

2010-2011 Board Minutes

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
March 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:33 PM. Present were Trustees Roy Crandall, Andy Brush, Mike Berry, Genevieve Suits and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Don Ferris, John Ryan and Mahlon Irish Jr. were present.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor read a certificate to Roy Crandall for his 10 year service to the Village of Homer. Mahlon Irish Jr. thanked Roy Crandall from the Fire Department for all his cooperation and help over the last 10 years.

Phil Connery has a CDBG Loan with the Village and has not made a payment since 2007. The Mayor read a letter from Phil asking the Board to waive his payment until after his closing, then he himself will start making payments. The Village would have no recourse if it were to allow him to pay after he sells the building.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

Motion Trustee Suits, all aye to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 938-1004	\$	75,618.47
Water Fund	Vouchers 285-309	\$	4,182.73
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 285-309	\$	3,271.30
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – The Village received the amount of \$1,632.00 from the insurance company for the damage done to the fence from a motor vehicle hitting it.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Berry– **all ayes.** Nicholas Giordano would like park 14 cars in front of his car dealership. Guardian Angel would like to add a drive thru window to their business.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Crandall- **all aye.**

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry- **all aye.** A Military Police Officer emailed the Mayor and asked how he could take the Civil Service test to become a Village Police Officer. His information was forwarded to the Civil Service Division in Cortland County.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry- **all ayes.** Jeff Lewis went to pick up the Roto Hog Rototiller. Lawrence Barber and Beverly Berry will be getting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2010. Tootsie McCall will be stuffing the eggs again this year.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Crandall– **all aye.**

The Mayor spoke with Dependable Garbage Company about they are handling recyclables, they are throwing all the recyclable into one compactor for now to see if this will be cheaper for the Village. The Village is still waiting for a contract to be done by the Attorneys.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits – **all aye.**

FIRE CHIEF’S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye.**

The staffing for the snow storm was 21 firefighters who put in 392 man-hours for the duration of the storm. They would like to thank the Village for the food. Cazenovia, DeRuyter, and Homer Fire Departments had water training together. The Fire Chief is still working on the bailout system with the other fire department.

Sunday February 28, 2010 Mike Harter, Ernie Newell and other department members shoveled out fire hydrants around the Village.

Community Garden meeting will be March 4, 2010 at 6:30 in the Senior Center.

The Mayor asked if everyone would think about giving a tax exemption for Cold War Veterans. We will discuss it further at our next meeting.

Ruby for Bikes, who recycles bicycles, wrote a letter to the Mayor asking if they could use our facility during the summer to hold a class on how to fix bikes.

The Town of Homer would like to review their consolidation with the Town of Scott with the Village Board which will be March 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Senior Center.

The Mayor asked for anyone’s input on going to a four day work week to see if it would be feasible.

The Mayor wrote a letter on behalf of Chad Thornton regarding his brother Clair Thornton on denying him parole at this time.

John Ryan Jr. spoke on behalf of the Fire Department becoming a Fire District. John stated the Village share would be \$92,904.00 and their total budget would be \$412,701.00. The Clerk asked to see the budget and John Ryan stated he would have to get permission before he could show the Board their budget.

Chastity Mydlenski would like to open a health food store in the Village of Homer. She would like a \$12,000 CDBG Business Loan. Chastity is looking to rent a space in the David Harrum store front. Her business plan is very thorough and she is putting some of her own money down. Contingent on securing at least \$6,000 in collateral the board approved her loan. On **motion** by Trustee Suits the board approved her securing a CBG Business Loan - **all AYES.**

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:10 by Trustee Suits – all ayes

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 7:28 Trustee Crandall – all ayes.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON APRIL 5, 2010 (MONDAY) at 5:30 PM.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Crandall the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Attachment:

**Village of Homer
ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS & ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS – 4/5/2010**

APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

Police	Michael Berry	Paul Gower
Streets & Parks	Paul Gower	Genevieve Suits
Fire Department	Genevieve Suits	Michael Berry
Water & Sewer	Michael Berry	Andy Brush
Recreation	Mike Berry	Paul Gower
Cemetery	Paul Gower	
Street Lighting	Michael Berry	
Beautification	Genevieve Suits	Michael Berry
Village Green Liaison	Genevieve Suits	Mayor McDermott

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS:

Zoning Board

Peg Murphy Term expires 2015

Recreation Commission (5 year term)

Gary Harrington Term expires 2015

Cemetery Commission (3 year term)

Beautification Commission (5 year term)

Terre Dennis Term expires 2015

Village Clerk-Treasurer	Lou Anne Randall
Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer	Beverly D. Berry
Deputy Mayor	Genevieve Suits
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Lou Anne Randall
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Beverly D. Berry
Co-Historians	Verna Whitney and Charles Bernheim
Official Newspaper	Cortland Standard
Official Depository	Key Bank, Homer, Alliance Bank of Cortland, HSBC, Edward Jones, First Niagara
Records Management Officer	Lou Anne Randall
Village Attorney	Patrick Perfetti
Records Management Advisory Board	Verna Whitney and Charles Bernheim(historians)
OSH Manager	Lou Anne Randall
Fair Housing Coordinator	Beverly D. Berry
Cable Representative	Chris Perrine
Auditor	Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little & Mickelson
Code Enforcement Officer	Bruce Weber
Board to review financial reports of depositories.	

Board to review purchase order/procurement policy of the Village of Homer.

Review Investment Policy.
Review Fee Schedule

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:

1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., designated as meeting date for the Village Board of Trustees unless otherwise publicized.

OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS BE ISSUED FOR COUNTY ITEMS ON STATE BID.
Review Rates.

PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Whereas** the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.45 per mile.
Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

2. **Whereas** there is to be held during the coming official year a) the New York State Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting and Training School; b) the New York State Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting and Fall Training School for Fiscal Officers and Municipal Clerks; c) the NYCOM Public Works Conference for the Streets/Parks Department, and AWWA Meetings for the Water/Sewer Department.

Whereas it is determined by the Board of Trustees that attendance by certain municipal officials and employees at one or more of these meetings, conferences or schools benefits the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the following officers and employees are hereby authorized to attend the following schools: NYCOM General Meetings - Mayor McDermott; NYCOM General Meetings - Members of the Board of Trustees; NYCOM Fall Training School - Lou Anne Randall, Clerk-Treas., Beverly D. Berry, Dep. Clerk-Treas.; AWWA Meeting - Supt. Lawrence Barber; NYCOM Public Works Conference & NYS Assoc. of Highway Supt. School - Asst Supt. Michael Galeotti, Sr.
Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

3. **Whereas** the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, and **Whereas**, all such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit, and **Whereas**, the claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges and all such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees.
Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. **Review rules of procedures.**

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
April 5, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:33 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Mike Berry, Genevieve Suits and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Andy Brush was absent. Attorney Perfetti were present.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor swore in Trustees Michael Berry and Paul Gower for their two-year term.

Minutes from March 2, 2010 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits, all aye.

The Mayor made annual appointments. (refer to the attached) Motion by Genevieve Suits, – all ayes to accept all appointments.

Motion by Trustee Berry – all aye to the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal automobile while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.45 per mile.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Trustee Berry– all aye to the following resolution:

WHEREAS there is to held during the coming official year a) the New York State Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting and Training School; b) the New York State Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting and Fall Training School for Fiscal Officers and Municipal Clerks; c) the NYCOM Public Works Conference for the Streets/Parks Department and AWWA Meetings for the Water/Sewer Department.

WHEREAS it is determined by the Board of Trustees that attendance by certain municipal officials and employees at one or more of these meetings, conferences or schools benefits the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the following officers and employees are hereby authorized to attend the following schools: NYCOM General Meetings – Mayor Mc Dermott; NYCOM General Meetings – Members of the Board of Trustees; NYCOM Fall Training School –Lou Anne Randall Clerk-Treasurer: Beverly D. Berry, Dep. Clerk- Treas.; AWWA Meeting – Supt. Lawrence Barber; NYCOM Public Works Conference & NYS Assoc. of Highway Supt. School- Asst. Supt. Michael Galeotti, Sr.- Supt. Lawrence Barber

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Trustee Berry – all aye to the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges and **WHEREAS** all such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit, and **WHEREAS**, the claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees authorizes payments in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage freight and express charges and all such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for auditing and the claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Rules of Procedure were reviewed and approved, Motion by Trustee Berry– all aye.

Conflict of interest statements – Trustee Genevieve Suits said she would not sign any Suit – Kote vouchers, as that would be a conflict of Interest. Mayor Mc Dermott would refrain from decisions regarding the American Legion, as that would be a conflict of interest.

The attached list of Budget Transfers was approved, Motion by Trustee Suits – all aye.

The attached list of Encumbrances was approved, Motion by Trustees Suits– all aye.

The attached list of Budget Modifications was approved, Motion By Trustee Suits – all aye.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Election results were as follows:

Trustees: Gower – 237 / Berry – 173 / Ferris - 172

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

Motion Trustee Suits, all aye to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 1 - 95	\$	125,684.58
Water Fund	Vouchers 1 - 27	\$	4,521.52
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 1- 28	\$	4,402.99
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – Opens April 1, 2010.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes.**

Mr. Czimmer had a court case last month but did not show till later. The Judge issued a warrant for not showing up at court on time. The Court date has been rescheduled again.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Suits- **all aye.**

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry- **all aye.**

The Village Clerk thanked the Village Police Department on their help with the Fire Code Administrative Warrants that were issued by the Fire Code Officer.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry- **all ayes.**

Trustee Suits suggested that we buy two big recycling cans for Griggs Field. The Board would like to give a big THANK YOU to Tootsie McCall on stuffing all those Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Jeff Lewis is looking into finding away to cut the cost down on buying the candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits - **all aye**.

The vehicle situation was talked about. Neither one of the Recreation vehicles can pass NYS inspection. The ford truck that Lawrence Barber is driving is the next vehicle to upgrade. We will upgrade his vehicle and give the older Ford to the Recreation. This will enable Jeff Lewis to tow the rototiller, sprayer, and lawn mowers to the fields. Lawrence Barber reported on the Bandstand. The foundation is fine. The water is coming down off the roof and onto the columns, which is causing the problems. The Mayor still needs to have a meeting with the Church regarding the Bandstand.

Lawrence Barber reported that the water on Copeland Ave is an issue that needs to be addressed. The DOT will be putting in two new drywells to see if that will help the water situation. A new water line will be installed along side of Park Street where the Perfetti's and Sullivan's live.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits – **all aye**. The Board has reviewed and accepted the new Homer Fire Department application they would like Jeff Austin the President to review it for any changes. Hook and Ladder Company have been disbanded. The Hook and Ladder received \$800.00 a year to have an installation dinner; now that they are defunct their wishes are to have their \$800.00 split among the other three companies. The Board will discuss table this till the next meeting

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye**.

The Fire Chief was inquiring about the Knox Box Ordinance for all new commercial buildings.

Community Garden a soil test was done at the Highway Garage side yard. It was tested positive for lead. In order to have a garden they would need to build raised beds and build up the area with compost.

The Comprehensive Plan needs a SEQR completed. The Clerk is advised to contact Attorney Perkins for a quote. The Clerk will call Thoma about this matter also.

The Elks Club has requested to have three signs installed by the DOT to be put up on each end of Copeland plus the intersection of Cortland Street and Copeland Ave. The Elks will be paying for the signs. The DOT will install them.

Amnesty Day will be May 1, 2010. The Cortland County has designated the week of May 3-7-amnesty week.

The Health Department would like to see the Village of Homer put forth a Well Head Protection Plan.

Charles Bernheim, Assistant Historian and Kathleen Beardsley tried to form a historical society and offered memberships without the knowledge of the Mayor or Board. This is unacceptable. The Mayor will schedule a meeting with Verna Whitney and Mr. Bernheim regarding these issues.

Attorney Snyder for the Town of Homer has changed the language in our recreation contract, once Attorney Perfetti approves the changes the Mayor will sign the contract.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Crandall the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
May 4, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:35 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Mike Berry, Genevieve Suits, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDermott read the Proclamation of Silver Banner Day.

Minutes from April 5, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Suits, all aye.

TREASURER'S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Brush – all aye.

Motion Trustee Suits, all aye, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 96-175	\$	95,061.09
Water Fund	Vouchers 29 - 61	\$	7,720.88
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 29- 61	\$	2,494.76
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Suits – **all ayes**.

Mike Park from Homer Iron works still has not contacted Trustee Suits on replacing the iron fence for the cemetery.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes**.

Mr. Czimmer matter was resolved – no pending cases at this time. Trustee Gower requested that the Code report have more information such as name, address and type of inspection.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Suits- **all aye**.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower- **all aye**.

The Mayor received a letter thanking Officer Parrow for his help in removing skunks. This letter will be put in his file.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits **all ayes**.

The band schedule is completed will be printed shortly.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits - **all aye**.

A new water line was installed along Central Park Place where the Perfetti's (14 S. Main) and Sullivan's (3 Central Park Place) live.

The Street Department put in two new storm drains by St. Margaret's Church on Copeland Street.

The Tree Contract will need to be renewed in July. The bids will go out as per tree instead of per hour.

The Congressional Church would like to have a lighted sign on the Village Green near the sidewalk.

The Bids for the new Ford F150 were opened on May 3rd at 11:00 am. The Village Clerk and Mayor McDermott and Superintendent Lawrence Barber opened the bids and reviewed them. The bid was awarded to Nye Automotive for the amount of \$20,724.50, second was Joe Basil Chevrolet for the amount of \$22,750.00.

The Board moved to accept the bids for the Ford F150, which is subject to Permissive Referendum to be used from the Water Department Reserve. On **motion** by Trustee Berry the Board approved the purchase of 2010 Ford F150 to be allocated from the Water Department Reserve – **all ayes**.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits – **all aye**. The Board has reviewed and accepted the new Homer Fire Department application; on **motion** by Trustee Gower the Village Board approved the revised Fire Department application. – **all ayes**.

President Jeff Austin presented the amendments of the Homer Fire Department By-Laws. Attorney Perfetti will review them. After they are approved the Fire Department would like them introduced to NYS Legislation by Senator Seward because our bylaws are different from the Village Law. This is due to the separation of President Duties and Fire Chief Duties.

The President would also like to add 2 Captains for the whole Fire Department registry. They will be trained properly. There will be no cost to the Village.

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye**.

Chief Irish discussed with great detail about the bailout systems for the Fire Department. Scott Air Company is selling the unit for \$545.00 until Friday. After Friday the unit increases to \$871.00 due to an inclusive contract for the bailout units. Chief Irish stated that the Village Board has three options on the bailout system. 1) They could buy 40 units which would fit the whole fire department 2) could buy 36 units for all interior firefighters 3) could buy 27 which would be for Trucks 501, 503, 541 and 531. On **motion** by Trustee Berry the Village Board **approved** the purchase of 27 Bailout systems in the amount of \$14,715.00, this will be subjected to public referendum for Fire Repair Reserve – **all ayes**.

Chief Irish reported Homer Fire Department was denied on both FEMA grants.

On **motion** by Trustee Brush, Village Board moved into Executive Session at 6:22 PM – **all ayes**.

On **motion** by Trustee Suits, Village Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:35 PM – **all ayes**.

On **motion** by Trustee Suit the Village Board resumed Regular Meeting at 6:36 PM.

After much deliberation regarding the HUD loan of Phil Connery the Board made a decision. On **motion** by Trustee Suits to have Attorney Perfetti act on behalf of the Village of Homer and to set up a meeting with the Sheriffs Department for the purpose of bringing criminal charges against Phil Connery for falsifying his Tax Search and not paying his HUD debt at the closing of his property at 17 S. Main Street, Homer, NY. – **all ayes**.

