

Regular Meeting of Trustees
March 8, 2021
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Mike Johnson, Kevin Knott, Guy James, Jim White, and Joe Bear, not present Zach Wells, also present: Mayor Raymond Cunningham, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police John Rouse, Maintenance/water Ryan Byerley, Water, Ed Shirley, Zoning/Sewer Dave Hermes, Attorney Marc Miller, Library representatives, Christine Cunningham and Jillian Weathers, and residents Jeremie Richards, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, and Billy Mitchell.

Community input: Jillian Weathers and Christine Cunningham present a proposal to the Village Board asking for them to sponsor a magnet fundraising program for the Library. The total cost of the project is approximately \$996.60 whatever the board would like to contribute would be appreciated.

Christine Cunningham announced that they will be having town wide garage sales the first weekend in May if that was ok with the board. The board had no problems with it.

The Mayor wanted to thank everyone for their hard work during the water issue. Thanks to Joe Bear, Guy James, Ryan Byerley and Ed Shirley for their hard work.

Jim White announced that he had sold his building in the TIF district and would now be able to participate in TIF discussions and voting.

A resident at 407 S East has asked if he could hire tree trimming for the oak trees on the city side of his property. The board was good with this as long as the company sends Village a certificate of insurance.

Minutes: Joe Bear made the motion to approve all minutes as presented with amendments to the streets and alley committee minutes to reflect the price of engineering and construction for the downtown proposed project and to include the drawings/power point, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

Reports: Joe Bear made the motion to approve Treasurer, water, sewer, police, maintenance, and zoning reports as presented, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Due to the lack of maintenance on the raw water line from Ogden wells since built, the line became full of iron silt and needed to be flushed out. Installation of hydrants throughout the line will be discussed to avoid this problem in the future.
- Treasurer wanted to make sure the board wanted to transfer the remaining \$2865.45 in ESDA New Equipment line item was to be transferred to projects fund. The board still would like it transferred.

Ordinance 030821A: Guy James made the motion to pass Ordinance 030821A amending water rates with additional \$5.00 flat fee water department maintenance line item, and a raising minimum and per thousand .50 each, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 030821B: Joe Bear made the motion to pass Ordinance 030821B amending sewer rates adding an additional .30 to per thousand, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 030821C: Jim White made the motion to enter into TIF agreement with Dons Auto in the amount of \$16,974.00, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, recuse, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Police Car Camera: Mike Johnson made the motion to purchase a camera for the Impala Police car in the amount of \$5,000, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, no, Kevin Knott, no, Guy James, no, Jim white, yes, and Joe Bear, no, motion failed.

Lighting at park: Kevin Knott made the motion to purchase new lights and necessary installation items not to exceed \$2,500.00 from TIF for the two pavilions at the park, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, recuse, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Fire Hydrant: Jim White made the motion to purchase a fire hydrant and 6" T from TIF funds not to exceed \$4000, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, recuse, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Radio Reads: Jim White made the motion to purchase radio reads for the remaining TIF eligible meters not to exceed \$11,500.00, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, recuse, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

No bids were submitted for 305 S Caroline

July 4th fireworks: Kevin Knott made the motion to enter into contract with Jamaica Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$12,500.00 plus a \$2,246.00 credit for this years July 4th firework display, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Jim White, yes, Guy James, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, and Mike Johnson, yes, motion approved.

Cemetery Projects fund: Guy James made the motion to start a projects fund for Cemetery account and to deposit \$1000.00 this fiscal year, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Jr Class donation: Mike Johnson made the motion to make a donation to the class of 2022 in the amount of \$150.00 towards Jr Prom, Guy James second the motion, roll call: Mike Johnson, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Jim White, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:36pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Budget 6
March 8, 2021
6:00pm

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

General Fund Budget continued:

Line item 52101 Village Maint/Improvement raised to \$7500 for Christmas lights and notification system

Line item 52301 Main tools/safety equip raised to \$3,000

Line item 57201 Community Center utilities raised to \$15,000

Line item 65501 Fuel raised to \$4,500

Line item 93201 heavy equipment rental raised to \$4,000 possible rental of hydro excavator

Line item 94201 equipment raised to \$2,000 possible purchase of quick coupler and pins

Going to leave remaining project funds unallocated.

Next budget meeting, Monday, March 22nd at 6pm.

Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion adjourned.

Adjourn: 6:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Personnel Committee Meeting
Thursday March 11, 2021 6:30 pm
500 E Second St. Homer, IL 61849

Attending: Jim White, Mike Johnson, Zach Wells, Ray Cunningham, John Rouse, Ryan Byerley

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

John Rouse was reviewed from 6:40 to 6:55 p.m. John has been with the Homer police department a total of 31 years. Chief Rouse gave his recommendation for the part time officer's pay.

