

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2017
8:00 a.m.**

The Special Meeting of the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held at the Village Offices, 53 South Main St., Homer, New York with Mayor McCabe presiding.

Members present:

Mayor, Hal McCabe
Trustee, Patrick Clune
Trustee, Edward Finkbeiner
Trustee, Kevin Slack
Trustee, Tim Daley

Also present were: Village Clerk-Treasurer, Rich Couch; Brad Smith from WXHC Radio, and Dante Armideo.

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On **motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board approved the Village of Homer Board of Trustees Minutes of April 4th. All ayes.

Approval of the draft minutes from May 2nd was tabled until the June meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report was given as this was a Special Meeting

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS

No reports were given – Special Meeting

Fire Chief Mahlon Irish was in attendance and gave the Mayor and Trustees an update from the Fire Department. Chief Irish announced the passing of Fire Department member Wilbur Peters on Saturday May 13th. Mr. Peters served the Village as a Fire Police Officer. Calling hours will be Wednesday May 17, 2017 from 3 – 5 PM and the Homer Avenue Methodist Church in Cortland. Funeral will follow at 5 PM. Members of the Fire Department will pay their respects. The flags at the Fire Station and Village Hall will be at half-mast in honor of Mr. Peters serviced to the community until after his services on Wednesday.

Chief Irish talked to the Mayor and Trustees about being on the EMS text list. Mayor McCabe provided his cell number. Chief Irish indicated the department had 100 EMS calls in April. Chief Irish asked for a key to the flag pole for Fire personnel could assist with the raising and lowering of flags for ceremonial purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Dante Armideo was introduced as the new Village Attorney. Mayor McCabe Administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Armideo.

The Trustees considered the appointment of Christopher Romano as a member of the Homer Fire Department. Trustee Clune, seconded by Slack made the motion to approve Mr. Romano's appointment. Motion carried. All ayes.

The board all signed a resolution giving Mayor McCabe and Clerk-Treasurer, Richard Couch full access to Village bank accounts held at Key Bank. The motion was made by Trustee Daley, seconded by Trustee Clune to accept the resolution. The motion passed. All ayes.

The Trustees discussed transferring funds from the Police Equipment Reserve Account to the Police Equipment Operating Account for the purpose of purchasing a new Police vehicle. Mayor McCabe explained that the purchase had been approved last year. This was just authorizing the transfer of funds to pay for the purchase. Motion by Mayor McCabe, seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner. All ayes.

Mayor McCabe announced that the Village Offices would be closing at 12 noon on Friday May 26th in observance of Memorial Day weekend. All Village office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday May 29th.

ATTORNEY

No report was given.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Finkbeiner updated the body on his efforts concerning video surveillance cameras. He asked the Clerk-Treasurer and the Village Attorney to work on the request for quotes. Trustee Daley reminded us that the project needed to include prevailing wage rates.

Trustee Finkbeiner also offered an update on his conversation with Finger Lakes Communications and conversations he is having about new phone systems for the Village. The phone system would be internet based and is likely to save tax payer's money. Chief Irish reminded the Mayor and trustees that the Fire Department and Police Department would need traditional land lines for emergency use. There will be more discussion on this issue.

Trustee Daley shared that he had been talking with a vendor that wants to help the village process paper work digitally. He will share more information. Trustee Daley has been in contact with National Grid concerning the street lights on the Village Green and the lights along Cayuga Street near the Center for the Arts. Trustee Daley is also working with Smart Watts to explore converting street lights to LED. He hopes they will be able to attend the June meeting. Trustee Daley requested a meeting with the Mayor concerning some issues with Little League.

Trustee Clune wants to plan a site survey visit to Village owned (and rented) storage units to foster future discussion and resolution. A number of dates and times the week of May 15th were discussed. No date was finalized.

Trustee Slack informed the group that he continued to talk with interested parties about the proposed dog park. He also indicated his interest in seeing the Route 11 grant project move forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Trustees, Mayor, Fire Chief, Village Attorney and Clerk-Treasurer went into Executive Session at 8:30 AM to discuss personnel issues and update the new attorney on current issues. The motion was made by Mayor McCabe and seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner. The Fire Chief exited the Executive Session at 8:35. The entire group exited Executive Session at 8:48 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting. **All ayes.** The meeting was adjourned by Mayor McCabe at 8:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Richard G. Couch
Village Clerk