

Village of Homer  
Regular Meeting of Trustees  
February 8, 2021  
7:00pm

Those Present: Board Members; Guy James, Zach Wells, Kevin Knott, Joe Bear, Mike Johnson, and Jim White, Village Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Police Chief, John Rouse, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, and residents, Jeremy Richards, Skip James, and Ray Ryerson, and Billy Mitchell.

Board Comment: Joe Bear discussed the possible donation to the Junior Class for Prom due to lack of fund raising from COVID. We will wait for more information.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve regular, all budget, all special, building and grounds and Cemetery minutes as presented, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Reports: Joe Bear made the motion to approve maintenance, water, treasurer, police, sewer, zoning, and Village Hall reports as presented, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

Nuisance properties update: Current nuisance properties are still active and being dealt with. Need to make a list of new properties since we are getting close to spring.

TIF Committee meeting Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:30AM to discuss TIF application.

Ordinance 020821: Mike Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 020821 approving and authorizing TIF intergovernmental agreement with Heritage School District in the amount of \$26,000.00, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, recuse, Guy James, recuse, Ray Cunningham, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, recuse, motion approved.

Police Car: Zach Wells made the motion to purchase new Police Car in FY 22 in the amount of \$40,700.00 with a \$25,000.00 trade in for a total of \$15,700.00, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Park Restroom doors: Joe Bear made the motion to approve purchase of metal park restroom doors and frames not to exceed \$2,500.00 from TIF, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, recuse, Ray Cunningham, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, recuse, motion approved.

Cemetery Stairs: Joe Bear made the motion to purchase supplies to build staircase to upper area at Cemetery Shed not to exceed \$1,000.00, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.  
Adjourn 7:49pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
Budget Meeting 3  
February 8, 2021  
6:00pm

Those Present: Board Members; Guy James, Zach Wells, Kevin Knott, Joe Bear, Mike Johnson, and Jim White, Village Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Police Chief, John Rouse, residents, Jeremy Richards, Skip James, and Ray Ryerson.

Police FY22 Budget discussion

Purchase new car \$40,700.00 with \$25,000.00 trade in for a total of \$15,700.00 and \$2,500.00 change over.

Lower line item 50101 Metcad to \$9,000.00

Lower 51301 Vehicle Maintenance to \$4,000.00

Raise line item 59101 Liability insurance to \$7,000.00

All other line items to remain the same.

Esda FY22 budget discussion

Lower line item 58801 Siren Maintenance to \$2,000.00

All other line items to remain the same

TIF FY22 Budget discussion

Lower line item 51101 Village Hall to \$20,000.00

Recycling bin light and camera

Seal Parking lot

Finish outside restrooms

Lower line item 51401 Maint build repairs to \$25,000.00

Lower line item 51701 Parks to \$4,000.00

Mulch

Lower line item 52101 to \$20,000.00

Water radio reads

Raise line item 53201 Engineering to \$60,000.00

Water plant

Raise line item 70001 Water tower maintenance program

\$35,000.00 program, and \$35,000.00 for possible tank rental

Remaining TIF to be discussed at next budget meeting

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 6:55pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
Budget 4  
February 22, 2021  
6:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Joe Bear, Mike Johnson, Zach Wells, Guy James, Jim White, and Kevin Knott, Village Mayor, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Water, Ed Shirley, and residents, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, and Jeremie Richards.

Remainder of TIF Budget:

74001 - Well Rehab - raised to \$20,000 for portion of wells 5 and 6  
75001 – Well Maintenance- lowered to \$15,000  
89301 – Heritage Ranch - raise to \$9,000  
90001 and 91001 Fire Dept and South Homer Township raise to \$15,000  
91201- Grants- Raise to \$50,000  
99901 – Transfer to Police- raise to \$6,000 for new Police car

Water Budget:

36601- Bulk Water Sales- Remove line item  
Add new line item for income- Water System Maintenance \$30,000  
52201- Water line repair- raise to \$15,000  
52301- tools- raise to \$2,500 (large pipe cutter)  
53201- Engineering- lower to \$4,000  
55201- Telephone-raise to \$800  
59101 – Insurance-Liability-raise to \$8,000  
61101- Chemicals- raise to \$20,000 (increased Chlorine)  
61201- Water Dept Maintenance- raise to \$20,000.00 (Quick coupler and pins)  
61501- Well Maintenance- lower to \$6,000  
61701- Water meters- lower to \$2000 (prepare meters for radio reads)  
65101- Office supplies-lower to \$500.00  
65301- Office equipment – raise to \$1000

