

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
January 5, 2016,**

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Suits at 5:30 pm. Present Trustee Slack, Gower, Brush, and Smith. Also present Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall and Attorney Casullo. Also present Don Ferris, Pat Clune, Jr. Reddick, Craig Umbehauer, Fran Casullo, Tom Cornell, Andy Leach, Paul Suits, Nick Card, Fire Chief Robert Johnson, Police Chief Robert Pitman, and Sheriff Mark Helms.

Mayor Suits stated we held a .45 cent increase in tax levy. Thanked the Village Board for all their help with the budget process.

Mr. Clune asked many questions regarding the budget line items. They were answered correctly.

On motion by Trustee Smith the board adjourned the Public hearing at 5:42 pm – all ayes

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Suits at 5:42 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Kevin Slack, Eugene Smith and Andrew Brush Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall and Attorney Casullo. Also present Don Ferris, Pat Clune, Jr. Reddick, Craig Umbehauer, Fran Casullo, Tom Cornell, Andy Leach, Paul Suits, Nick Card, Fire Chief Robert Johnson, Police Chief Robert Pitman, and Sheriff Mark Helms.

Minutes from December 1, 2015 were approved as submitted, motion Trustee Smith-all aye.

Motion Trustee Brush, - **All ayes** to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 751-815	\$	300,285.60
Water Fund	Vouchers 291-320	\$	5,182.91
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 291-320	\$	6,108.64
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY - no report was received as submitted motion to accept by Trustee Smith - all ayes.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Slack - all ayes
69 North Main has property manager and has met with Craig Umbehauer on the issue. Attorney Casullo is requesting that vacant building issue be addressed immediately.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** by Trustee Brush - all **ayes**.
Welcome to our new Police Chief Robert Pitman. Our new Sheriff Mark Helms was here to answer any questions. Sheriff Helms wanted to express his appreciation on working for the

village police department. The police department septic has collapsed the Water/Sewer Department is working on fixing it.

DOGS – no report was received as submitted,

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

Thanked Town of Cortlandville and town of Homer for their continue support for the recreation program. Ralph Thornton has begun making the ice rink.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS– report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Slack- **all ayes**.

The new vac all sweeper was delivered today. If anyone wishes to see it please stop by the Street department.

FIRE CHIEF'S - report was received as submitted, **motion** Gower -**all ayes**.

There were many fire calls today, thanked the firemen for responding in this cold weather. On motion by the board approved Robert A. Johnson for fire membership by Trustee Gower - all ayes.

On motion by Trustee Brush the board moved to approve the 2016-2017 Village Budget – all ayes.

On motion by Trustee Smith the board approved the inter- municipal Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement. - All ayes.

On motion by Trustee Smith, the Board approved the duly adopted resolution subject to permissive referendum as provided in the State of New York. This authorized expenditures of \$228,745.84 for the sweeper and \$73,458.81 for the Ford F550 from Machinery Reserve for the purchase of the above equipment. – All ayes.

On motion by Trustee Brush to approve the Railway contract, Trustee Brush has requested payment be withheld till the Railroad pavement on Hooker Ave is fixed- All Ayes.

On motion by Trustee Slack the board moved to approve to apply for the grant for new pagers in conjunction with Town of Cortlandville Fire District, City of Cortland Fire Department, Virgil Fire District, and Cuyler Fire District – all ayes.

The Fire Department would like to surplus 24 coats, 4 helmets and 23 bunker pants. On motion by Trustee Gower the equipment is declared surplus. Charlie Ford will inventory all gear and turn it into the Clerk's Office.

On motion by Trustee Gower the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:15 pm. – all ayes

On motion by Trustee Smith the board adjourned the Executive Session at 6:20 pm – all ayes

In the Executive Session the board discussed Chief Pitman employment contract.

Trustee Gower discussed vehicles parked at the Street Department that are not village vehicles. We will gather a list of who is parking there and who gave them permission.

On motion by Trustee Gower, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm – all ayes.

Mayor Genevieve Suits
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer