

Village of Homer  
Regular Meeting of Trustees  
Monday, April 12, 2021  
7:00pm

Those Present: Trustees: Mike Johnson, Guy James, Kevin Knott, Jim White, Zach Wells, and Joe Bear, Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, and guests, Ray Ryerson, Billy Mitchell, Roy Woodmansee, Angela Lawrence, Christine Cunningham, Skip James, Jeremy Richards, and Herb Lacey.

Board Comments: Ray Cunningham thanked Joe Bear and Guy James for dealing with the drainage project. Joe Bear reported that the work being done at Dons automotive needed to be a bit wider and a pothole area was also removed and replaced with concrete. These changes should still fall within the TIF budgeted amount. Kevin Knott spoke to the board regarding his past years on the board.

TIF committee meeting set for Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made a motion to approve regular, personnel, budget, Cemetery, and Library minutes as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

- Leak on raw line has been repaired and a flush point has been added.
- There will be lower pressure throughout the Village when the Crittenden tower is being cleaned and painted.
- Wells 5 & 6 should be online soon.
- We will continue to mow railroad lot
- A grading laser was donated to the Maintenance department by Ray Ryerson

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

Eagle Project: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve a flag disposal box to be placed at the Village Hall for an Eagle Scout project, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Personnel Recommendations: Guy James made the motion to approve Personnel committees recommendations including an additional \$1.00 per hour for the Janitor, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

FY22 Budget: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve FY22 budget with an additional \$500 added to General personnel, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Part time and summer help: Guy James made the motion to accept applications for one 900 hour part time maintenance and one summer mowing position, no age requirement accept must have drivers license, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Dumpster Day to be held June 5<sup>th</sup> with 5 dumpsters plus metal dumpster.

Cemetery Roof: Joe Bear made the motion to approve K&K roofing to recoat Cemetery shed roof in the amount of \$2,490.00, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Cemetery Road: Joe Bear made the motion to approve Illiana to grind Cemetery main road and to purchase rock not to exceed \$9,000.00, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Water Billing email module: Guy James made the motion to purchase email module for billing system in the amount of \$500.00, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Library Donation: Zach Wells made the motion to donate \$1560.00 to the Library for their fundraiser, to be paid in May, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

HCIA Donation: Kevin Knott made the motion to donate \$2000.00 to HCIA for 2021 event insurance, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Outdoor restroom project: Joe Bear made the motion to accept bid from Illini Concrete Raising not to exceed \$6,500.00 to install concrete around the restroom area and the down spouts, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

MFT Resolution: Jim White made the motion to pass MFT resolution in the amount of \$53,000.00, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:43pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
TIF Committee Meeting  
Thursday April 15, 2021 7:30 a.m.  
500 East Second Street

Attending: Kevin Knott, Ray Cunningham, Joe Bear, business owner James Davis, sewer operator Dave Hermes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

The committee examined the receipts submitted by Mr. Davis from D2 Lawn and Snow. We asked Mr. Davis about the project and he related the progress of the project. The electrical service has been restored. The sewer has been hooked up. Dave Hermes was asked about the hook ups and he told the committee that they indeed were done.

The committee has concerns, not about Mr. Davis' business or efforts in restoring the building, but the owner, Mr. Hudson's ownership on contract. Our concern is that should funds be issued that they go to Mr. Davis to reimburse him for restoration work.

Mr. Davis' estimate is currently that he has about \$2500 in the project. He has presently has \$2045 in receipts.

Recommendations: We would like to explain the situation to Jacob and Klein, TIF attorneys, and seek their guidance. What does the village do in these cases?

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Village of Homer  
Special Board Meeting  
April 19, 2021

Present: Ray, Mike, Joe, Guy, Cindy

Audience: Jeremy Richards, Ray Ryerson, Skip James, Ryan Byerley

7:00 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Discussions and suggestions for water tower colors. Ultimately the audience suggested neutral colors.

Mike made motion to paint the colors of the water tower 78GN Cumulus on top and 91GN Balsam on bottom with 35GR black letters. Homer to be put in same location it is now. Only one Homer to save money. Joe seconded. Kevin, Guy, Joe, Mike all approved.

Joe made motion to amend concrete bid to add \$190 to original approval, which would be \$6,690. Mike seconded. All approved

7:21 - Mike made motion to adjourn. Joe seconded. All approved.

Village of Homer  
Personnel Meeting  
Wednesday April 28, 2021  
500 East Second Street

Attending: Jim White, Zach Wells, Ray Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

The committee met with the applicant John Humphrey who expressed interest in the 900 hour position. The committee discussed the position and the applicant's experience.

The other applicant for the mowing position had communicated his desire to drop out of consideration.

The committee believes that more applicants for the jobs are needed to make a decision on hiring.

The meeting was concluded at 6:55 p.m.

Village of Homer  
GAR Cemetery Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
7:00am

Call to order

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

Pressure switch on air compressor has been repaired.

Flags have been purchased

The main road will be ground by Illinana the first of May the gravel will be placed and rolled

Roof bid for resealing the big shed has been approved.

Memorial Day service will be held this year. Will ask the Boy Scouts to help with placing the flags. Will place flags Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Contact mowers to have their area mowed by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Rhoton has been resetting headstones.

Had a complaint that a grave had not been seeded and raked. It is too soon and it has not had time to completely settle.

Larry Anders made the motion to adjourn, Billy Mitchell second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 7:55am

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Clerk

## HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 2021

Those present: Jill Weathers, Jane Clark, Becci Powers, Mary Kay Anderson, Director Christine Cunningham and Cindy Happ from Friends of the Library.

Absent: Ariel Wells and Marla Wienke, Guests: Joe Rice and Troy Schiff

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

Cindy Happ from Friends of the Library discussed potential fundraisers, a book bag and Design a Bookmark contest.

Secretary report was approved as read.

Becci gave the Treasurer's report.

Bills: 1) Mary Kay moved we approve visa debit charges of \$296.93, Becci seconded, motion carried. 2) Mary Kay moved we pay Baker and Taylor \$310.51, Becci seconded, motion carried. Bills to note: Illinois Department of Revenue was paid \$58.39.

Christine gave the Librarian's report.

Jane moved we accept Marla Wienke's resignation, Mary Kay seconded, motion carried.

Becci moved and Mary Kay seconded we go into closed session to discuss employees' salaries, Motion carried.

Becci moved and Mary Kay seconded we move back into open session, motion carried. Mary Kay moved we pay the Director \$15.25, the Assistant Librarian \$12.25, and substitute librarian, \$12.00. Jane seconded; motion carried.

Becci moved we adjourn, Jane seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:18 p.m.

Jane Clark, Secretary