

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
July 15, 2024
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, and John Dodd, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Zoning, Dave Hermes, Recreation board members, Kim Dalle, Casey Philips, and Angel Dable.

Board Comment: Mike Johnson voiced his concern regarding the tall grass on all railroad properties.

Mayor Jim White updated the board on the progress of 702 S Main St. A contractor that works for Fannie May has stated that an eviction notice should be delivered at any time. After the eviction they will clean and repair the property. He also thanked everyone involved with the Freedom and Music Festival.

Clerk/President of Recreation Board, Sharon Jeffers introduced the recreation board to the Village board, and thanked all those on the recreation board for their success and hard work.

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

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

Reports: Mike Johnson motioned to accept reports as presented, seconded by Skip James, all in favor, motion approved.

- Will need to cut a hole in the current water treatment plant in order to place the RO pilot program. The engineer is contacting IEPA regarding pilot program's loan eligibility.

Tree removal: Mike Johnson motioned to hire JT Trees to remove tree at the corner of E South and Main St in the amount of \$2,800.00, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes.

Ordinance 07152024A: Mike Johnson motioned to pass Ordinance 07152024A vacating easement of Industrial subdivision, 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.

Water Treatment plant placement: Mike Johnson motion to authorize Mayor Jim White to direct engineers to use 307 W Crittenden to place the new water treatment plant, seconded by Roger Faulkner, all in favor, motion approved.

Personnel Committee recommendations: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve recommendation of paying part time maintenance \$25 an hour for weekend water chores, seconded by Roger Faulkner, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Hire Janitor: Skip James motioned to hire Stacey Johnson as Village Hall janitor, seconded by Roger Faulkner, , roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, recuse, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Schedule a personnel meeting to discuss hiring Jeremy Barker as part time sewer maintenance.

Ordinance 071520247B: Mike Johnson motioned to pass ordinance 07152024B, Fy25 Appropriations, seconded by Skip James, , roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Brick Pavers: Ray Ryerson motioned to authorize Mayor Jim White to negotiate the sale of brick pavers, seconded by Skip James, , roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Zoning meeting scheduled for 6:30 Aug 12th prior to the August meeting to rezone 307 W Crittenden to place the water treatment plant.

Adjourn: Ray Ryerson motioned to adjourn, seconded by John Dodd, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn 7:46pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Homer Recreation
Village Hall
7.17.2024 7:00pm

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

2024 Freedom & Music Festival review

Discussed the positive changes that were made this year that we will continue to do and what we'd like to change for next year. Event almost completely self-funded this year!

Listed some things to work on or look into:

- reconfigure the vendor layout to allow better visibility and flow for everyone, but location was great by the food tent. Move portapots to east parameter (near food tents, but away from food vendors)
- review vendor contracts and tighten up specifics in wording, insist on them providing correct info or links to their website, page, or email to aid us in advertising as part of the completed application
- food vendors must be available for both days of the festival, and all vendors must be setup for their contracted times or forfeit their spot
- look into a gluten-free alcohol option such as a hard cider; reach out to local bar owners to see who their suppliers are and what they'd recommend as a popular choice
- move July 4 parade to 11:00am and begin that day's event at noon by removing one act to fit the schedule
- continue to build on the kid/teen entertainment and activity portion, keep watermelon eating contest and make that a spotlight activity (no other big things going on during that time so we can increase attendance- more adults got in on it this year and we can assign business sponsored prizes for each age category)
- secure large corporation sponsors early on in the year or look into their requirements for when to submit requests to bridge the gap from what we receive from our local businesses
- work with Charlies on setting a monthly bingo night to help raise funds throughout the year
- look into boosting internet/wifi signal outside to help vendors and our equipment

Community Picnic planning

- Date is set for Saturday August 17, 11:00am-2:00pm at the Village Park with the splash pad turned on.
- DJ Firework booked to entertain 11:30-1:30 and Rec Board will offer hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks to residents and have some yard games set up.
- A mailing will go out to all the Homer Village and Township residents inviting them to bring their chairs and hang out for a while.
- Costs for mailing were generously donated by the South Homer Township,
- Frito-Lay donated the boxes of chips, and Coke supplied the water and Powerade.

-Elizabeth is donating her time and materials to make backpack door prizes for the kids and we're using some funds to purchase gift cards to local businesses for the adult prizes.

-We wanted to hold a bingo fundraiser that same night at Charlie's but we are still waiting to hear back from the owners on their premise license. Looking at setting a bingo fundraiser night on the 1st Saturday of each month pending location restrictions.

Next meeting pending until after 8/17, an email will go out to the members and will update Facebook to alert volunteers.