

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
January 11, 2021
7:00pm

Call to order

Those present: Village Trustees: Joe Bear, Guy James, Jim White, Kevin Knott, and Zach Wells, not present, Mike Johnson, also present, Village Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, Attorney, Marc Miller, Nic Nelson with Jacob and Klein, and residents, Christine Cunningham, Jeremy Richards, Billy Mitchell, and Skip James.

No community input

Board Comment: Jim White recommends drafting a letter to the Champaign County Health Department and the Governor to relax or eliminate the COVID-19 mandates. The board received a letter stating that Casey's was not enforcing the mask mandate. The Village will not pursue the matter. Marc Miller is not in favor of the board writing a letter to the Governor or CCHD, due to possible repercussions. He is ok with not enforcing mask mandate at local businesses. If Jim would like to draft a letter it can be presented for approval at February's meeting.

TIF meeting to review new application will be held Thursday morning at 7:30am.

Nic Nelson presented a proposal to establish a business district. A sales tax increase of $\frac{1}{4}$ - 1 % can be applied. Groceries, services, and medicine would not be included in the tax increase. A public hearing must be set during the establishing phase. The district would last 23 years.

Ordinance 011121A: Jim White made the motion to pass Ordinance 011121A, approving and authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement for establishment and annual administration of Homer Business District between the Village of Homer and Jacob & Klein, and The Economic Development Group, with a 1% tax and with dates changed to current date on document presented, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, no, Jim White, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

TIF Extension: Joe Bear made the motion to start the process to extend the TIF District for 12 more years, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Jim White, recuse, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 011121B: Joe Bear made the motion to pass Ordinance 011121B, TIF Intergovernmental agreement with Homer Fire Protection District in the amount of \$13,000.00, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Jim White, recuse, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Budget meetings set for: Jan 25, Feb 1st and 6th, and Feb 25th all to begin at 6:00pm.

Ordinance 011121C: Zach Wells made the motion to pass Ordinance 011121C, authorizing RFP for 305 S Caroline St, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Jim White, recuse, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Suez Agreement: Joe Bear made the motion to enter into agreement with Suez in the amount of \$7,695.00 and additional \$1,500.00 per day if necessary, to be paid from TIF to prepare Main Street water tower to be used as a storage tank, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Jim White, recuse, Kevin Knott, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Marc Miller will communicate with the owner of the burnt house on N West St.

Minutes: Guy James made the motion to approve minutes as presented, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

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

Adjourn: Jim White made the motion to adjourn, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:35pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Public Hearing
Special Meeting
January, 14, 2021
6:00pm

Those Present: Village Trustees: Joe Bear, Guy James, and Zach Wells, not present, Jim White, Kevin Knott, and Mike Johnson, also present, Mayor Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Zoning Administrator, Dave Hermes, and residents Mr. and Mrs. Turner.

Mr. Turner asked why we were granting the easement, and if the property has been surveyed. The variance was explained, and the property was not surveyed by the Village and is not a requirement of the Zoning Ordinance.

Guy James made the motion to grant a variance of not more the 25% lot size reduction for a two family dwelling for 208 W Wabash St, PIN 278-006, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Guy James, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Raymond Cunningham, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn 6:24 pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Special Meeting of Trustees
January 19, 2021
6:30pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Jim White, Guy James, Joe Bear, Mike Johnson, Zach Wells, and Kevin Knott, Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers.

Ameren Easement: Zach Wells made the motion to approve easement and power pole to Ameren relating to the Homer Industrial Subdivision, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Kevin Knott, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Guy James, yes, Jim White, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Jim White made the motion to adjourn, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 6:38pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
January 25, 2021
6:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Guy James, Jim White, Joe Bear, Kevin Knott, and Mike Johnson, Zach Wells not present, also present, Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, and residents, Skip James, Jeremy Richards, and Ray Ryerson.

Initial budget planning begun.

Some ideas that we should try to put in the budget:

Seal Village Hall parking lot, put back \$3500 a year for resealing every 3 years

Rehab wells 5 + 6

Radio reads

Possible replacement of tractor

Maintenance building new and rehabbing current
Scheduled a buildings and grounds meeting to discuss further

Maintenance trailer for water main breaks

Tool items: Laser, rotary hammer drill, LG tool box, Bolt bins, backhoe buckets/frost tooth

Questions: Can we do some leveling of roads in house? IEPA requiring knowledge of water pipe materials, how to go about this?

Drainage on E First

Purchase new police vehicle?

Village improvements: Downtown sidewalks, sidewalk to Dollar General

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

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting 2
February 1, 2021
6:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Guy James, Joe Bear, Kevin Knott, Zach Wells, and Mike Johnson, Jim Whit not present. Also present, Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Dave Hermes, and residents, Skip James, Jeremy Richards, and Ray Ryerson.

Sewer proposed budget FY22

Raise line item 51202, Equipment repairs to \$15,000.00 to cover repairs of pumps at lift stations

Raise line item 51302 vehicle repair to \$200.00

Raise line item 51402 equipment sewer plant to \$15,000.00 to cover spare pumps and spare drives

Lower line item 52302 tools to \$500.00

Raise line item 57102 utilities to \$32,000.00

Raise line item 59102 insurance to \$4,500.00

Raise line item 61102 Supplies and Chemicals to \$3,000.00 to cover new product to help lift stations from being pumped out

Add new line item Grounds Maintenance for \$5000.00 to cover rock for drive to burn pit

Lower line item 65102 Office Supplies to \$500.00

Raise line item 65502 Fuel to \$750.00

All other items remain unchanged

Need to determine how much we would like to transfer to projects

Propose raising sewer per thousand rate \$.30 making it \$7.30

Goad proposed budget FY22

Remove interest, trustee fees, and cemetery line items. All remaining items unchanged.

Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn 7:13pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
GAR Cemetery Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
7:00am

Those present: Joe Bear, Ray Cunningham, Larry Anders, and Sharon Jeffers.

We have 3 Veterans that were not given the Veterans discount for burial. Addresses of the families are being collected from the Funeral Homes, and the discount will be refunded.

To get Pillars at both entrances refinished will cost \$2,700.00-\$3,000.00.

Going to get prices to grind main road

Would like to build stairs to access top of office for storage. Joe has drawings and is getting price.

Will research mower to see if it needs to be traded in this year.

Would like to purchase new flags for the Veterans. Will cost approximately \$624.00. Larry is going to ask Legion if they would like to purchase them.

Grounds Maintenance should include putting rock out to the dirt pile, and repair of Morrison graves.

Pole saw needs to be repaired.

Sharon has applied for a Cemetery Certificate from the state.

Sharon will write a letter or call local Funeral homes letting them know about the rental of temporary markers. \$50 installation, and \$25 a month for up to 6 months.

Will discuss budget further at next meeting which will be held Tuesday, February 23 at 7am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Clerk

Village of Homer
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
February 2, 2021
9:00am

Those present: Committee Members, Joe Bear, and Guy James, Trustees, Mike Johnson, and Zach Wells, Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and Dale Katerhenry.

Discussion of locations of properties that the Village owns and possible sites for a new Maintenance building.

Need to have further research of what building size and specs then discuss what location would be best.

A list of items to present to the board for budget FY22. Including lighting at park pavilion, park restroom doors, finish new restrooms Village Hall, and other items. List will be presented to the Village Board.

Need to research security cameras at the Caboose Park and the South Village Park.

Joe Bear made the motion to adjourn, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn: 10:30am

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk