

Village of Homer
500 E Second St Homer, IL 61849
Regular Meeting of Trustees
December 11, 2023
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, John Dodd, and Matt Seaver, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Zoning, Dave Hermes, Attorney, Marc Miller, and representatives from Busey Bank.

No public comment

Board Comment: Jim White thanked John Rouse for his years of service, and has a plaque to present to him.

Busey Banks Laura Harris and Aaron Sutton gave a presentation on the Goad Trust fund.

Minutes: Mike Johnson motioned to approve all minutes as presented, Skip James seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Village bills: Ray Ryerson motioned to pay all Village bills as presented, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Storm sewer repair: Ray Ryerson motioned to pay storm sewer repair bill to Dodd Contracting \$15,338.50 and Illini Concrete Raising \$3,800.00, John Dodd seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, no, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, no, motion approved.

Reports: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve all reports as presented, Skip James seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Repairs to water treatment plant: Mike Johnson motioned to purchase new chorine and fluoride containment tanks for water treatment plant per IEPA in the amount of \$2170.00 to be paid from water line item buildings and grounds, Ray Ryerson seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

No update on Solar for Wastewater Treatment plant currently.

302 E Fourth Survey: Matt Seaver motioned to approve Farnsworth to survey new plot at 302 E Fourth St in the amount of \$8,500.00, Roger Faulkner seconded motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, no, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Subdivision comprehensive plan: Mike Johnson motioned to hire Farnsworth to make a new subdivision comprehensive plan in the amount of \$5,300.00, Skip James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, no, John Dodd, no, and Matt Seaver, no. Motion Failed

- Low cost of lots not pleasing to the board
- Would like to see if we could spark the interest of a developer

No information on downtown sidewalk plan

Ordinance 12112023: Roger Faulkner motioned to pass Ordinance 12112023 regarding the IL Paid Leave for all act, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Zoning Administrator pay: Mike Johnson motioned to change Zoning administrator pay from hourly to permit fees, Skip James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Shirley's Custom Lights and Signs parade: Mike Johnson motioned to contribute \$150.00 To Shirley's Custom Lights and Signs Christmas parade, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Ray Ryerson motioned to adjourn, John Dodd seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:27pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Special Meeting
Village of Homer
500 E Second St, Homer, IL
December 11, 2023
6:30pm

Special meeting to inform residents of public water supply IEPA loan for the Village of Homer.

Those present: Village Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, John Dodd, and Matt Seaver, Village Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Water/Maintenance Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Zoning, Dave Hermes, Attorney Marc Miller, Engineer Shane Niedzwecki, and resident Mr. Dodd.

No public comment

No board comment

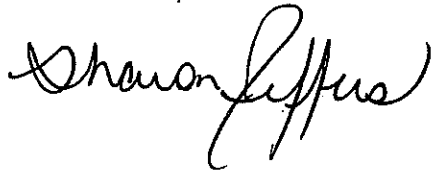
Mayor Jim White read the legal notice regarding the public water supply IEPA loan.

No board comment

No public comment

Ray Ryerson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike Johnson, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.
Adjourn 6:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Jeffers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the clerk.

**Homer Community Library
Board Meeting Minutes
Oct. 10, 2023**

Present: Chantelle Thompson, Joe Rice, Jillian Weathers, Christine Cunningham
Library Director, Becci Powers, Casey Phillips, and Troy Schiff

Absent: none

Visitors: Cindy Happ for Friends of the Library

Call To Order: Jillian called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Public Comment: none

Friends of the Library: Cindy Happ reported that the Friends brought in \$284 at the Broadlands Homecoming Festival in September and \$119 at the booksale during Townwide Garage Sales earlier this month. The bookmark contest began today for visitors to pick up blank templates to start creating their design and public voting will be next month. Friends will be helping with RIFF tomorrow morning (Wed Oct 11) but need additional help because it moves so quickly. The Friends are holding their annual Tea Party fundraiser on Nov 19 @ 2:00pm and the theme is a Vintage Christmas. They have invited a guest speaker to discuss antiques and ticket holders are encouraged to bring theirs. If anyone has any teacups they'd like to donate, please contact a Friends member. A table of 6 guests will be \$50 or \$10/individually.

Secretary's Report: Joe moved to accept September's minutes as amended, and Becci seconded. Motion carried and report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Becci noted that 3 more CDs will be maturing before the end of the year and will proceed to roll or move those into another/better term.

Budget Report: The grand total is \$125,315.94 with a gain of \$6,411.31 Three items that impacted that gain were an incoming tax levy, new/renewed memberships, and the interest from a 12-month CD that matured last month.

