

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
September 14, 2020
7:00pm

Call to order

Those present: Village Trustees: Guy James, Joe Bear, Jim White, Zach Wells, and Kevin Knott, not present, Mike Johnson, also present: Village Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and Dale Katerhenry, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, Water, Ed Shirley, Attorney, Marc Miller, Zach Knight from Farnsworth, The McCormick's with RJD Machining, and residents, Crystal Allen, Billy Mitchell, and Ray Ryerson.

Community Input: Ray Ryerson voiced his concerns with the downtown project. Putting bump outs in the road will not work with semi's. He feels the lighting is also fine. Sidewalks need fixed but that is all. The board responded with the comments: Nothing is set in stone at this time, and they are thinking about the long term and hoping this will entice new business in the future. They hope to have a meeting to listen to community input before final decision is made.

Board Comments: Joe Bear and Gentry Hawkins have been putting a lot of volunteer time in finishing the concession stand and new restrooms.

Waste and Fraud Program: The Waste and Fraud program was presented by Mayor Raymond Cunningham. Guy James made the motion to approve the program as presented, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Documentation of those that have went through the program needs to be on file

Minutes: Kevin Knott made the motion to approve minutes as presented with amendment to Cemetery minutes, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

Reports: Kevin Knott made the motion to approve treasurer, police, water, maintenance, zoning, sewer, and village hall reports as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Ordinance 091420A: Kevin Knott made the motion to pass Ordinance 091420 approving sale of 2 acres of farmland in the amount of \$27,000.00 to RJD Machining, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes. Motion approved.

Subdividing Farmland: Joe Bear made the motion to approve subdivision of farmland for RJD Machining, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 091420B: Kevin Knott made the motion to pass Ordinance 091420B approving and authorizing execution of TIF agreement with RJD Machining, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote:

Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, recuse, motion approved.

Maintenance program will be tabled until more information is available.

Concession/Restroom project: Zach Wells made the motion to purchase remaining items to finish the concession stand and restroom project not to exceed \$6,500.00 to be paid from TIF, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, recuse, Raymond Cunningham, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, recuse, motion approved.

Cemetery Roof: Guy James made the motion to have Cemetery mower shed roof replaced not to exceed \$3,000.00, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Water Plant improvements: Jim White made the motion to approve renovations necessary to accommodate the cleaning and painting of the water tower not to exceed \$20,000.00, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Water Plant improvements: Guy James made the motion to have Farnsworth to prepare an assessment of the Water Treatment plant and distribution system, and what will be needed to move forward for improvements and or replacement, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Nuisance properties were reviewed. Mayor is still working on current property, and notices are going to be sent to other nuisance properties.

Adjourn: Jim White made the motion to adjourn, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 9:00pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
October 19, 2020
7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Guy James, Mike Johnson, Jim White, Joe Bear, and Kevin Knott, not present, Zach Wells, also present, Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, Guests, Billy Mitchell, and Sue Smith.

No Community input

Board Comment: Ray reported that the office has been very busy. There is a lot going on in Homer with the RJD Machining and Dollar General. There is no timeline for Dollar General at this time. There will be a representative at the October 28th special meeting.

Sharon will be working from home the next couple of weeks.

Halloween: Sue Smith presented a Halloween reverse parade event. The event will include safe covid guidelines. The parade will be handing candy to cars in parade, there will be trunk for treats at the Village Hall, the high school pep band will also be playing.

Kevin Knott made the motion to allow this to be a Village sanctioned event, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Trick or treat hours: Kevin Knott made the motion to set trick or treat hours for 6-8pm, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Minutes: Joe Bear made the motion to approve regular, water, and cemetery minutes as presented, Kevin Knott second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Reports: Guy James made the motion to approve treasurer, water, sewer, police, maintenance, zoning, and Village Hall reports as presented, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Looking for a water leak
- Trouble with tax dollars and the County Treasurer have been resolved
- IDOT needs to be contacted to set speed limit for Dollar General
- Pump stations and blower motors are all repaired

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

Locating Service will be review during budget for FY22

Lawn Mower GAR: Guy James made the motion to purchase lawn mower from Double Y in the amount of \$3,500.00 plus trade in for Cemetery, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote, Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Gar Trees: Mike Johnson made the motion to accept bid from Ryan's tree service in the amount of \$3,500.00 to remove and stump 3 trees in the cemetery, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Maintenance will be locating storm drains

Maintenance Program: Jim White made the motion to try Fast track maintenance program for one year in the amount of \$480.00, Kevin Knott second the motion, roll call vote: Jim White, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Generator: Joe Bear made the motion to install generator at wells 5 & 6 not to exceed \$1,200.00, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Kevin Knott, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Water/sewer/drainage Committee meeting set for Thursday, October 22, 9am.

Update was given on progress of nuisance properties.

Adjourn: Mike Jonson made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:50pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village of Homer Clerk

Village of Homer
Water/Sewer/Drainage Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2020
7:00 am
Village Hall, 500 E. Second St

In Attendance: Guy James, Jim White, Ray Cunningham, Joe Bear, Ryan Byerley

Meeting called to order at 7:05 am.

Farnsworth: The committee discussed the engineering proposal from Farnsworth for the improvements to the village water system. The bid for the engineering costs was \$49,300. It was suggested to take bids for engineering.

Storm Water Agreement: The committee was given the proposed storm water agreement proposed by RJD Machining. Further discussion with RJD machining is required. Do we really need this?

Water and Sewer for Dollar General: Dollar General has suggested all costs for a lateral bore from the corner of Casey's to Dollar General would be paid for. The question of extending water north on route 49 was proposed. After discussing the merits of different approaches, the committee decided to recommend whatever is more cost effective.

Storm Drain Repairs: The committee discussed the need for storm drain repairs and enhancements for the 13.5 acre parcel adjacent to the village hall. We need a flat price per foot for trenching, tile and a storm drain.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Village of Homer
Public Hearing
Special Meeting
October 28, 2020
6:00 & 7:00pm

Public Hearing 6:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees; Guy James, Kevin Knott, Jim White and Joe Bear, not present Mike Johnson and Zach Wells, also present: Village Mayor/board president, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Attorney, Marc Miller, Farnsworth, Kenneth Silverthorn, and resident Christine Cunningham.

Annexation of 1.549 acres just north of the Fire Department was discussed. This will be for a Dollar General. Also it will be rezoned commercial. The board recommends that the Village board approve the annexation and zoning for this property.

- Will be a 9100 SF Dollar General to hire 8-10 employees
- Time line should be 90-95 days once ground is broke (weather and supply pending)
- Detention pond placed on south side most likely due to placement of entrance to parking lot

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Joe Bear second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 6:11pm

Special Meeting 7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees; Guy James, Kevin Knott, Jim White and Joe Bear, not present Mike Johnson and Zach Wells, also present: Village Mayor/board president, Raymond Cunningham, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Attorney, Marc Miller, Farnsworth, Kenneth Silverthorn, and resident Christine Cunningham.

Ordinance 102820: Guy James made the motion to pass Ordinance 102820, annexing 1.549 acres into the Village and zoning it commercial (address 601 N Main St); Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Jim White, yes, and Kevin Knott, yes, motion approved.

- Discussion of sidewalk/golf cart path to Dollar General to be discussed
- Water and Sewer connection fees to be included in building permit. Cost of connection to be researched.

Adjourn: Kevin Knott made the motion to adjourn, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 7:14pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
GAR Board Meeting
November 10,2020

Call to order 7:00am

Those present: Board Members, Joe Bear, Zach Wells, Raymond Cunningham, Billy Mitchell, and Larry Anders, also present, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers

It was announced the George Heppe has donated two temporary memorials in honor of his son Luke Heppe. We should possibly budget purchasing a few more from him.

