

Village of Homer Regular Meeting of Trustees

March 11, 2024 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, TIF Administrator, Nic Nelson, and residents, Bob Fitzgerald, and Dave Lucas.

Public Coming: Bob Fitzgerald spoke regarding the attack of his daughter and dog by another dog that jumped fence on S East St. He reported that this is not first attack by this dog. He asked that we contract with Champaign County Animal Control,

Board Comment: Mayor Jim White reported that he had an email asking for the Village to contact Railroad for a quiet zone.

He also reported that there are issues with the farm boundary lines for the survey of 302 E Fourth St. The engineers and Lawyer are working on the issue.

Nic Nelson from Jacob and Klein spoke about starting a TIF II within the Village. He stated it would take approximately 4 months to set up and finalize.

Straw Poll vote: Would you like to move forward with TIF II? Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes.

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

Village Bills: Ray Ryerson motioned to pay Village bills as presented, Skip James 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.

Reports: Mike Johnson motioned to approve monthly reports, Matt Seaver seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

- Aerator fixed at water treatment plant
- Found some leaks, still looking for more
- AARPA grant account has been closed out
- Police projects fund has been transferred to General projects and closed out
- A list of proposed sidewalk repair was presented
- Rec bingo went well, looking to do more often

Water equipment: Matt Seaver motioned to purchase locator, cutter, and cordless pumps not to exceed \$7,362.98 to be paid from grant funds, Skip James 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.

Executive session: Mike Johnson motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property for use of the public body pursuant 5 ILCS.120/2(c) 5, Roger Faulkner 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.

Enter into executive session 7:38pm

Regular meeting resumed at 8:08 pm

Police update: The Tahoe sold for \$51,000.00. Mayor White asked John Dodd, head of Police Committee to get in touch with Trustee Matt Seaver to start cleaning out the remainder of the Police Department. Will look into cleaning evidence room.

The Storm drain project that is being funded by Medanos Solar is under way.

Ordinance 031124A: Matt Seaver motioned to pass Ordinance 031124A approving and authorizing the execution a a TIF redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village and Becky Smith D.B.A. Ms Becky's, in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid in \$2,000.00 increments over 5years, seconded by John Dodd, Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 031124B: Matt Seaver motioned to pass Ordinance 031124B approving and authorizing the execution of a TIF redevelopment agreement bay and between the Village and Don's Auto Center, INC, in the amount of \$3,1216.00 to be paid in two increments, Roger Faulkner seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, abstain, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 031124C: Roger Faulkner motioned to pass Ordinance 031124C approving and authorizing the execution of a TIF redevelopment agreement by and between he Village and Pelican Displays, INC in the amount of \$9,000.00, \$3,000.00 annually for 3 years, 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.

Ordinance 031124D: Mike Johnson motioned to pass Ordinance 031124D approving an authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement by and between the Village and South Homer Township in the amount of \$7,500.00, John Dodd seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, abstain, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 031124E: Skip James motioned to pass Ordinance 031124E approving and authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement by and between the Village of Homer Fire Protection District in the amount of \$7,500.00, Roger Faulkner second the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, abstain, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

April meeting has been changed back to April 8th

New Auditor: Ray Ryerson motioned to hire new Auditing Firm Lauterbach & Amen, Skip James 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.

Personnel recommendations: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve Personnel committee recommendations of 3% pay increase for all employees, accept parttime Clerk assistant Cyndi James, and part time Maintenance Dave Ellis will receive \$.50 an hour, and will not be hiring youth summer help, John Dodd second the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, abstain, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Matt Seaver, yes, motion approved.

Meeting dates were presented as second Monday of each month at 7PM except for July and October which will be the third Monday of the month.

Budget meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6pm

Ordinance committee was asked to schedule a meeting to discuss Ordinance enforcement.

Cemetery Clean up will be this Saturday at 8am

Adjourn: Mike Johnson motioned to adjourn, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn 8:29 pm
Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
500 E Second St
Homer, IL 61849
Budget Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024
6:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Mike Johnson, Ray Ryerson, Skip James, Roger Faulkner, Mayor, Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, and sewer Tom Parrish.

Purchase new maintenance truck at approximately \$55,000.00 and will also need \$10,000.00 for a plow and \$3,000.00 for lights. Funds from sale of Police car will help fund the purchase.

Will sell the chevy truck and bucket truck if and when new ones are purchased.

Need to add extra funds to attorney fees and demo of property

TIF park repairs and pickleball lights \$20,000

ESDA will only transfer \$2622.00 this year because of siren program that was purchased this year.

Will need mulch for trees and playgrounds

Will transfer \$18,000 to General Fund Projects fund FY25

Raise water attorney fees

Jeremy will remain a w-9 contractor for sewer repair work

Adjourn: Skip James motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike Johnson, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 7:20pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk