20,000

Grants - \$25,000

Lower to:

Heritage Ranch \$3,500

Add Maintenance Building repair-\$8,000

Add Village Improvements -\$5,000

Adjourn: Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget 4
March 26, 2018
6:30pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Guy James, Joe Bear, Kevin Knott, Mike Johnson, and Zach Wells, Village Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Zoning/Sewer, Dave Hermes.

General Fund 2018/19 budget:

Interest income raised to \$1,200

Garbage raised to \$2200 (for dumpster to clean maintenance and cemetery buildings)

Equipment repairs raised to \$3,500 (need back hoe tires)

Need a new mower, have been offered \$3,500 trade in for old Exmark

Safety equipment needed, harnesses, signs, and barricades. Do a portion this year and add more next year. This line item is to be added to the equipment/tools line item.

Check to see if signs and barricades can be paid for with MFT

Purchase cement forms out this budget

Purchase rock up to \$2,500 out of this year's budget

Storm drains will be at least \$6,000.00

Inventory items as we get them

Make a list of priority tools and bring to next general budget meeting

General Budget meeting next Monday, April 2

Adjourn: Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:03pm

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
April 2, 2018
6:30pm

Those present: Trustees: Kevin Knott, Joe Bear, Guy James, Zach Wells, and Charles Montgomery, Village Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and Sewer, Dave Hermes.

Items for next year's budget: 3 steel tables for Maintenance building \$1,260.00, Battery tools \$800, Cutting torch and tanks, \$1,000, Welder, \$2,000, Laser, \$900, Tool box truck, \$900, Mower \$12,000. Most of these items can be paid out of General, Water, and Sewer. Christmas tree for downtown possibly from TIF and or downtown improvements.

Adjustments were made accordingly to all accounts and budget has been finished for board approval at April 9th meeting.

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Charles Montgomery second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. 7:50pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

GAR Cemetery Board
March 20, 2018
11:00am
Homer Village Hall, 500 E Second St.

Those Present: Board Members: Guy James, Larry Anders, Bill Mitchell, Joe Bear, and Ray Cunningham, also present, Sharon Jeffers, Ryan Byerley, and Funeral Director, Tim Kirby.

Joe Bear was nominated as Board President, and Sharon Jeffers nominated as board Secretary.

Correspondence and funds will go through the Village Office.

Meetings must follow the OMA regulations and minutes must be presented to the Village board for approval.

Records to be kept by the Village Clerk/Cemetery Board Secretary, Sharon Jeffers.

Need to get rules of Cemetery and review.

Schedule spring cleanup.

Make list of current mowing volunteers. Volunteers will need to sign waiver for Village files.

Possibly change keys/lock on mowing garage.

Budget at this time: \$200 our portion of opening regular grave, and \$500 for sale of lot. A 25% discount will be given to Veterans (with DD 214). A refund will be given if DD 214 is provided after burial.

At this time we will continue to use Jim Noman for opening until we can further review procedures. He charges \$700 per opening.

Need to learn how to lay out and sell lots.

Saturday and Sunday contact will be Sharon Jeffers at this time. The fee for burial is higher on weekends.

Sharon will get letters out to local Funeral Home's with new contact information and changes.

Make sure bank account is named GAR Cemetery.

A donation line item needs to be added budget.

Veterans headstones are to be installed by the stone company and installation for free headstone paid by the family.

Flags on graves will be the same, placed by Legion and Boy Scouts.

Pricing is different on urns and children. Need to get that pricing.

We will be cutting ties with South Homer Township and Old Homer Cemetery.
There is not a Paupers Field at the Cemetery. We can deal with these issues when and if they arise.

There is a verbal agreement with Bruce Bryan to farm the 3 acres. Sharon will discuss with Lawyer if this is something we can continue.

Need to get insurance started on the property.

Adjourn: Joe Bear made the motion to adjourn, Bill Mitchell second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. 12:17pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Secretary

Village of Homer

500 East Second Street Homer Illinois

Buildings and Grounds Committee March 29, 2018 6:30 pm

Attending: Joe Bear, Kevin Knott, Ray Cunningham, Guy James

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. As there was no community input the committee discussed the location of the proposed playground. Joe explained the location of utilities and the location of the soccer field and the limits on where the playground could be located. The proposed site is west of the village hall and parking lot in a 60 x 80 section marked with stakes. The playground would have two play sections and a swing set. Wood chips to a depth of 12 inches is proposed. The possibility of a concrete curb was also discussed.

Recommendation: A budget of \$35,000 for equipment and a total budget not to exceed \$50,000 for the total cost is proposed.

Joe will meet with parents of children to finalize the exact equipment to be purchased.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Village of Homer

500 East Second Street Homer Illinois

March 20, 2018

Attending: Zach Wells, Charles Montgomery, Mike Johnson, Ray Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm. The committee went into executive session at 5:05 pm. Mike Johnson made the motion and Zach Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee came out of executive session at 5:40pm. Zach made the motion and Mike Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

The committee interviewed Ryan Byerly, Dave Hermes, John Rouse, Cindy Pruitt and Sharon Jeffers.

The committee agreed that Charles and Ray would meet with Sharon Jeffers at a later time for a discussion of salary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Those present: Sara Essig, Jane Clark, Becci Powers, Brian Clark, MaryKay Anderson, Ariel Wells, Director Christine Cunningham and Assistant Librarian Angela Ray.

Absent: Marla Wienke.

Sara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There was no public comment.

The Secretary's minutes were approved as read.

Becci gave the Treasurer's report.

Bills presented: 1) MaryKay moved and Brian seconded we pay Visa debit charges \$154.33 (revenue fund) Motion carried. 2) Becci moved and Brian seconded we pay Baker and Taylor \$139.46, Demco \$186.05, and the Village of Homer \$32.41 for postage. Motion carried.

Christine gave the Librarian's report.

We discussed the Business Directory.

Soda Fest will take place August 23-25 combined with Krazy Days. Brian will work on some designs for us to look at.

Becci moved and Ariel seconded we open short term CDs in Prospect Bank. \$20,000 in a 90 day CD and \$3000.00 in a 30 day CD leaving a balance of \$6, 509.38. Motion carried.

Becci moved and Brian seconded we adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary, Jane Clark