The Village Board would like to re-iterate the policy of part time employees. The Village will pay only the cost of their CDL license. They are allowed boots only, NO HOLIDAY pay or CARHARTS.

Trustee Brush made a **motion** to pay the cemetery full-time seasonal workers a 25 cents per hour raise retroactive to the date they started work this year, April 1, 2010.

Ayes – Brush
Suits
McDermott

Nays – Berry
Gower

Community Garden would like 10 raised beds that people would use. They are still conducting meetings and moving forward.

The Comprehensive Plan needed a SEQR of part one which was completed by Clerk Randall. The plan was sent to the Cortland County Planning Board for approval. The Village Board will hold a public hearing on June 1, 2010 for the plan.

Farmers Market will be starting the first week in June from 4-7 pm except when school is still in session then it will start at 4:30. Food stamps, WIC, and senior discounts will be accepted.

Charles Bernheim and Kathleen Beardsly were not reappointed as Assistant Historian. Their services are no longer needed.

Homer Elks had a change of officers. On **motion** by Trustee Berry the newly elected officers were approved – **all ayes**.

Trustee Gower asked if we would look into the Absentee Landlord regulations for the Village of Homer.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Berry the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
June 1, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:32 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Mike Berry, Genevieve Suits, and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Don Lawson, Mahlon Irish, Mary Alice Bellardini, and Victor Siegle. Trustee Brush absent.

Mayor McDermott read the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing notice and opened the Public Hearing at 5:33 Pm

Victor Siegle stated this plan is an important living document. Many changes will happen within the next 10 years. He approves this plan.

Mary Alice Bellardini – Stated everyone worked hard on the plan. There are many big changes anticipating the future. She believes this is a very well thought out plan.

Mayor Mc Dermott thanked everyone for their job. He reminded everyone this is not a law but a recommendation to guide the Village. The Group was a balance of people. Our next step will be to update our codes.

Mayor Mc Dermott closed the Public Hearing at 5:39 by motion of Trustee Suits. – All ayes.

Mayor Mc Dermott called to order our regular meeting at 5:40 PM.

Minutes from May 4, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Berry, all aye.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Gower – all aye.

Motion Trustee Suits, all aye, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 176-251	\$	44,532.06
Water Fund	Vouchers 62 - 92	\$	34,197.78
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 62- 93	\$	59,339.57
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – report was received as submitted, motion to accept by Trustee Berry – all ayes.

Mayor Mc Dermott stated the Cemetery did a wonderful job on Memorial Day. Jim Toolan was there at 6:00 am. The Mayor received many compliments on the cemetery. A letter of appreciation was read thanking the cemetery for being perfect.

CODES – report was received as submitted, motion to accept by Trustee Gower– all ayes.

Trustee Gower would still like the full name, address of the house on the Code Report. Mr. Czimmer once again has cars that are unregistered.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, motion to accept by Trustee Suits- all aye.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, motion Trustee Berry- all aye.

The Chief is having their rugs cleaned on June 7, 2010. He is also painting the Police Station. It needs a cleaning. 5 King Street has written the Mayor about the next-door neighbors having bonfires and partying all night long. The Mayor informed them to call the Fire Dept and Police Dept. There is a problem with skateboarders on Cortland Street. The Mayor will notify the Chief.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, motion Trustee Gower - all ayes.

The band schedule is completed will be printed shortly. Marco Clay will be arriving shortly and it appears that it will cost less this year than it did last year.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, motion Trustee Suits - all aye.

The Mayor would like to thank Lawrence Barber for all his help with the Community Garden. The Henkle property was cited for tall grass. They called and asked if we would mow it for the remainder of the summer/fall season or until the property sells. The fee will be \$75.00 an hour, it takes approximately 5 hours to mow and trim. The water tank liner is in and the tank is working properly. Mike Galeotti and Lawrence Barber will switch being on call every week. Brian Abbott has asked if his drain tile can drain into our catch basin. Superintendent Barber agreed to it as well as the Village Board.

We received a quote from Grant Street Construction for installing the water main improvement at the intersection of Rte. 281 and Rte. 41. They include two options. The Board would like to receive other quotes before making any decisions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower – **all aye.**

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye.**

Chief Irish discussed the Department changing Physicians. This Doctor is located on Euclid Ave, the cost will be less, and it will be local and a better physical. The Board questioned why Mike Harter mileage was higher this time. Chief Irish stated Mike Harter was keeping better track of his mileage. The Mayor will talk with Mike Harter regarding his use of his personal vehicle while getting parts for the Village. The Field days are this weekend. Truck 531 ladder was tested. The ladder is tilted on the cradle. This will have to be fixed. The Fire Department fixed the urinal in the down stairs bathroom. The County Chiefs have proposed a Mutual aid plan for Cortland County. It has been 10 years since the last mutual aid plan was implemented. The Trustees will look that over and vote on it in the July meeting. The Chief and President would like to meet with Attorney Perfetti on the new by-laws by the Fire Department. These do not comply with the Village law but would like them approved by the New York State. Chief Irish is working on Trustee Brush's request from the last meeting for the entire list of firemen who have gear in the Fire Department.

The Mayor asked everyone for his or her opinion on the Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Suits stated the plan was "most needed plan".

Attorney Perfetti stated there is not much unapproved land in the Village of Homer. The code needs to be revised and to remember this plan is a guide not a law.

Trustee Berry- The criticism of the plan will have to be reviewed. The plan needs to be updated as we move forward.

Mayor reinforced this plan is just a guide and it will take us into the future.

On **motion** by Trustee Suits the Village Board of Trustees approved the Comprehensive Plan. – **All ayes.**

Farmers Market will be starting the first week in June 9, 2010.

Oh My Goodness Health Food asked about putting tables and chairs out in front of her store. She would like to have organic food available. Chastity needs to call Code Enforcement Bruce.

Thoma submitted the grant for Downtown. The Mayor received letter from Senator Seward and Assemblyman Finch in support of the grant.

There is a Storm Management Program meeting on June 8, 2010.

Dependable Trash Company was wondering if the Village would split the cost of giving every resident a recyclable bin. The estimated cost would be \$10,000, which would be \$5,000 each. These bins are guarantee for 5 years. The Board will discuss this further during budget time.

Lawrence Barber and Dave Perfetti are working on the Well Head Protection Plan.

Phil Connery is responding to the letter sent by Attorney Perfetti. Once he agrees to the terms the Mayor will sign the contract.

Don Lawson asked about the Village Green. He is a Trustee of the Congressional Church. The newspaper had stated it was the Village's. The Village Green is own by the Church but maintained by the Village.

He thanked the village for spraying the green for the caterpillars, the church pressure washed the front steps.

Trustee Suits stated that next year for Griggs Field we need to have big Rubbermaid garbage containers for the recyclables.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Gower the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
July 6, 2010**

Present: Mayor – Michael McDermott, Trustees - Mike Berry, Andy Brush, Paul Gower, and Genevieve Suits, Fire Chief – Mahlon Irish, Fire Dept member – David Barber, WXHC newscaster – Eric Mulvihill, Engineer – Ken Teter and The Homer News – Ed Finkbeiner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Beverly Berry

Mayor McDermott led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDermott called the 2010 Small Cities Community Development Program Community Planning Program public hearing to order at 5:34 p.m. Mayor McDermott read the Public Hearing notice as published in the Cortland Standard. Mayor asked if any public present had any comments or questions. With none being voiced the Mayor then asked if any of the board present had any comments or questions. A. Brush inquired if it could be used throughout the village. Mayor stated it was for zoning and code updates and Main Street projects. The Village is applying for \$40,000. Monies should be awarded August or September 2010.

With no further comments or questions, G. Suits **motioned** the public hearing be closed at 5:39 p.m. – **All aye.**

Mayor Michael McDermott called village Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Fire Dept – Mahlon Irish addressed the Board regarding the ladder truck 531. The insurance adjuster representing ESIP estimates repair at \$28,750 with \$1000 deductible. M. Irish to meet with Jerome Fire Equipment Company Wednesday, July 7th. He spoke with them at Seagrave, original builders of the vehicle. They no longer manufacture damaged part and part used would be reconditioned. If a different company does the repairs, Seagrave would request a form be signed

relieving them of any liability regarding the vehicle. Seagrave would disassemble, inspect and decide from there regarding repairs. Repair costs could be from \$28,000 - \$98,000. The consensus is that the damage could not be operator related, not metal failure, that probably caused from hitting a curb or pot hole allowing the bouncing action in the small cradle the ladder sits in. It was decided to table decision until Chief Irish is able to meet with Seagrave. A special meeting will be scheduled if necessary.

Motion by G. Suits, to approve membership of Douglas A. VanEtten as submitted, **all aye**.

Motion A. Brush to accept report as written, **all aye**.

Motion P. Gower to accept Mutual Aid plan as approved by Fire Department, **all aye**.

Fire Station – Field days went well; net figures are not yet available.

Motion M. Berry to accept report as submitted, **all aye**.

Engineer Ken Teter addressed the Board regarding the crumbling/deterioration of the Fire Station bay with the boiler room below. No vehicles are allowed currently in the bay due to safety, which restricts the use of the area. Two key items to consider are the long-term projection of the space use, which would determine cosmetic repair, which would give very limited use of the bay vs. structural replacement that would give full use of the bay when completed. The second consideration is asbestos in the building with heating, pipe wrapping. Chief Irish stated most asbestos should be gone due to previous projects. Discussion ensued regarding available money for the project. Budgeted this year are \$35,000 for fire station repair and \$20,000 for municipal repair. The ash pan and coal bin could disappear which have allowed the water to gather and contribute to the deterioration. K. Teter will meet with Mark Withiam of Aurora Engineering to assess in more detail before submitting a proposal for engineering services.

M. Berry **motioned** for Ken Teter to prepare proposal for structural restructure rather than cosmetic repair, **all aye**.

Cortland County Hazard Mitigation Plan will hold a meeting at the County Regional Training Center Wednesday, July 7th, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Chief Mahlon Irish will plan to attend the afternoon session, Mayor will check with Code Officer Bruce Weber for his availability to attend.

Mayor asked for it to be put on the record the ladies in the office have gone above and beyond during the clerk's absence.

Motion G. Suits, **all aye** to pay bills as follows:

General Fund		
Water Fund		
Sewer Fund		
Capital Projects Fund		
Comm. Dev. Fund		

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by A. Brush **all aye**.

CODES – report is looking much better has more information, received as submitted, **motion** to accept P. Gower **all aye**.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** G. Suits, **all aye**.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, rugs have been cleaned and walls painted, much brighter. Town will advise the dollars generated in the village by court. Police Dept will check number of tickets year to date. **Motion** to accept M. Berry, **all aye**.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted A. Brush, **all aye**. P. Gower stated that Jeff Lewis, Recreation Director requested a \$100 petty cash for making change during registrations. After discussion board directed to have Clerk Lou Anne Randall contact the auditors on setting this up.

DPW – report was received as submitted, **motion** P. Gower, **all aye**. New truck is in, registered and in use. G. Suits stated CHIPS as been approved by the state with an addendum. The department has expended more than budgeted for patching. It has been a long time since patching had been done. Damage is still being reported at the parks.

Mayor McDermott will participate in the National Grid conference call. NYCOM recommends not signing off at this time.

Community Garden is looking great. Lawrence “Buzz” Barber, DPW Superintendent worked very hard with the garden committee, with building raised beds and filling them.

Farmer’s Market will continue through the October harvest. Doug’s Fish Fry will sell ice cream. There were 14 vendors this past week. It was a smooth transition from Farmers Market to the first of the summer concerts.

Consolidation Meeting- Discussion ensued regarding consolidation of Towns of Homer and Scott. Town of Scott would gain most benefit. All figures should be considered, petitions are being prepared to have consolidation part of the November election.

Bridge repair material stored in barrels has been removed.

Homer History Center – Everything is in the Village of Homer name, contracts signed by the Mayor. Village must retain control of their history. Mayor met with Attorney Matthew Newman regarding the history center.

A public hearing is planned for the August 3rd board meeting at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Early Retirement Incentive Plan B program offered by New York State Retirement. M. Berry requested the cost to the Village to offer this incentive.

July 26, 5:35 p.m. the Waste Water Treatment Plant is offering a tour of their facility.

Chastity Mydlenski, Oh My Goodness owner has requested permission of the Board to offer for sale coffee and baked goods for sale for consumption at tables and chairs set in front of her store at 1 North Main Street during appropriate season. **Motion** M. Berry to give conditional approval for Mayor to speak with Chastity regarding this matter, **all aye**. The Planning Board may need to schedule a special meeting.

Attorney David Perfetti continues to work on the wellhead protection plan.

Typical summer vandalism is continuing at the parks. Pricing is being done for new signs stating rules and regulations.

Playground safety will be taken care of with woodchips added to swing areas to cover the swing pattern.

When the Holiday in Homer banner is taken down the Jets Welcome banner will be put up.

There will be no NYS D.O.T. projects within the Village. Clinton Street will more than likely be 2 – 3 years away.

Ed Finkbeiner, Business Manager/Reporter for “The Homer News” addressed the Board and showed a mockup of the paper. Ads will be sold of various sizes to cover printing and distributing costs. The paper will be published every 2 weeks and mailed to everyone in the Village and Town of Homer. Mayor asked that Board members feel free to contribute to articles.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by G. Suits the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. – all aye.

**Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Beverly D. Berry**

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
August 3, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:37 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Mike Berry, Genevieve Suits, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Bob Johnson, Fire Chief Mahlon Irish, Charlie Ford, Jeff Austin, David Barber, Deputy Clerk – Beverly Berry, Judge Shiffer, Eric Mulvihill and Ken Teter.

Attorney Patrick Perfetti presented an award to the Mayor. The award is for The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recognizes Mayor Mc Dermott as a Patriotic Employer.

Ken Teter discussed further the fire station floor. Ken proposed to have a more accurate on site – survey performed on the floor and on the basement. He will coordinate with Geologic of Homer to have two concrete cores taken. This will give a more accurate evaluation on the floor’s condition. Afterwards he will do a complete Schematic Design level of engineering for the Village Board. His proposal is for \$2,200.00 plus \$300.00 for the cores to be drilled.

On motion by Trustee Berry, the Village Board approved Teter & Teter Design Consultants contract. – all ayes.

Judge Shiffer gave the Village Board a report from 2002 to present on how much is collected, cases closed and money returned to the Town of Homer. He stated his salary was \$21,000, clerk - \$18,000, \$11,000 for court security, postage and office supplies. Judge Shiffer complemented our Village Police Department. 30% of his cases are from the Village of Homer Police Department.

Minutes from June 1, and July 6, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Berry, all aye.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Gower – all aye.

Motion Trustee Suits, all aye, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 341-440	\$	143,801.08
Water Fund	Vouchers 125-153	\$	5,019.99
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 125-154	\$	52,284.66
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Brush – **all ayes**.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes**.
The barn by Calale Field was dismantled

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Suits- **all aye**.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry- **all aye**.
Keep your houses locked. There have been many break-ins lately.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower - **all ayes**.
On Sunday there was a break-in at Griggs’s Field Concession stand. The person took a sludge hammer and tore off the dead bolts. The Board would like a motion light installed on Griggs Field to see if that would help with the vandalism. Jeff Lewis reported the District Little League President toured our Griggs’s Field facilities. He is interested in having more tournaments at our field.

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer wishes to have petty cash; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer would have \$100.00 petty cash for the Recreation Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer hereby adopts petty cash; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Recreation Department does have \$100.00 in petty cash.

ADOPTED the 3rd day of August 2010 at a meeting of the Village Board.

I hereby certify that the Village of Homer adopted petty cash of \$100.00 for the Recreation Department;
Hereby, motion of Trustee Suits – all ayes.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Brush - **all aye**.

The Mayor reported that children are picking the leaves off the little trees that were just planted. Next year the DPW will put cones over the trees to protect them. Superintendent Barber predicts that he will be over \$2,790.00 in CHIP money this year. Mr. Barber has an estimate for the Main Sewer Pump facility roof by Goddard Roofing. The estimate is for \$4,664.00. The Board would like to see two more estimates before deciding on the roof. The Tree Cutting bids were opened on July 20, 2010 @ 10:00 am. The only bid was from Stub's Tree Removal. The Attorney viewed the contract for Stub's Tree Removal; the term starts on August 1, 2010 till July 31, 2012. On motion by Trustee Brush, the Board approved Stub's Tree Removal – all ayes

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower – **all aye**. Harry Reddick is acting as interim Vice President until their Election that will be held on August 10, 2010.

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye**.

Fire Chief Irish expressed his concerns over fixing the 1968 Seagrave Ladder Truck. The insurance company has explained that it will cover \$33,000.00 for the damage done to the ladder and cradle. Chief Irish would like it to be fixed at Seagrave. However, due to the Fire Department having the ladder truck repaired by Northern fire company years ago it null and voids the original warranty with Seagrave on the ladder truck. This means only Seagrave could work on the truck, by having another company work on it, it does not warrant the truck being shipped to Seagrave for repair. The insurance company has stated Jerome Fire Equipment will repair the truck for \$33,000.00. Trustee Suits and Gower will meet with Chief Irish to further discuss this matter.

The Mayor will meet with Tom from Time Warner on Thursday to discuss the settlement of payments due to the Village of Homer.

Resolution to Adopt the 2010 Retirement Incentive Program

Part A

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, New York held at the Village Hall, 31 North Main Street, Homer, New York, on the 3rd day of August 2010, the following resolution was offered:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, New York does hereby elect to provide the benefits of Part A of Chapter 105 of the Laws, 2010, commencing on September 7, 2010 for all eligible employees who retire with an effective date of retirement set during the ninety (90) day period beginning with and immediately following the commencement date and who are otherwise eligible as specified by Part A of Chapter 105, Laws of 2010.

State of New York
County of Cortland ss:

I, Lou Anne Randall, Clerk of Village of Homer, New York, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such Board of Trustees at a legally and regularly convened meeting held on the 6th day of July 2010, on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that the same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. I further certify that the full Board of Trustees consists of four (4) members and that all (4) of such members were present at such meeting and that all (4) of such members voted in favor of such resolution.

Part B

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, New York held at the Village Hall, 31 North Main Street, Homer, New York, on the 3rd day of August 2010, the following resolution was offered:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, New York does hereby elect to provide the benefits of Part B of Chapter 105 of the Laws, 2010, commencing on October 1, 2010 for all eligible employees who retire with an effective date of retirement set during the ninety (90) day period beginning with and immediately following the commencement date and who are otherwise eligible as specified by Part A of Chapter 105, Laws of 2010.

State of New York
County of Cortland ss:

I, Lou Anne Randall, Clerk of Village of Homer, New York of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such Board of Trustees at a legally and regularly convened meeting held on the 6th day of July 2010, on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that the same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. I further certify that the full Board of Trustees consists of four (4) members and that all (4) of such members were present at such meeting and that all (4) of such members voted in favor of such resolution.

Thoma Development has CDBG Funds Grant for elderly home owners that are 65 years or older. On motion by Trustee Suits, the Board will apply for the CDBG grant for the Elderly. – All ayes.

The Mayor met with Assessor Dave Briggs. The revaluation will start soon. Mr. Briggs will keep his office in Homer Town Hall until the preliminary figures are completed. Afterwards, he will move the office to his location on Church Street.

The Mayor reported that he read the Planning Board agenda on Friday. The Morrisville College is on the agenda regarding the Soybean plant. The College has not notified the Mayor or any of the Trustees regarding the plant. The Planning Board meeting is August 9, 2010 at 7 PM.

Attorney Perfetti discussed the Fire Department by-laws. He would like to have a meeting with Trustee Suits and Gower and President Austin and their committee to go over the changes he has proposed. A meeting was set for next Thursday morning at 10:00 am.

Lawrence Barber and Attorney Dave Perfetti are working on the Wellhead Protection Plan. A meeting was held with Lawrence Barber, John Helgren, Patrick and David Perfetti and Carroll Conner from DEC regarding the wellhead protection plan. Carroll discussed what DEC recommends and enhancement to municipal water system. The ordinance should piggyback with the Town of Homer's plan. A committee appointed by the Mayor will be needed to present the local law to the Board of Trustees. The Emergency Head is in the Town of Homer, which needs to be worked out with them.

The Mayor reported that the Village of Homer is having a problem with Skunks. Suzanne Austin of King Street had 7 of them in her back yard. Sweeney Pest Control or Bill Howe could trap them.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Board moved to Executive Session at 7:22 PM – all ayes

On motion by Trustee Brush the Board moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:43 PM

There were personnel issues to discuss during the executive session.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Gower the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
September 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:37 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Mike Berry, Genevieve Suits, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Also present were, Fire Chief Mahlon Irish, and Ed Finkbeiner.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Past Chief James Reif. His service will be held Friday night at Wright Beard.

Minutes from August 3, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Suits, all aye.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Brush – all aye.

Motion Trustee Suits, all aye, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 443-526	\$	105,794.22
Water Fund	Vouchers 155-181	\$	4,536.99
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 155-183	\$	2,757.66
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Suits – **all ayes**.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes**.
Mr. Spina on Clinton Street has applied for a variance to put in a circular driveway.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Brush - **all aye**.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Brush- **all aye**.

Chief Mack has been patrolling on his bike. Trustee Berry would like to see more officers on foot patrol.

Attorney Perfetti will try to contact Henkle Corp. once again regarding the building. Alice Heath has retired from the Crossing Guard. Alice started in 1971. Thanks Alice for a job well done all these years.

Joe Wood is the new replacement for Crossing Guard.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits - **all ayes**.

Attorney Perfetti will write a letter to Pam Johnson to have all of her equipment removed from the shed by September 30, 2010.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower - **all aye**.

The DPW crew took the Police Department's unclaimed bicycles to the Auction in Lansing. The water lines are being flushed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower – **all aye**. Jeff Austin reported a new leak on the apparatus bay. Jeff called Goddard Roofing to fix the leak on the roof. Mike Keegan was injured at the family picnic that was held on August 22, 2010. He did not miss any work. The Mayor signed paperwork to apply for a grant for the floor in the Fire Station to be repaired.

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye**. Trustee Suits and Gower meet with Chief Irish regarding the ladder truck. No decision has been made regarding this matter.

RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CAYUGA COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID ANNEX.

Resolution by Municipality, Mayor Mc Dermott offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolved that Village of Homer

Approves continued participation by the Homer Fire Department.

In the Cayuga County Fire Mutual Aid Annex as now in effect and as amended from time to time and certifies to the Cayuga County Legislature through its Fire Coordinator that no restriction exists against "outside services" by such fire company and/or fire department within the meaning of Section 209 of the General Municipal Law which would affect the power of such fire company/fire department to participate in such plan.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Cayuga County Fire Coordinator.

Motion by Trustee Gower, seconded by Trustee Berry approved this resolution. – All ayes.

The Mayor asked for the Clerk to research the 20-year bond for the Pumper Truck.

The National Grid Agreement is waiting for NYCOM's Approval. They had one revision to make before the Mayor could sign the agreement.

The Consolidation between the Towns of Homer and Scott will be on the ballot November 2, 2010.

