

Village of Homer  
Special Meeting of Trustees  
October 21, 2024  
6pm

Those Present: Trustees; Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, Tammy Boen, and John Dodd, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Maintenance/Water Ryan Byerley, Zoning, Dave Hermes, and many residents.

New Trustee: Mike Johnson motioned to appoint Tamera Boen to fill vacant position on the board, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Oath of Office was given

This meeting is to discuss the options for placement of a new water treatment plant. Property is for sale under the water tower, and the Village owns property across the street from the water tower. The possible cost of property should be comparable to the extra costs to build across the street.

Roger Faulkner motioned to authorize Mayor Jim White, and one trustee to negotiate to purchase land next to water tower and bring results to the board, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Mike Johnson motioned to table the placement of water treatment plant, seconded by Ray Ryerson, all in favor, motion approved.

Discussion of plans for west end of Villag Hall. The board would like to turn it over to the building and grounds committee to discuss and bring ideas to full board.

Ray Ryerson motioned to table plans for the west end of the building, seconded by Skip James, all in favor, motion approved.

Skip James motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.  
Adjourn: 6:20 pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
Regular Meeting of Trustees  
October 21, 2024  
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, Tammy Boen, and John Dodd, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Zoning, Dave Hermes, Farnsworth Engineer, Sanju Mokammel, and many residents.

Board Comments: Mike Johnson stated that it is good to see so many residents at the meeting. Jim White had several announcements and comments: He has spoken with the Head Librarian and hopes to have discussions with the library and the board. He also has spoken with the Legion Auxiliary, and they are looking into collecting for hurricane Helena relief and using the Village Hall, Thursday will be an appreciation dinner for those that volunteer and the Cemetery, Cemetery clean up will be this Saturday at 9am. November's meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> because of Veterans Day. He complimented the new janitor. Tuesday the sale of street pavers will be finalized. He lastly stated that he and board members are always available to answer any questions, give facts, or address any concerns. Facebook posts have accused the board of having secret meetings, this is false information.

Roger Faulkner stated that the international code book is excepted at the Vermillion County Municipal court.

Mike Johnson stated that we have spent a lot of money fighting ordinance violation properties, and the Vermillion Municipal Court would be less expensive for the Village.

Many residents voiced their concerns with the Village adopting the international Municipal code book and hiring an out-of-town code enforcer.

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

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

Reports: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve reports as given, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.

- Water leak found and repaired on Schoolview
- Question was brought up whether fluoride is a requirement by the EPA

International Property Maintenance Code Book and appointment of Code enforcement: Mike Johnson motioned to table both items: seconded by Ray Ryerson: roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Water Tower Cleaning to be discussed during budget time for next year.

Weed Control Sewer Plant: Mike Johnson motioned to accept bid from Atlantic Services to finish weed removal on lagoon covers for and additional \$3,300.00, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

TIF Application: Mike Johnson motioned to approve Finance committee recommendation to have agreement written for Homer Funeral and Cremation/Janet Spies in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid \$500.00 per year for 3 years, seconded by John Dodd, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, recuse, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, recuse, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Amended Engineering agreement Water Main upgrade: Tammy Boen motioned to amend agreement with Farnsworth for the Water Main upgrade project, seconded by Mike Johnson, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

MFT Oil and Chip Change Order: Mike Johnson motioned to approve MFT Change order for the 2024 Oil and Chip project in the amount of \$ 1,404.06, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Payment of MFT Oil and Chip program tabled until state approval.

Excess Police Items: Tammy Boen motioned to put excess Police items up for bid, items and bid sheet will be available in Village Office, seconded by Skip James, , roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Mike Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 9:06pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Homer Recreation  
Village Hall  
9.18.2024 7:00pm

Present: Sharon Jeffers, Perry Dable, Kim Dalle, Angel Dable, Elizabeth Jewell, Rebecca Smith, and Casey Phillips

#### Village Halloween Party

Party is set for Thursday, Oct 31 with food vendors serving 4-7pm and Trunk for Treats 5-7pm. Discussed activity set ups and who to book for food vendors

- Ring toss to win various drinks, pick-a-duck for prizes, and corn hole will be set up. We have someone we can borrow straw bales from to make an outdoor maze but will need help with set up and clean up.
- Rain plan is to move everything indoors and utilize Jackson Hall for the trunkers
- Trunk for Treats is for everyone and will promote to local pages to encourage more participation. Will have a prize for the crowd favorite.
- Confirmed food vendors are Simple Eats (Charlies), T&G BBQ, and Juanitos

#### Bingo at Charlies

Next bingo is set for Saturday Oct. 5 6-8pm

- Dialing back the number of rounds played in a night to around 10 plus the final coverall game and allowing a 15 minute break halfway through for guests to place final orders/settle up their checks and visit while the volunteers have a quick break

#### Christmas in Homer

Event set for Saturday Dec. 7 9-2pm

- Vendor slots are tentatively filled pending receiving their completed applications and fees
- Working on booking food vendors
- Santa Kent is unavailable this year and we are reaching out to someone he recommended to see their availability for that morning

Next meeting: Wednesday Oct. 23 @ 7:00pm

Homer Recreation  
Village Hall  
10.23.2024 7:00pm

Present: Sharon Jeffers, Perry Dable, Kim Dalle, Angel Dable, Elizabeth Jewell, Rebecca Smith, and Casey Phillips

#### Village Halloween Party

Party is set for Thursday, Oct 31 with food vendors serving 4-7pm and Trunk for Treats 5-7pm. Discussed who would be available to help that night and will integrate the game tables between the trunks to space everyone out in case the crowd is large.

- Due to the forecasted weather, we will not proceed with the straw maze. They are borrowed bales and should not sit out in the rain. It also increases their weight significantly making clean up more difficult.
- Rain plan is to move everything indoors and utilize Jackson Hall for the trunkers and we have made sure our advertising states that to encourage more volunteers.
- Decided to have 3 awards for the Trunks with prizes coming from local businesses.
- No costume contest this year as we need to organize this contest better due to last year's crowd and the projected weather forecast not being favorable which will make an indoor competition difficult
- Confirmed food vendors are Simple Eats (Charlies), T&G BBQ, and Juanitos

#### Bingo at Charlies

Next bingo is set for Saturday Nov. 2 6-8pm

- October's bingo was a modest success with us bringing in \$411.35 after taxes and receiving over \$100 in cash donations. Christine from Homer Community Improvement Association generously continues to sponsor us with the license and handles the legal and tax paperwork.
- November's bingo night has some conflicting events going on in the area and some of our volunteers will be unavailable. Christine from HCIA will be running the till and a couple Rec spouses will be there to help as needed.

#### Christmas in Homer

Event set for Saturday Dec. 7 9-2pm

- Vendor slots are confirmed full with a growing waiting list!
- Still finalizing food vendors
- We have reached out to the other Santa and he is booked with us
- Once Halloween is done, we will begin advertising heavily with features coming from our vendors. Kim is the primary vendor contact and she is working with them to create their Facebook posts to share on our event page.

Next meeting: Wednesday Nov. 20 @ 7:00pm