Bills: Troy moved to approve Visa Debit charges from Amazon, Thrift Books, Office Depot, and Good Housekeeping totaling \$134.36, Joe seconded, motion carried and approved. Joe moved to approve \$357.50 for Baker & Taylor and Becci seconded. Motion carried and approved. Other bills to note are: IL Dept of Revenue \$54.40 and Practical Homeschool Magazine for \$27.50.

Librarian's Report: See full report. 5th Annual Library Crawl has begun and Christine reported that patrons have given many compliments about Homer's library when they've

come in. October's book sale items are being packed away, they are ready for RIFF tomorrow, and they will then begin getting the Banned Books display up. The Barbie Movie will be shown next month and they anticipate needing some help that evening due to its popularity.

OLD BUSINESS

New Trustee Ideas: Christine hasn't heard back yet from two of the prospects she's talked to since last meeting. Everyone is to continue to encourage interested candidates to come to a meeting!

Assistant Librarian vacancy: There's been at least a half dozen applications so far, and Christine and Jillian will perform the interviews.

RIFF Kickoff: Trustees that can stay after this meeting will assist in setup this evening and as well the following morning if they are available to help.

NEW BUSINESS

Per Capita: tabled

Information Literacy Month: Promoted in October, will post on Facebook and have materials in the library

Plan Charitable Giving: We will look into doing a mailing for donations. Chantelle volunteered to draft a letter for a marketing piece that could include a survey to encourage participation.

Appoint a Committee for Employee Evaluations: Casey moved to appoint Jill and Troy to head that committee and Chantelle seconded. The motion passed.

Plan Family Night: Christine is working on this, it's a Thursday in November

New Computer Purchase: Becci moved to approve up to \$1,000 for the purchase of new computer equipment and Troy seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourn: Chantelle moved to adjourn meeting at 7:43pm and Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Casey Phillips, Secretary

**Homer Community Library
Board Meeting Minutes
Nov. 14, 2023**

Present: Joe Rice, Christine Cunningham Library Director, Becci Powers, Casey Phillips, and Troy Schiff

Absent: Chantelle Thompson and Jillian Weathers

Visitors: Cindy Happ for Friends of the Library

Call To Order: Joe called the meeting to order at 7:11pm

Public Comment: none

Friends of the Library: Cindy Happ reported that the library bookmark contest had 19 entries and voting will take place through Nov. 22. The winner will have their bookmark printed for public use. The annual tea party has 34 guests signed up and there's room for last minute rsvps. Cindy is in the process of creating a teacup sculpture with the items that were donated.

Secretary's Report: Becci moved to accept October's minutes, and Troy seconded. Motion carried and report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Becci reported that we have zeroed out the 2022 Per Capita Grant as planned, and a CD that matured in October has been moved into another 3 month term..

Budget Report: The grand total is \$121,594.33 with a loss of \$3,721.18. This month's income consisted mainly of new/renewing memberships and a \$500 contribution made in memory of Sara Essig.

Bills: Casey moved to approve Visa Debit charges from Amazon and Puzzle Warehouse totaling \$395.83, Troy seconded, motion carried and approved. Becci moved to approve \$339.89 for Baker & Taylor and Casey seconded. Motion carried and approved. Other bills to note are: IL Dept of Revenue \$56.04, Puzey & Wright \$200, US Treasury \$1,321.34, and IL Employment Security \$54.17

Librarian's Report: See full report for updates about new hire, Halloween, and technology. Christine stated that 34 people visited our location during the Library Crawl and 1 patron returned their passport and received a \$10 gift card to Dollar General. They are planning a competition, "The Great Puzzle Race", that required them to purchase some new 500 piece puzzles.

OLD BUSINESS

Per Capita: Christine is still working on it, it's due Jan. 20, 2024

Assistant Librarian vacancy: filled!

New Trustee Ideas: Fliers have been posted and will share across social media

Employee Evaluation Committee: Jill and Troy are heading this committee and evaluations are due in December.

Year End Charitable Giving: tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Reading Materials: The theme is Read, Renew, and Repeat through Conservation. Christine will be ordering the products once they are released.

Christmas in Homer: Event will be held Sat. Dec. 2 at the Village Hall. Becci moved to approve the library opening an hour earlier that day to accommodate the increase in visitors. Troy seconded and motion passed. Christine will set up a kid friendly crafting station.

Adjourn: Becci moved to adjourn meeting at 7:37pm and Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Casey Phillips, Secretary

approved 12/12/23.