The Village of Homer was awarded the Main Street Grant for \$310,000.00.

American Legion and Hobeu's renewed their liquor license.

On **motion** by Trustee Suits the Board approved the following Proclamation for the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month – All ayes

Thoma Development will be holding an Upper Floor Business Seminar on Friday September 24, 2010.

The Mayor received letters from Meribeth McEwan and Mrs. Smith from Cortland Street stating they did not receive their water/sewer bills. They would like the penalty to be forgiven. On motion by

Trustee Brush with a **No** vote by Trustee **Berry** the majority of the board forgave the penalty for this month's bill.

The Mayor will meet with Tom from Time Warner on Thursday to discuss the settlement of payments due to the Village of Homer.

The Mayor reported that the Village of Homer is having a problem with Skunks. Trustee Berry has loaned his skunk trap out.

The Post Office is rumored to be closing. The Mayor has not been given any information on this as yet.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Board moved to Executive Session at 7:05 PM – all ayes.

On motion by Trustee Brush the Board moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:20 PM

There were personnel issues to discuss during the executive session.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Gower the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting October 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:37 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Genevieve Suits, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Absent Mike Berry. Also present were Ken Teter, Jim Nadge, Charlie Ford, Don Barber and Jamar from Cortland Standard, Fire Chief Mahlon Irish, and Ed Finkbeiner.

The Mayor read two Proclamations. One was for Domestic Violence and the other Red Ribbon Week.

Ken Teter addressed the Board concerning the floor in the Fire Station. The evaluation was completed. Ken talked with Bruce Weber on Code Compliance and Mark Withiam from Aurora Engineering regarding the floor. The best suggestion is to convert this into storage and other use instead of housing vehicles. The condition is not going to get better. But by staying off this floor it still will need to be looked over every 2 years to check on its condition. The Village would be better off building a Morton building next to the end by the day room and save the floor for walking and light storage. Ken will have a full evaluation by the next meeting. The floor will still have work performed on it to keep it from deteriorating any further. The problematic span will have to be addressed and a new top of the floor will have to be put on.

Minutes from September 7, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Gower, all aye.

TREASURER'S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Motion Trustee Suits, all aye, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 507-606	\$	77,745.46
Water Fund	Vouchers 184-208	\$	4,498.16
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 184-208	\$	2,124.48
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

The Clerk reported on Elavon Government Division who offers an over the counter service fee program for taxes and water/sewer payments using their MasterCard and Discover card. The fee will be charged to the customer for their convenience.

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Brush – **all ayes**.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Brush– **all ayes**. Trustee Gower would like more information on the Monthly Report for Codes.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower - **all aye**.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits- **all aye**.

The DPW workers repaired the roof on the police station. The unclaimed/seized bikes from the police department were sold at the Lansing Auction for \$215.00. Jim Nadge and Bill Brohard were complaining that cars are going by too fast down Copeland Ave. The Chief handed out over 14 speeding tickets. Bill would like the police to sit in his driveway to stop more speeders. Bill stated that Hooker Ave people were driving too fast also. The Mayor will look into other avenues to see what we can do to slow the drivers down.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower - **all ayes**.

The Fall/Winter Flyers are done and distributed to area schools. Jeff Lewis, Director has contracted with Grant Street Construction to temporarily move the equipment building on Calale Field in order to put gravel down underneath where the building lays. The Winterfest is looking for volunteers a few people have resigned. If anyone is interested please let them know.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower - **all aye**.

Two quotes were submitted for the Water Main Improvement at the intersection of RTE 281 and RTE 41.

- 1) Grant Street –\$ 29,875.00. 2) Adhan piping - \$32,000.00. On motion by Trustee Suits the Board moved to approve Grant Street for the Water Main Improvement – all Ayes.
- 2) Two quotes for new roof on the Main Sewer Pump House by North Homer Ave
Goddard Roofing - \$4464.00 2) Gallagher Construction Inc. - \$4,645.00. On motion by Trustee Brush the board moved to approve Goddard Roofing for the new roof on Main Sewer Pump – all ayes.

The new Boutique will be opening where Connery Winery was. The new owner is asking for the memorial tree in front to be trimmed. If DPW cannot do that due to the wire, they will call Stub tree service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Brush – **all aye**.

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower– **all aye.**

The Art Teacher from Homer Elementary School was asking if her second graders could paint the garbage slats for competition. Trustee Suits also suggested having the Fire Hydrants painted for a competition. Chief Mahlon Irish discussed the parking situation on Park Ave by the High School when there is a home football game. The cars were parked on both sides of the street, which would not allow any room for an emergency vehicle to pass through. The Mayor will have Chief Mack put up temporary DO NOT PARK signs on one side.

The Mayor read the letter that was sent to the Town of Homer regarding employees becoming sick with severe headaches and two cases of vertigo. The Town has installed an air purifier and will be conducting an air test to the building.

Trustee Suits, Gower and Clerk Randall presented a report on what they learned during NYCOM training the week of September 20th.

The National Grid Agreement received NYCOM's approval is ready for the Mayor to sign.

The Mayor went to a broadband meeting with New Vision. They would like to have over 600 residential units for their cable and Internet service.

The Mayor will be participating in the Air National Guard Fly at Hancock on November 9, 2010.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Gower the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting November 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:33 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Genevieve Suits, Mike Berry, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Ken Teter, Dave Barber, Fire Chief Mahlon Irish, and Ed Finkbeiner. This meeting was held at the Homer Fire Station Day Room.

The Mayor wanted to thank Jeff Austin and Harry Reddick for the use of the Fire Department Day Room. He also wanted to specially thank Lawrence Barber, Jeff Lewis, Ernie Newell, Phil Stockton, Jim Toolan and Chief Mack for all their help in relocating the Clerk's Office to the Recreation Office on 53 S. Main Street.

Ken Teter addressed the Board concerning the floor in the Fire Station. The evaluation was completed.

He will have a CD and a report of the Fire Station Floor. He has 4 different repair scenarios:

- 1) Full Repair which would cost around \$160,000.00
- 2) New top- new drain/water cleaning – no structural fix or no vehicles - \$20,000 to \$50,000.
- 3) Minimal Repair 75 pounds per square feet, resealing caulk- \$2,000 - \$5,000
- 4) Do nothing – 50 pound per square feet – no cost

Ken recommendation would be 3 or 4 for right now. Mahlon Irish states they need the bay to wash equipment in.

Minutes from October 5, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Gower, all aye.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Motion Trustee Berry, all ayes, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 607-687	\$	76,826.33
Water Fund	Vouchers 209-234	\$	4,531.48
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 209-234	\$	2,198.34
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

**Resolution for the Village of Homer
Buy Back 2 plots**

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer wishes purchase 2 plots

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer has reviewed the plots that were purchased by Jo Ann Beston

WHEREAS, the purpose of the buy back 2 plots that were left to Jo Ann Beston

NOW, THEREFORE, it is herby:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer will purchase the two lots for \$800.00

RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer will buy back 2 plots from Jo Ann Beston

November 2, 2010 - at the Village Board Regular Meeting.

I hereby certify that the purchase of two plots for the amount of \$800.00 to Jo Ann Beston

Witnessed by:

Village of Homer by:

Clerk

Village of Homer by:

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower – **all ayes.**

There will be a cemetery meeting on November 5, 2010 at 2:00pm in the Recreation Building (Clerk's Office now).

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes**.

Trustee Gower stated there was a couch on River Street that has been there for a couple of weeks. Trustee Gower asked when the garbage is suppose to be put out to the curb when it is garbage day. The residents are allowed to put their garbage out at dusk the night before. Trustee Gower stated that residents are putting there garbage out a day before and the crows are getting into the trash. Trustee Gower asked about the Pathos house on South Main Street being vacant and animals living in there. The Mayor will ask Bruce Webber to look into the matter.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Brush- **all aye**.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits- **all aye**.

