

Village of Homer  
Regular Meeting of Trustees  
February 10, 2025  
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, Tammy Boen, and John Dodd, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Zoning Dave Hermes, and for public comment, Ashley Reinhart, absent, Trustee Skip James.

Public Comment: Ashley Reinhart informed the board that Prairie Fire will be regrouping to host soccer for the Spring season and asked the board if it was still ok for them to use the Village Hall property. She will be providing a certificate of insurance to the Clerk. The board is fine with them using the property. The mayor asked if they could weed eat around the nets to help the Village Maintenance crew.

Board Comment: Roger Faulkner had a resident concerned with the early noise of the Solar construction project east of Village Hall

Mayor Jim White discussed a proposal brought to the Village for salting areas within the Village. The board was not interested. He also reported that application fees had been paid to the railroad for permitting new water line upgrades under and near the railroad. These fees were approximately \$12,000.00 for each of the two areas. The Mayor will be contacting Ed Shirley to see if he would be interested in being a back-up for the new RO pilot program. He also would like the board to start thinking about the abandoned and deteriorating buildings along North Main and what should be done with them. He also asked that they reconsider hiring engineers to plat out the field west of Village Hall. Since the new house has gone up there is an interest from people that would also like to build.

Minutes: Mike Johnson motioned to approve regular with amendment, recreation, and personnel minutes as presented, Tammy Boen second, all in favor, motion approved.

Village bills: Ray Ryerson motioned to pay all Village bills as presented: Roger Faulkner seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Monthly reports: Tammy Boen motioned to approve all monthly reports as presented, Ray Ryerson seconded, all in favor motion approved.

Complete Codification Resolution: Roger Faulkner motioned to pass Resolution R02102025A, entering into contract with Illinois Codification for a complete Codification of Village Ordinances, Mike Johnson seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Heritage TIF: Mike Johnson motioned to approve Ordinance 02102025A, approving and authorizing intergovernmental agreement with Heritage School District for \$15,000.00 in TIF funds, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Jim White, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Homer Fire: Tammy Boen motioned to pass Ordinance 02102025B approving and authorizing intergovernmental agreement with Homer Fire Protection District for \$7,500.00 in TIF funds, John Dodd seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Jim White, yes, Mike Johnson, abstain, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

South Homer TWP: Roger Faulkner motioned to pass Ordinance 02102025C approving and authorizing intergovernmental agreement with South Homer Township for \$7,500.00 in TIF funds, Tammy Boen seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Jim White, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

IPWMAN Resolution: Mike Johnson motioned to table, Roger Faulkner seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Fireworks: Mike Johnson motioned to approve 2025 July 4 Fireworks with J&M Displays in the amount of \$13,500.00, Tammy Boen seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, no, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

FY26 Salaries: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve Personnel Committees salary recommendations of a 3% raise for all employees and a \$100 a month increase for the janitor, Roger Faulkner seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, abstain, Tammy Boen yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Cemetery Rock: Mike Johnson motioned to approve rock for Cemetery roads and back lane not to exceed \$4000.00, Ray Ryerson seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Brush road sewer plant rock: Tabled until next month.

Scheduling Zoning Hearing tabled

Budget meeting scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Adjourn: Mike Johnson motioned to adjourn, Ray Ryerson seconded, all in favor, motion approved.  
Adjourn: 7:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
Buildings and Grounds Committee  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
6:30pm

Those present: Committee members, Roger Faulkner, John Dodd, and Ray Ryerson, Mayor Jim White, and members of the Library Board.

The two Committees met to discuss the Homer Community Library's current use of Village Hall.

The Committees would like to discuss a lease agreement between the Village and the Library.

The history of how and why the Library is in the Village Hall and the financial contributions that the Library has made to the Village for the space. The maintenance and financial support the Village currently provides to the Library was also discussed.

A lease would be beneficial to both parties. A lease will be worked on and approved by both parties and reviewed and written by Village Attorney, then presented to full boards for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Minutes taken by Mayor Jim White and posted by Clerk Sharon Jeffers

Personnel Committee Meeting  
February 20, 2025  
6:00pm

Those present: Committee members, Mike Johnson, Roger Faulkner, Skip James, and Mayor Jim White.

The committee interviewed three applicants for Ordinance Officer, Charles Montgomery, Kent Pellet, and Levi Banton.

After the interviews, the committee chose to recommend to the Village Board to hire Charles Montgomery, unanimous vote.

Mayor Jim White and Roger Faulkner will meet with Charles to finalize a plan and direction to move forward if he is approved by the Village Board.

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm

Minutes taken by Mike Johnson, posted by Clerk Sharon Jeffers

Village of Homer  
Recreation Board Meeting  
February 25, 2025

Those present: Sharon Jeffers, Kim Dalle, Perry Dable, Angel Dable, Casey Phillips, and Elizabeth Jewel.

Quick review of Euchre and Bingo, all is going well.

Review of Spring Fling. Still waiting on Vendors to sign up. Accepting donations for Rummage Sale

Discussion of bands for the festival. Some committee members went and listened to bands over the past month.

Official band lineup: July 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Kolton Taylor and the Truck Toppers 6-8 opening for  
X-Krush 9-11

July 4<sup>th</sup>                      The Wise guys, noon-2,  
Logan Allen, 2-3  
Caleb Cook Band, 3-5  
Boardertown & Co, 5-7  
Big Guns 7-9

Fireworks are secured.

Still working on Sponsorships, so far, Prospect Bank, Frito Lay, Farnsworth, South Homer Township, Loman and Ray, Nieto Hauling (dumpster) Illinois Portable toilets

Ice, tents, and port pots reserved.

Working on quote and availability with Champaign County Sheriff's Dept

Parade is being pushed back to 11am

Discussed music during fireworks. Not sure if we could do it properly so all could hear equally.

Will be doing adult bingo

Kids activities: Kids bingo, free with prizes. Elizabeth will be working on prizes. Balloon toss? Magician or other form of entertainment, dance party? Fire Department plans on having kids activities and their dunk tank.

Will continue with the Watermelon contest.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers

Village of Homer  
Budget Meeting  
March 4, 2025  
6:30pm

Those present: Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Tammy Boen, and John Dodd, Mayor Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/Water Ryan Byerley, and Sewer Tom Parrish, not present, Trustee Mike Johnson.

The FY 26 budget and projects funds for all departments were discussed.

- New maintenance truck still not arrived will transfer to new budget
- Discussed a lease program for new back hoe in FY 26
- Money to still be put back into projects for future vehicles
- Use unallocated project funds for
- Adjusted line items for inflation
- Discussed raising trustee line item for possible multiple monthly meetings
- Discussed sewer rate increase to add to budget as of January 2026  
\$1 increase to minimum and \$.50 per thousand increase
- Items added to budget, maintenance lawn mower, rental of jet vac, lift, rock to burn pile, resurfacing Village Hall parking lot, painting rooms in Village Hall, computers for Mayor and maintenance, First and Second St road project, downtown sidewalk project, pickleball lights, wash exterior of water tower, and sewer project items.
- Change income line items on recreation to include bingo, and change Halloween to Spring.
- Add Library PPR tax

Budget will be presented for approval at next monthly meeting.

Ray Ryerson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:15pm

Posted: Clerk Sharon Jeffers