Ryan Byerley was brought back to review his concerns and issues.

Recommendations:

The issue of retirement through Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund requires further exploration. This should be done by the full board at a board meeting.

Salary Recommendations for 2021-22 to the village board

John Rouse \$26.75 to \$27.25

Sharon Jeffers \$33,500 to \$34,500 \$1,000 after 15 years 4 weeks of vacation

Ryan Byerley \$57,500 3% \$59,225

Ed Shirley Retain on hourly rate as needed

After further discussions with Ed the following was recommended:

\$30 an hour as needed. There will be mileage if he is called to Homer at \$1 a mile.

Dave Hermes \$27.00 to \$28.00

Cindy Pruitt \$9,000 to \$9,270

Part Time Police (Rodney) \$18.00 to \$19.00

Penny Qualls Leave at \$11.00

Dale Katterhenry \$15.50 to \$17.50

Potentially hiring 900-hour person for Maintenance \$15 per hour next FY

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Village of Homer
GAR Cemetery Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 30th, 2021
7:00am

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

Discussion in regard to new lock next year and have keys turned in at the end of each mowing season

Need to order flags for Veterans, the Legion donated half of the money.

Sheds need to be cleaned out soon for mowing season

There will be a Memorial Day service this year

Need to sell seeder and scrap the rest of the metal by little shed

Pea Gravel needs to be removed and area cleaned up

Cemetery road repair will be discussed at the next Village meeting

Have compressor switch will be repaired soon

Hope to have new sign up by Memorial Day

Boy Scouts will be able to help setting flags for Memorial Day

Billy Mitchell made the motion to adjourn, Ray Cunningham second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 7:36am

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget 7
March 22, 2021
6:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Guy James, Joe Bear, and Zach Wells, not present, Jim White, Mike Johnson, and Kevin Knott. Also present: Mayor Raymond Cunningham, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance Ryan Byerley, and guest, Skip James, Jeremie Richards, and Ray Ryerson.

Personnel numbers recommended by Personnel Committee have been placed into budget. The Clerk salary will be 50% General 25% water and 25% sewer. The Maintenance Superintendent will be 60% General and 40% water. An app to track this may be implemented at a later date.

Water budget amendments:

\$6,100.00 will be taken out of water projects fund to pay for flushing taps for the raw water line from wells 5 and 6.

Line item 61701, water meters, will be raised to \$3,000.00 to replace up to ten paper meter pits.

Line item 55101, postage, will be raised to \$2,500.00 for email module for billing

Sewer budget amendments:

Line item 55102, postage, will be raised to \$2,000.00 for email module for billing (split with water)

Line item 61202, Sewer Dept. Maint. Raised to \$14,500.00 for lift station antenna upgrade

Recreation budget:

Line item 42401, community programs, raise to \$2,500.00 for HCIA festival insurance

Cemetery budget amendments:

Line item 52101, Grounds and Maintenance raised to \$8,000.00 for road repairs

General Fund Amendments:

Line item 91101, Public Relations, raised to \$11,500.00 for fireworks

Village Hall outdoor restrooms will be finished with Village Hall Insurance line item.

Adjourn: Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 7:10pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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

Marla Wienke was absent.

Jill called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Cindy reported new ideas for fundraisers by Friends of the Library.

Ariel moved we approve the Secretary's report as read, Becci seconded, motion carried.

Becci moved we approve the Special meeting minutes, Mary Kay seconded, motion carried.

Becci gave the Treasurer's report.

Bills: 1) Ariel moved we approve visa debit charges of \$154.68, Mary Kay seconded, motion carried. 2) Becci moved we pay Baker and Taylor \$277.53, Mary Kay seconded, motion carried. Becci moved we pay Ray's Plumbing and Heating \$81.25 and the Village of Homer \$42.52 for postage. Mary Kay seconded; motion carried. Of note: Illinois Department of Revenue was paid \$64.61; Illinois Department of Security was paid \$15.78; Puzey and Wright was paid \$350.00 and the U.S. Treasury was paid \$1,116.71. Office Depot was paid \$369.99 for a new computer. This purchase was previously approved. ^

Christine gave the Librarian's report.

IHLS and Illinet Traffic Summary is due March 31, 2021

Blind Date with a Book is currently set up.

Ariel moved and Mary Kay seconded we approve employee evaluations. Motion carried.

April 4-10 is National Library Week.

Christine and Alice are working on plans for Read Across America.

Ariel moved we adjourn, Mary Kay seconded, meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Jane Clark, Secretary