Mayor reported that Joe Wood is doing a great job as School Crossing guard. The Mayor researched a lighted solar panel speeding sign that could be used around the Village. The Board will discuss this for next years budget. The DOT has received many complaints regarding Coffee Mania traffic and parking issues. The Chief and Mayor have talked with the State regarding these issues. The DOT is planning on putting parking barriers around the bend of RTE 281 and RTE 41. The 2002 Chevy Impala that was the Chief old car will be sold. The Henkle property has a purchase offer on it. Their Attorney will let us know about the Police Station but do not expect any changes.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower - **all ayes**.

The Building at Calale field is done. Little League has a new board of directors.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry - **all aye**.

The Mayor once again would like to Thank: Lawrence Barber, Ernie Newell and Phil Stockton for their help in moving the Clerk's office to the Recreation Office. The DPW is still picking up leaves.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower – **all aye**.

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye**.

The Fire Chief Mahlon Irish asked the Mayor to write letters to Senator Acuri, Gillibrand and Schumer on behalf of the grant the Homer Fire Department applied for in regards to a ladder truck. Chief Irish stated all but 7 bailouts have been installed – the seven of them didn't fit the air packs. The Fire Department can buy 8 Scott air packs for \$250.00 each these would be upgrade from what we have now. On motion by Trustee Brush, the board approved the purchase of 8 Scott packs that are used for \$2,000.00 – all ayes.

The money they receive from selling 4" fire hose (\$1,300) will go towards the purchase of the 8 Scot air packs. The Fire Department will be getting a piece of the 911 World trade Center soon.

Suit Kote thanked the Homer Fire Department for putting out the tank fire.

Time Warner still has not paid the village.

The Village Board of Trustees talked about the Main Street Grant. On motion by Trustee Suits the board approved Thoma Consultants to administer the Main Street Grant for the Village of Homer. – all ayes

The Mayor reported that Bob Lottridge resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals. If anyone knows someone who would be interested in the position please let the Mayor know.

The Mayor and Lawrence Barber will be attending a NYSEG meeting on November 9, 2010 regarding recommendations on the property they are in the process of cleaning up on RTE 11 next to ID Booth.

Motion to move into Executive Session at 7:34 pm by Trustee Suits. – all ayes.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 7:45 pm by Trustee Gower – all ayes.

The Executive session was on personnel issues.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Brush the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
December 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:36 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Genevieve Suits, Mike Berry, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Dave Barber, Fire Chief Mahlon Irish, and Kathy Keegan. This meeting was held at the Homer Fire Station Day Room.

The Mayor led a moment of silence for Fire Fighter Don Chisholm who was a firefighter for over 20 years with the Village of Homer Fire Department.

The Mayor stated Karen Caminiti would be replacing Robert Lottridge on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Minutes from November 2, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Brush, all aye.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Motion Trustee Berry, all aye, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 688-766	\$	153,453.61
Water Fund	Vouchers 235-262	\$	30,202.79
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 235-261	\$	83,205.87
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ESTABLISHING THE STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING DAYS FOR CERTAIN VILLAGE OFFICIALS ON NYS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Comptroller New York State and Local Employees Retirement System requires that a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution be established for retirement credit reporting purposes for elected and appointed officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer hereby establishes the following as Standard Work Days for the elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked t the New York State and Local Employee’s Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Village Clerk.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Stand work day</u>	<u>Term Begins/ends</u>	<u>Days Reported</u>	<u>Period</u>
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APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Attorney	Patrick Perfetti	6	4/1/10 – 3/31/11	3 days	per quarter
Cemetery Comm.	Rusty McLaughlin	6	4/1/10 – 3/31/11	7.33 days	per quarter

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – no report

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes**.
On motion by Trustee Gower Mr. Pathos on S. Main Street violation will be turned over to Attorney Perfetti.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Suits- **all aye**.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits- **all aye**.
Mayor reported that people were driving backwards down the one-way entrance behind the elementary school. The police are watching for those drivers. Mike Magee has been covering for Tina Weaver while she is out sick.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry - **all ayes**.
Once a again thank Jeff Lewis, Lawrence Barber, Phil Stockton, Ernie Newell, Dave Mc Evoy and Mike Galeotti for all there help in moving the file cabinets of the Clerk’s office to the Recreation/Clerks Building. During Church and School functions on Central Park Place people are parking on both sides of the road. The road has to have one side open for emergency purposes.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry - **all aye**.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower – **all aye**. The By–laws are still waiting for approval by Attorney Perfetti. The Village of Homer Board decided to seal the Fire Station floor and caulk it. It will be monitored every three years to make sure the floor is safe.

FIRE CHIEF’S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye**.
The Fire Chiefs are meeting with the Brewster House Director on December 8, 2010 regarding the rescue calls. Hopefully something can be worked out regarding the calls on picking up a person that has fallen. Fire Chief Irish asked if the Village Board would write a letter in support of the new Radio high frequency system the County wants to put in 2013. On Motion by Trustee Brush the board approved to have the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the Trustees supporting the new radio system.
– All approved.

Time Warner still has not paid the village.

New Vision for Broadband would like a community group to sell their system for them.

A Property Tax Cap Must Include Mandate Relief

WHEREAS the level of property taxation throughout New York has reached dangerously high levels; and

WHEREAS New York leads the nation in property taxes simply because we lead the nation in imposing inefficient state mandates on our local governments; and

WHEREAS two of the largest components of every municipal budget over which local officials have little control – pension payments and health insurance costs – are increasing at exorbitant rates; and

WHEREAS in the case of pension costs, bills from the State Retirement System will increase by an average of 40% in both 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS state laws pertaining to the collective bargaining of contracts between municipalities and employee unions, particularly those pertaining to firefighters and police officers, do not allow local officials to reasonably control the costs such contracts impose on property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS as a solution to New York's property tax crisis, the Governor of New York and the New York State Legislature will, in 2011, consider enactment of legislation imposing a cap on the annual growth in property taxes; and

WHEREAS a property tax cap will only work if it is simultaneously accompanied by a repeal of current state mandates that require local governments to increase spending and property taxes; and

WHEREAS a property tax cap without repeal of costly state mandates will, by definition, lead to drastic cuts in essential local services and dramatic layoffs of municipal employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Homer that the Governor of the State of New York and the members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly must reform the cost drivers that lead to high property taxes in New York – including pension benefits, health insurance costs and the collective bargaining process – as the central element of any effort to provide overdue property tax relief to the residents and businesses of New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leader, Senator Seward, Member of Assembly Finch, and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

The Mayor reported that the County Legislatures are looking to have the Cold War and Fire Department Members exemptions on their County Taxes.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Village Attorney is sending a notice of claim to the Town Of Homer on behalf of the Village of Homer – all approved.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Village Attorney is sending a notice of claim to the Town Of Homer on behalf of the Village of Homer Employees in the Clerks office – all approved.

The Village Board will give 90 days written termination notice on the office space at the Town of Homer Town Hall, 31 North Main Street, Homer, stating March 31, 2011 as the termination date. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will have a meeting with Supervisor Forbes to give our notice.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Brush the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
January 4, 2011**

Attorney Perfetti read the Public Hearing notices for the CDBG Notice for the senior's. Ann Hotchkins spoke about the grant. The Grant would be for the amount up to \$400,000 with 70% grant to low moderate-income residents. Applications are due May 7, 2011.

The Mayor asked if any resident wanted to speak.

On motion by Trustee Brush Board closed Public Hearing at 5:10 PM – all ayes.

The Mayor called to order Public Hearing for the Budget and Sewer Notices at 5:15 PM.

Attorney Perfetti read the public hearing notices.