\$30,000.00 will be transferred from project funds to Water to go towards rehab of wells 5 and 6

Board not interested in contracting with Locating service

Water Rates proposal: Add additional line item on bill: Water System Maintenance- \$5.00  
Also raise minimum by \$.50 (\$17.50 to \$18.00) and raise per thousand by \$.50 (\$8.50 to \$9.00)

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:30pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
Budget Meeting 5  
March 1, 2021  
6:00pm

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

General Fund FY22 Budget

Income:

Remove line item 31301-telecommunications tax  
Raise 33101 Building permits to \$1000  
Lower 33201 Liquor Licensed to \$800  
Lower 34301 Cannabis use tax to \$800  
Lower 34501 Gambling to \$3000  
Change 37101 rock hauling to Ordinance fines \$300  
Lower 38101 interest to \$1000  
Lower 38201 rentals to \$2000  
Raise 38401 Cable Franchise to \$18,000  
Raise and Change 38501 Cilco Franchise to Ameren \$2500  
Lower 38701 Real estate sales to \$500  
Lower 38801 Sale of equipment to \$100  
Raise 38901 Other income to \$500

Expenses:

Lower 50901 Village Hall to balance. Use to replace lights with LED lighting  
Raise 51001 Garbage to \$2000  
Raise 51101 Village Hall to \$6500, finish bathroom project, mulch for playgrounds  
Raise 5130 Vehicle repair/Maint to \$4000  
Raise 51801 Landscaping to \$500  
Raise 52101 Village Maint/improvement to \$5000  
Raise 52401 Abandoned Property to \$1500  
Raise 53301 Attorney fees to \$10,000  
Raise 55101 Postage to \$1500  
Raise 55201 Telephone to \$5000  
The remainder of General to be discussed at next budget meeting

Cemetery FY22

Income: 38501-Marker rental raise to \$500.00

38601-interment prep raise to \$15,000

38701-space sales raise to \$5,000

39001-transfer other funds lower to \$10,000

Expenses: 51101-building repairs raise to \$15,000 (repair roof)

51901-interment prep lower to \$1,000

91101-Public relations raise to \$500(volunteer communication/appreciation)

94201-Equipment lower to \$5000

New line- Projects fund \$1,000

Adjourn: Zach Wells made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn  
7:31pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Streets and Alleys  
Thursday, February 25, 2021  
500 E Second St, Homer, IL 61849

Attending: Ray Cunningham, Joe Bear, Zach Wells, Dennis Cummins, Laura Tobben, and Jeff Martin.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15.

Jeff took us through a review of the streetscape and next steps in the process. We reviewed in detail the costs of the entire project as built and the details of the engineering costs. Questions were asked about how other similar projects were done. Engineering oversight of the project was discussed.

Recommendations: We should keep this before the board in future meetings. Jeff Martin is willing to meet with the downtown stakeholders in meetings to review the proposed project and gain their input. It is suggested that we push the project into 2022 due to our current projects. The village would have to come up with a funding formula. Exploration of state and federal funding should be explored.

Cost for project: Estimated construction, \$1.5 million, Engineering, \$125,000 at least and additional \$25,000 if grants are used.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05

Village of Homer  
GAR Committee Meeting  
February 23, 2021  
7:00am

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

Had to have mini repaired, fuel had gelled during grave digging

Cedar trees have encroached into the grave areas. Grave had to be shifted which will put headstone into the walkway. This is the flat stone area. Going to talk with family to help with decision.

Need to get Terminex rodent control for the mower shed so that the mowers can remain in that building year round.

Stair project for big shed has come in under budget so far.

Big Shed roof is leaking and will need attention soon.

To grind the main road from entrance to entrance would be \$4,300.00. It would then need to be dragged, rolled, and compacted.

Entrance pillars would be \$2,600.00 to repair/change exterior brick for all four.

Have not discussed purchase of larger flags with Legion yet.

Gutters on big shed need to be cleaned out. Will happen when we inspect roof.

Possibly buy plywood on this budget for interment space prep

Air Compressor needs a new pressure switch

Pea gravel pit needs to be removed

Clean up day will be March 21<sup>st</sup>

Volunteer promotion day will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Would like to start a projects fund and add \$1,000 annually beginning current fiscal year

FY22 Budget recommendations for Village Board

Income: 38501-Marker rental raise to \$500.00

38601-interment prep raise to \$15,000

38701-space sales raise to \$5,000

39001-transfer other funds lower to \$10,000

Expenses: 51101-building repairs raise to \$15,000 (repair roof)

51901-interment prep lower to \$1,000

91101-Public relations raise to \$500(volunteer communication/appreciation)

94201-Equipment lower to \$5000

New line- Projects fund \$1,000

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

Adjourn 8:20am Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Clerk

Village of Homer  
TIF Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 11, 2021

Attending: Joe Bear, Kevin Knott, Ray Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. The TIF application for Don's Auto Center Inc. submitted January 25, 2021 for the replacement of 8" of concrete on the north side of West Second on the village right of way. The committee reviewed the application for \$16,974.00 for the replacement by A& A concrete of Ludlow Illinois.

The committee is recommending to proceed with the project and reimbursing the full amount, \$16,974.00. The repair is on village property adjacent to Don's Auto Center and the committee notes that the traffic there is heavy adjacent to the garage. We suggest that the catch basin have a cut around it in the event that the catch basin be removed or repaired.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Village of Homer

Personnel Committee Meeting

Thursday February 11, 2021

Attending: Jim White, Zach Wells, Mike Johnson, Ray Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The activities of the year were reviewed. Current salaries and benefits were reviewed. The retirement program offered by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was discussed and the possibilities of what could be done by the village. The water and maintenance department needs were discussed.

It was decided to meet with Ryan Byerley to understand water and maintenance. The committee had no recommendations for the coming year at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.



Village of Homer  
Personnel Committee Meeting  
Thursday February 18, 2021 6:30 p.m.  
Village Hall 500 E. Second St. Homer IL

Attending: Jim White, Zach Wells, Ray Cunningham, Ryan Byerley

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

The committee met with Ryan to understand the issues facing the maintenance shop. The committee reviewed the events of the year and explored the needs of the maintenance shop in terms of personnel. Summer help and the question of an additional 900-hour person was explored.

Water department needs in terms of time and effort was explored. The spring project with Suez was discussed and how this would impact water and maintenance.

The issue of determining time and effort was discussed.

Ed Shirley's future with the village of Homer was discussed. How much would we need him?

A discussion of water's relationship with sewer was held.

This discussion was very helpful to understand the demands of water and maintenance.

Recommendations: Summer help should be reevaluated. Sharon should act as more of an outreach and clerical role for Ryan. We need to gain a handle on the time and effort water Ryan would not be working toward a sewer license at this time. The committee will be working to recommend a better summer help strategy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Village of Homer  
Personnel Committee Meeting  
Thursday February 25, 2021 6:30 p.m.  
Village Hall 500 E. Second St. Homer IL

Attending: Jim White, Zach Wells, Ray Cunningham, Mike Johnson

Personnel Attending: Dale Katterhenry, Sharon Jeffers, Cindy Pruitt, Dave Hermes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Each of the employees of Homer were interviewed for at least 20 minutes and needs of the employee were discussed. Summer help issues were explored.

The committee has no recommendations at this time and will meet with John Rouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2021.

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

Absent: Jane Clark, Marla Wienke

There was no public comment.

Cindy reported Friends of the Library has sales tax exemption status.

Mary Kay moved to accept December minutes as amended, Ariel seconded, motion carried.

Becci gave the Treasurer's report.

Bills: 1) Becci moved and Ariel seconded we approve visa debit charges of \$330.37. Motion carried. 2) Ariel moved and Becci seconded we pay Baker and Taylor \$263.77. Motion carried. Of note: Illinois Department of Revenue was paid \$74.17.

In new business, one computer is old and not working well. Christine did some research and suggests the Hewlett Packard All in One desktop. Ariel moved and Becci seconded the purchase plus shipping. Motion carried.

Becci moved to adjourn, Ariel seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Kay Anderson in place of Jane Clark

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2021.

Those present: Jill Weathers, Jane Clark, Becci Powers, Mary Kay Anderson and Director Christine Cunningham.

Absent: Ariel Wells, Marla Wienke

Jill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There was no public comment.

The board met to discuss Serving Our Public Standards for Illinois Public Libraries.

Jane moved we adjourn, Becci seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jane Clark, Secretary