The Board at the Cemetery should be up in a few weeks. The Historical Society has donated the cost of one side in the amount of \$2,100.00. Hoping to get a donor so we can complete the other side.

Clean up went well. Next year we should bring the large Village dumpster to the Cemetery.

The mower that is used to pull garden wagon needs to have a trickle charger put on it.

The new mower has been ordered and the other two will be picked up for service when it is dropped off.

Flags need to set on pins before it snows.

Replace trees that have been removed? Ordinance needs to be reviewed first.

The roads still need attention. They need to be milled and blacktop millings put on top.

Need to budget for LED lights in the mower shed.

Other work items: Clay being removed, trees around it cleaned up, gutters on big building need cleaned out, and air compressor needs new switch.

Adjourn: Joe Bear made the motion to adjourn, Zach Wells second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 7:42am

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
November 12, 2020

Call to order: 7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Mike Johnson, Guy James, Zach Wells, Kevin Knott, Joe Bear, Jim White not present, also present, Village Mayor/Board President, Raymond Cunningham, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, and guests, Billy Mitchell, and George Heppe.

Raymond Cunningham thanked the Veterans for their service.

Community input: George Heppe presented the board with two temporary memorials for the Cemetery or whatever use the Village may have for them. He is donating these in honor of his son Luke Heppe.

Board Comments: Trees have been taken down in the Cemetery, and Dollar General has received their building permit.

Minutes: Minutes were not available, they will be approved at December meeting.

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

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

- Water leak has been found, will be working on it this week.
- General Fund account balance is down \$50,000.00 from this time last year.
- Per advice of Village Lawyer, we can put surveillance video on Facebook for Recycling violators.
- Bathroom doors at park restrooms were kicked in and damaged. We need to wire that pavilion
- Someone is interested in building a duplex on a corner lot. They will need a variance in order to do this. He was wanting the boards opinion on this. The board asked him to submit the variance and they would try to work with him if they are able too. They would like to see new construction in town.

Straw poll vote on variance for set backs: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, no, Zach Wells, yes, and Kevin Knott, yes. (the no's were because of lack of information)

Ordinance 111220A: Guy James made the motion to pass Ordinance 111220A, an Ordinance changing the zoning at 410 E Second from agriculture to industrial, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Kevin Knott, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 111220B: Kevin Knott made the motion to pass Ordinance 111220B, An Ordinance passing 2021 tax levy, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Kevin Knott, yes, motion approved.

Sidewalk/golfcart path: Mike Johnson made the motion to table and let committee discuss, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Storm Drain repairs: Kevin Knott made the motion to put out for bid storm drain repairs/replacement for farm ground form Church St to Third St, approximately 1350 feet, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- This is a TIF eligible expense

Storm Water Agreement: Guy James made the motion to enter into a storm water agreement as presented, removing number three, with RJD Machining, Zach Wells second the motion, roll call vote: Joe Bear, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Zach Wells, yes, and Kevin Knott, yes, motion approved.

Water Improvements will be tabled until we can have a presentation from Farnsworth.

Nuisance Properties: Current nuisance properties are continuing progress. New properties and ones that have received notices need to have harsher letters and citations given.

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

Adjourn: 8:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8,2020.

Those present: Marla Wienke, Jane Clark, Becci Powers, Ariel Wells, Jill Weathers, Director Christine Cunningham.

Absent: Sara Essig, Mary Kay Anderson

Ariel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There was no public comment.

Secretary's minutes were approved as read.

Becci gave the Treasurer's report.

Bills: 1) Marla moved and Jill seconded we approve visa debit charges of \$369.34. Motion carried. 2) Becci moved and Marla seconded we pay Baker and Taylor \$199.95. Motion carried. Bills to note: Illinois Department of Revenue was paid \$75.67.

Christine gave the Librarian's report.