The Mayor thanked the Board of Trustees and Clerk for a job well done on the budget. Mayor continued stating:

The Sewer rates will increase by usage on March 1, 2011. The fees will be \$58.00 per 9,000 gallons usage, \$1.95 per thousand there after. The Board added a Road Repair Reserve for the amount of \$50,000.00 on Street Maintenance. The Board is trying to buy in cash instead of bonding for equipment. We have lowered taxes for the 3 out of the last 4 years. We have no lay offs this year. The Employees and Department heads have done a great job.

The Mayor asked if any resident wanted to speak.

On motion by Trustee Berry Board closed Public Hearing at 5:50 PM.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:50 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Genevieve Suits, Mike Berry, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Dave Barber, Fire Chief Mahlon Irish, Eric Mulvihill, Matthew Nozili, Beverly Berry, John Ryan Sr. Ann Hotchkins, Larry Scofield, and Jeffery Austin. This meeting was held at the Homer Fire Station Day Room.

The Mayor presented a special recognition award to Beverly Berry for 25 years of service to the Village of Homer.

The Sewer notices were approved on motion by Trustee Suits – all ayes.

The budget amendment for A3410.200 for the amount of \$53,000 for a total amount of \$72,200.00
On motion by Trustee Gower to approve the 2011-2012 Village of Homer Budget – all ayes.

Minutes from November 2, 2010 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Suits all aye.

TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Motion Trustee Brush, all aye, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 767-837	\$	44,130.13
Water Fund	Vouchers 263-283	\$	3,289.38
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 263-283	\$	2,693.71
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – no report

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes.**

Mr. Hall, Briggs-Hall Funeral Home 11 N. Main St., still has outstanding violations on his property that he is selling to Tom Neiderhoffer. The Clerk will follow up with Mr. Neiderhoffer tomorrow. Matt Newman and Chris Sweeney met with Mayor and Clerk to review the Express Mart, corner of Routes 90 and 281, expansion that will be going before the Planning Board.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower- **all aye.**

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Berry- **all aye.**

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Brush- **all ayes.**

A BIG THANKS to Ralph Thornton for the ice rink.

Jeff Lewis stated he was meeting with an Eagle Scout this week regarding his project he would like to do for the Village of Homer.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower - **all aye.**

The Trucks were ordered this past month with the Boards approval. The Mayor stated what a fabulous job the DPW did picking up the Christmas Trees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower – **all aye.** The by-laws are still waiting for approval by Attorney Perfetti. The Board approved the by-laws pending the approval from Attorney Perfetti. On motion by Trustee Berry – all ayes.
Boards approval for membership on Ryne Austin – on motion by Trustee Brush– all ayes.

FIRE CHIEF’S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye.**

The Fire Chiefs met with the Brewster House Director on December 8, 2010 regarding the rescue calls. The Brewster House has hired a Physical Therapist for the residents. The therapist will work

with the residents on picking themselves up after a fall. The Brewster House also has made changes within their organizations. Chief Irish needs the Village Workers Compensation Certificate rider to pick up a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. Chief Irish asked about vacant buildings list. He would like a list of them. Chief Irish thanked the board for the extra money in his budget this year.

Attorney Perfetti stated Dependable trash would like an irrevocable line of credit instead of performance bond for the rest of his contract. This line of credit would not be refundable. On motion by Trustee Suits, the board approved the irrevocable line of credit for Dependable Trash. – All ayes.

Time Warner has finally paid their outstanding bill that has been going on for over 3 years.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor Suits had their meeting with the Town of Homer and gave our notices as of March 31, 2011.

Winterfest is February 4th and 5th of 2011.

Little Italy notified the clerk of their renewing their liquor license.

The Mayor signed the Finger Lakes Tourist Contract for the year.

We received our 4th quarter sales tax for the amount of \$116,000.00, which is up from last year.

Village of Homer Caucuses will be January 25, 2011.

Village Election will be March 15, 2011.

Any Funds due to the Village of Homer will have to be paid by February 9, 2011 or be relieved to the Village Tax Bill March 1.

The Mayor will write letter to all the past members of the Hook and Ladder Fire Company thanking them for their service to the Village of Homer Fire Department. The Hook and Ladder was disbanded last year.

The American Legion and the Homer Elks have requested the Bingo/Bell Jar applications. The Board approved these applicants with stipulation pending their police report. On Motion by Trustee Berry – all ayes.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Brush the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
February 1, 2011**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:30 PM. Present: Trustees Paul Gower, Genevieve Suits, Mike Berry, Andy Brush and Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall. Also present: Dave Barber, Fire Chief Mahlon Irish, Gordon Wheelock, Kevin Slack and Jeffery Austin. This meeting was held at the Homer Fire Station Day Room.

Minutes from January 4, 2011 approved as submitted, motion Trustee Berry all aye.

TREASURER'S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Brush – all aye.

Motion Trustee Berry, all ayes, to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 767-837	\$	44,130.13
Water Fund	Vouchers 263-283	\$	3,289.38
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 263-283	\$	2,693.71
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ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – no report

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Gower– **all ayes.**

Mr. Hall, Briggs-Hall Funeral Home 11 N. Main St., still has outstanding violations on his property that he is selling to Tom Neiderhoffer, he will clean up the property by May 1, 2011.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Suits- **all ayes.**

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits- **all aye.**

New reports are approved. Extra police will be added for the Winterfest Weekend. The police will be putting up NO PARKING SIGNS on the north side of Hannum Ave. Emergency vehicles can not get through.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Brush- **all ayes.**

A BIG THANKS to Ralph Thornton for the ice rink. A new nozzle has been ordered by Jeff Lewis for Ralph Thornton for the ice rink. Spring/Summer Catalog will be ready by next month.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower - **all aye.**

Bobette Lansdowne has resigned as Meter Reader. Mackenzie Lewis will be replacing Bobette as Meter Reader.

The Board reviews 3 quotes for a generator.

Admar for \$21,160.00

On motion by Suits the Board, approved the generator from Admar Inc. in the amount of \$ 21,160.00 for the Sewer Department and one for the Fire Department that will be a permanent generator – all ayes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits – **all aye.** The by-laws were not approved by Attorney Perfetti; Jeff Austin would like to have a meeting with the Attorney and Board members to review the items Attorney Perfetti stated in his letter to Board members.

Membership for Jason Bailey approved by Trustee Berry on condition that he passes physical and arson check – all ayes.

Membership for Dave Burnette approved by Trustee Brush – all ayes.

Mayor sent letters to all Hook and Ladder members for past service to the Village of Homer Fire Department.

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Suits– **all aye.**

There are 20 – 28 fire department members' physicals that will need to be done this year.

The Fire Department has 25 out of date surplus turn out gear. Fire Chief Irish will give list to Clerk. On motion by Trustee Gower the gear is deemed for surplus – all ayes. Chief Irish asked attorney for the Resolution standardization for the Scott Air packs again. The Homer Fire Department will be going to NJ Port Authority to pick up 730 lbs of steel from the Twin Tower next month.

On motion by Trustee Brush the board moved into Executive Session at 6:34 PM – All ayes

On Motion by Trustee Brush the board moved to adjourn Executive Session at 7:18 PM – all ayes

We discussed litigation issues.

I, Lou Anne Randall, Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Homer, New York, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a regular board meeting of the Village Board of Trustee held on February 1, 2011 and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting and that the resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

RESOLVED:

That Michael Mc Dermott, as Mayor of the Village of Homer, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for \$4,000. (50% matching funds) and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Homer for the Village of Homer tree Planning Program.

We received our 4th quarter final sales tax for the amount of \$54,006.06.

Village Election will be March 15, 2011.

Homer Elementary will paint the trash can slats.

The committee for the Main Street Grant will be Paul Gower, Mike Berry, Ed Frinkbiener, and Mayor.

Josephine Brown Day will be February 16th at 12:30 pm at the Brewster House. Mayor McDermott will give Josephine a key to the Village and will contact the media and the Town of Homer.

REMEMBER: TRUSTEES PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS.

On motion by Trustee Gower the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. – all aye.

Mayor Michael H. McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer