

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
May 10, 2021, 7:00pm

Call to order

Those present: Trustees: Guy James, Mike Johnson, Jim White, Joe Bear, and Kevin Knott, 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, to be sworn in: Jeremy Richards, Ray Ryerson, and Skip James, Engineer, Dennis Cummins, and guests, Allison Wakefield, Billy Mitchell, Robert Umbarger, and Herb Lacey.

Village Mayor Jeremy Richards was sworn in.

Thanks were given to Raymond Cunningham for his service.

Mike Johnson made the motion to appoint Sharon Jeffers Village Clerk, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Guy James made the motion to appoint Cindy Pruitt Treasurer, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Joe Bear, Skip James, and Ray Ryerson were sworn in as Village Trustees.

Thanks were given to Kevin Knott for his service.

Public Comment: Herb Lacey wanted to thank Raymond Cunningham for his service, past boards have dealt with a lot of big issues over the past years and have done a great job. Past Mayor, David Lucas said when the sewer came businesses would come, and they are starting!

Board Comment: Mike Johnson suggested that we do our meetings on facebook live. This comes from resident comments. This is something that the Mayor and Clerk will work on.

Jim White reported that a sidewalk to Dollar General would require an engineer. We could also discuss a crosswalk.

Joe Bear reported that they had removed the sidewalk around the future car wash. He had given them the ok. Don Happ, owner of new car wash, would like to concrete the area all the way to Second St like he had on the North side of the road. We will have to research the water main that goes under that section. He also had a suggestion from a resident that we put a walking path around the Village Hall grounds.

It was announced that Ray Ryerson had signed the conflict of interest for TIF.

Guy James stated that we will need 2/3 members for a quorum.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made the motion that we approve regular, personnel, TIF, Special, Cemetery, and Library minutes as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Mike Johnson made the motion to pay Village bills as presented, but to only pay Terminex one month instead of annual to get bids from different companies, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Monthly Reports were presented.

- Water tower project should hopefully be finished in June

Fence permit: Guy James made the motion to decline permit at 605 S Main St, materials are not permitted, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Carpet Cleaning: Guy James made the motion to approve Wrights Carpet Cleaning to clean carpets in the Village Hall, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Resolution R051021A: Jim White made the motion to pass Resolution R051021A, a supplemental MFT resolution for an additional \$87,000.00 for a total of \$135,531.93, Skip James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, no, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

There were no candidates for the maintenance positions. Clerk will send invitation to apply to local schools.

Ordinance 051021A: Mike Johnson made the motion to pass Ordinance 051021A amending TIF agreement with Happs Automotive, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, recuse, motion approved.

Water improvement study: Mike Johnson made the motion to table the Water improvement study until the Water committee had reviewed, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Meeting Dates: Joe Bear made the motion to approve 21/22 meeting dates as presented, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Mike Johnson and Jeremy Richards will join the Cemetery Board. The board will meet at 5pm on the last Tuesday of the month.

Committee Assignments: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve committee assignments as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Bank Accounts: Jim White made the motion to replace former Mayor Raymond Cunningham with current Mayor Jeremy Richards on all of the Village bank accounts, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

E Second Water Main: Jim White made the motion to approve bid from Duce Construction in the amount of \$4880.00 to bore a 6" water main under E Second St, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Well 5&6 rehab: Jim White made the motion to rehab wells 5 & 6 in the amount of \$47,874.00 to be \$30,000.00 projects fund and \$14,000.00 TIF funds, and remainder from water, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, recuse, motion approved.

Mitigation Resolution: Guy James made the motion to pass Resolution R051021B, entering into mitigation agreement with Champaign County, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Black top Methodist Church: Jim White made the motion to approve the Methodist Church to black top driveway along the Village right of way, Skip James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Restroom repair bid: Mike Johnson made the motion to accept bid from Rays Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$400.00, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, recuse, motion approved.

Downtown flowers: Skip James made the motion to purchase flowers for downtown, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Playground mulch: Mike Johnson made the motion to purchase playground mulch, not to exceed \$2,200.00, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Golf Scramble: Guy James made the motion to sponsor a \$100.00 hole for the Homer Fire Protection Golf Scramble, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Jim White, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Skip James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:51pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
TIF Committee Meeting
Monday, May 17, 5:00pm
Village Hall, 500 E Second St

Those present: Mayor, Jeremy Richards, TIF Committee members, Joe Bear and Jim White, and Clerk, Sharon Jeffers.

Application from Deke Denney for demolition of building located at 100 E First St was reviewed. The application is for \$8,000.00. The Committee recommends a payment in two instalments of \$4,000.00 per year or reimburse full amount with a two-year agreement if sold money would be a reimbursed a prorated amount to Village.

Options for the new car wash was discussed. An agreement like the RJD Machining agreement would be the best option. Will discuss further once more information from developer is available.

The board would like to recommend extending the TIF district and adding a TIF 2 district.

Jim White made the motion to adjourn, Joe Bear second, meeting adjourn.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

GAR Cemetery
Board Meeting
May 25, 2021
5:00pm

Those present: Board Members; Joe Bear, Billy Mitchell, Ray Cunningham, Jeremy Richards, and Mike Johnson, and Clerk Sharon Jeffers.

The new flags for Veterans graves are ready to go. Will be setting flags Saturday at 9am. The Boy Scouts have been informed. Need to make sure everything is mowed Friday.

Still in need of Volunteers to mow.

When digging graves, we need to make sure plywood is put down before driving on the grass.

Road looks great, still needs a little work around the circle. May look into the cost of putting a special Soybean oil on roads in the future.

The roofer has been contacted to repair the big shed's roof.

Will be compiling a list of Firefighters and Police so that flags can be placed on their graves on Memorial Day.

Discussion of Cremation niches. This will be researched and brought to the Village board if it is feasible.

Adjourn: Ray Cunningham made the motion to adjourn, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 6:00pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Water Committee Meeting
May 25, 2021
6:30pm

Those present: Committee Members: Ray Ryerson, Guy James, and Jim White, and Mayor, Jeremie Richards.

The Engineering study of the water system by Farnsworth was discussed. We would like to have a little more clarity on drawings and cost for the actual project. Also, a timeframe on the progress of the project, such as water plant, water main upgrades, etc.

The board agrees to send the study back to the entire board for approval.

Meeting adjourn 7:00pm

Village of Homer
Special Meeting
May 27, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Those present: Village Trustees: Skip James, Mike Johnson, Guy James, Joe Bear, and Ray Ryerson, not present, Jim White, also present, Village Mayor/Board President, Jeremy Richards.

Discussion on hiring two for the mowing position and 900 hour position.

Joe Bear made the motion to hire Michael James at \$11.00 an hour and Stuart Wolf at \$11.50 an hour for the summer mowing position, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Guy James, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Mike Johnson, yes, motion approved.

Mike Johnson made the motion to hire Bruce Barnes as part time 900 hour maintenance at \$15.00 an hour, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Guy James, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Mike Johnson, yes, motion approved.

Mike Johnson made the motion to start workers on June 1, 2021, Joe Bear Second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn: 6:25pm

Minutes taken by Skip James, posted by Clerk Sharon Jeffers

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 11, 2021.

Those present: Jill Weathers, Ariel Wells, Jane Clark, Becci Powers, Troy Schiff, Joe Rice, Director Christine Cunningham, Assistant Librarian Alice Kirby, and Cindy Happ from Friends of the Library.

Absent: Mary Kay Anderson

There were no guests, no public comment.

Jill called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Cindy Happ updated us on fundraising events the Friends of the Library have discussed.

Becci moved and Joe seconded we approve the Secretary's minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Becci gave the Treasurer's report.

Bills: 1) Becci moved and Joe seconded we approve visa debit charges of \$580.21, motion carried. 2) Jane moved and Troy seconded we pay Baker and Taylor \$378.70, motion carried. Bill to note: Illinois Department of Revenue was paid \$67.42, EDDM for membership was paid \$496.34.

Christine gave the Librarian's report. Jane moved and Becci seconded the non-member library card fee remain at \$40.00. Motion carried.

Ariel moved we approve the following elected officers:

President: Jill Weathers

Vice President: Joe Rice

Secretary: Jane Clark

Treasurer: Becci Powers

Troy seconded; motion carried.

Joe moved and Becci seconded we raise our fax fee to \$1.00 for the first page and 10 cents each consecutive page. Motion carried.

Ariel moved to adjourn, Joe seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Jane Clark, Secretary