Cindy from Friends of the Library reported on the arrangements for Jessica Jenkins book signing.

Trustees were asked to look over and note possible changes to policies.

Becci moved and Marla seconded we table the discussion on Rules of the Library Board Trustees. Motion carried.

Jane moved and Marla seconded we amend the A.V. equipment policy. Approved as amended.

Jill moved and Marla seconded we approve Standards for Patron Behavior policy. Motion carried.

Becci moved and Jill seconded we amend the Personnel policy. Approved as amended.

Jill moved and Marla seconded we accept the resignation of Sara Essig. Motion carried.

Jill moved and Marla seconded we adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Jane Clark, Secretary

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2020.

Those present: Marla Wienke, Jill Weathers, Becci Powers, Ariel Wells, Cindy Happ for the Friends of the Library, and Library Director, Christine Cunningham.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Cindy talked about the book signing and the book sale. Book signing \$225.00 and book sale \$193.00. The Friends of the Library are looking into a book jacket dispenser at a cost of \$119.00, a Community dinner or lunch.

There was no Secretary's report.

Becci gave the Treasurer's report.

Bills: 1) Marla moved and Jill seconded we approve visa debit charges of \$174.24, motion carried. 2) Marla moved and Becci seconded we pay Baker and Taylor \$270.55. Motion carried. 3) Becci moved and Jill seconded we pay \$312.00 for the Swank movie license renewal which will be good from 11/1/2020 to 01/31/2022. Motion carried. Bills to note: Practical Homeschooling Magazine \$25.00, Illinois Department of Revenue \$64.33, Illinois Department of Employment Security \$35.45, Puzy and Wright \$165.00, U.S. Treasury \$1203.22.

Christine presented the librarian's report.

Jill moved and Becci seconded we approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Heritage Unit School District 8. Motion carried. We will need the school's approval and the form needs signed by Library President and Secretary.

Ariel nominated Jill for President. Jill accepted the nomination. Everyone approved and it passed.

There hasn't been any interest yet for prospective board trustees.

We discussed changing hours on Wednesdays after receiving a letter from sixth grader Nathan Bensyl. Becci moved and Ariel seconded we open the library from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during the duration of the school year with shortened hours. Motion carried.

Ariel moved we adjourn, Jill seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

HOMER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10,2020.

Those present: Mary Kay Anderson, Becci Powers, Marla Wienke, Jill Weathers, Christine Cunningham, Alice Kirby, Cindy Happ.

Jill called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Cindy Happ of Friends of the Library reported they purchased and donated a book cover roll for book jackets. The Monical's Community Day Fundraiser is still postponed till further notice due to covid. Friends of the Library memberships are due. \$10.00 for adults, \$1.00 per child. They have also received \$11.00 from the Amazon Smiles program.

Secretary's reports from September and October were read. Marla moved and Becci seconded we approve September minutes as read. Motion carried. Becci moved and Marla seconded we amend and approve October minutes. Motion carried.

Mary Kay moved and Marla seconded we approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Bills: 1) Marla moved and Becci seconded we approve visa debit charges of \$289.27. Motion carried. 2) Marla moved and Becci seconded we pay Baker and Taylor \$233.12. Motion carried. Marla moved and Mary Kay seconded we reimburse Becci \$17.69 for STEM products she ordered. Motion carried. Of note: The Illinois Department of Revenue was paid \$61.30.

Christine gave the librarian's report.

New trustee ideas: LeAnn Lucas, James Monroe, Ashley Kutch, Shawn White, Heather Joy, JoAnna Malquist,

Per Capita application is not online yet and the due date has been moved to March.

The employee evaluation committee volunteers are Mary Kay, Marla and Jillian. They will meet in December.

Family Reading Night will be virtual this year. The board discussed possibilities.

Christmas in Homer has been cancelled but the board discussed having Santa at the library.

Becci moved to adjourn, Marla seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Jane Clark, Secretary