

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Minutes
Homer, New York
2007-2008**

**HOMER, NY
MARCH 6, 2007**

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor McDermott. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael McDermott; Trustees – Genevieve Suits, Joanne Sweeney, Roy Crandall, Michael Berry; Attorney – David Perfetti; Fred Forbes – Town of Homer Supervisor; Beverly Berry – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Michael Galeotti – Supt. Streets & Parks; Dan Mack – Police Chief; Paul Burhans – Dog Control Officer; Tom Williams – County Legislator; Christine Laubenstein – Cortland Standard reporter; Phil Hess – Fire Chief; Jo Anne Williams –Clerk-Treasurer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alexandra Salce, John Ryan, Mary Beth McEuen, Andy Brush, Gordon Wheelock, Janet Steck, Terry Price, Carl Gaffney.

Mayor McDermott introduced Town of Homer Supervisor Fred Forbes to speak to those present regarding **consolidation of the Town and Village of Homer**. He first made it clear that the statements he was making was a reflection of his personal opinion not those of anyone else. Consolidation would save on the following: one executive instead of two; consolidation of positions of clerk and deputy. At this point there was no definite plan he could elaborate on. Both parties (village and town) would have to be in agreement for this to come to fruition. The Chamber of Commerce offered an intern to assist with the process and also the governor's office offers their assistance.

Former City of Cortland mayor Marty Mack wrote the book on consolidation. Mr. Forbes was hoping to invite him to attend the next CTVS meeting.

He went on to say if enough people in the town or village were against this project, it would be a done deal. Mr. Forbes also stated he would not consider running for the supervisor's position should this take place, because it would look like a power move on his part. He feels that it makes sense to consolidate to have less government.

Mayor McDermott commented that the town and village already share some of the same services with individuals. His examples were code enforcement – Bruce Weber and dog control – Paul Burhans. He went on further to explain that the village abolished the position of Village Justice and is currently covered through the Town of Homer Justice – Gary Shiffer. Mayor McDermott noted this process would take several years to do this. He gave Broome County as an example of a community who is presently going through this procedure. Rumors were being spread by someone stating that the Mayor intends to do away with the police department. The Mayor stated this wouldn't happen.

Janet Steck inquired how the process would proceed.

Mayor McDermott stated that possibly Marty Mack could assist us. He added that Public Hearings would be conducted, and reiterated the process would take several years.

Supervisor Forbes stated that \$25 million had been set aside by the state for consolidation purposes.

Chief Mack inquired if the Town would consider going to a town police.

Supervisor Forbes noted that the village would continue to receive the goods and services that they are currently used to.

Chief Mack questioned, how would the taxes be affected?

Supervisor Forbes responded that the taxes shouldn't go up, i.e. the supervisor's position would be split between the town and village. Both entities would save.

Mayor McDermott stated that the population would be divided and representatives would represent each of those areas.

Supervisor Forbes stated that one executive could be full-time and possibly represent the county instead of current three legislators. This could also reduce the number of legislators at the county level. It was further noted that this process could only be done in coordination with the census.

Paul Burhans complimented both the Town and Village Boards for starting the dialog for this process. It was nice to see two boards working together unlike some other communities he works for.

Mayor McDermott noted there are already people in the county balking at this.

No further discussion on this topic. Mayor McDermott thanked Mr. Forbes for attending the meeting to discuss this topic.

Pine Street Bridge – Supervisor Forbes advised the Board of Trustees that the Town of Homer had budgeted to repair this bridge. His question to the Board was, would they like to have the Pine Street bridge made into a pedestrian bridge and the Wall Street bridge repaired to support the weight of fire apparatus. By doing this, it would direct the traffic into a much safer intersection. Short discussion followed. The general consensus was to go with the Supervisor's suggestion of a pedestrian bridge on Pine Street and a more substantial bridge that would support fire apparatus on Wall Street. Currently, the bridges don't support fire apparatus and only allows entrance by way of Albany Street. Hoses would otherwise need to be connected on the Main Street side and run across the bridges by foot.

Minutes of February 6, 2007 were received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Roy Crandall – all aye.

Treasurer's reports showing the financial status of the operating funds were received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Roy Crandall – all aye.

The following bills were authorized for payment, Motion Michael Berry, 2nd. Roy Crandall – all aye.

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| General Fund | Vouchers #1026 - #1094 | \$123,989.80 |
| | Vouchers #1 - #9 | \$ 98,487.64 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers #382 – #409 | \$ 10,941.88 |
| | Vouchers #1 - #4 | \$ 9,243.96 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers #382 - #409 | \$ 7,698.59 |
| | Vouchers #2 - #4 | \$ 9,100.97 |
| Comm. Development Fund | ----- | ---- |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ---- |

Mayor announces replacement for Clerk-Treasurer Jo Anne Williams, who is retiring June 30, 2007.

Mayor McDermott stated that there were 14 applicants for this position, several of whom had excellent qualifications. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer interviewed 5 applicants. Mayor McDermott announced that Louanne Randall was the successful candidate to be appointed to this part-time position. She will commence working Monday, March 12, 2007 and continue through the end of June 2007 before being appointed as full-time Clerk-Treasurer. She is currently the Town Clerk for the Town of Cuyler. The Board gave their approval for this appointment.

Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Roy Crandall – all aye. **to send Louanne Randall and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bev Berry to a NYCOM workshop, April 26 in Syracuse, cost \$85 ea.**

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CODES – no report submitted.

Update on Czimmer property on Cortland Street – Attorney Perfetti indicated that the mortgage company is up in the air about foreclosing because the mortgage payments are current even though the collateral (buildings on the property) are deteriorating. Code Officer Weber hasn't heard any further from Czimmer regarding the building permit to make necessary repairs.

Cortland Co. Health Department, Div. Of Environmental Health sent a memo to all County Boards re: **Minimum Lot Size revisions.** The significant impact of the new code is the "Required Minimum Separation Distances to Protect Water Wells From Contamination". These distances warrant an increase in the minimum lot size currently required by Cortland County. The Village will need to revise their current codes.

DOG – report was received as submitted, Motion Joanne Sweeney, 2nd. Genevieve Suits – all aye.

Mayor McDermott advised the Board that the barking dog issue at 10 Center Street is being taken care of.

POLICE - report received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Joanne Sweeney – all aye.

Tom Kile, contractor will address the repair to the eaves at the Police Station. It is hoped with the repair the ice won't form on the handicap ramp.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, Motion Joanne Sweeney, 2nd. Michael Berry – all aye.

Trustee Suits, Mayor and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer met with Little League re: concession stand. Bid opening will be conducted March 30th. at 10:00 a.m. for materials to construct this building.

Mayor McDermott expresses his thanks to the Fire Department for flooding the village green for skating. He also recognized the Street Department for removal of snow on the ice.

Summer band concerts – The Mayor noted there wouldn't be any concert on Wednesday July 4th. due to the holiday falling on the scheduled concert date.

Spring & Summer flyers are due out soon.

STREETS/PARKS & MEO reports were received as submitted, Motion Roy Crandall, 2nd. Michael Berry – all aye.

Mayor complimented the department for the wonderful job of removing snow this winter. The department has worked to remove snow on sidewalks along state route 281 because a lot of the state's equipment is up north assisting with snow removal. He also thanked the water/sewer department for cleaning out the snow around a lot of the fire hydrants.

WATER/SEWER report was received as submitted, Motion Roy Crandall, 2nd. Genevieve Suits – all aye.

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Joanne Sweeney – all aye.

Chief Hess indicated that about 56 people attended the spring fire school.

Town of Scott Fire Contract expires December 31, 2007. Mayor McDermott asked Trustee Berry to handle negotiations along with the Chief.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S report was received as submitted, Motion Michael Berry, 2nd. Joanne Sweeney – all aye.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DELINQUENT report was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Joanne Sweeney – all aye.

Union Update – The Mayor indicated there wasn't anything further to report. A conference call is still scheduled between the union, village attorney, and PERB judge.

2 + 4 Sr. Housing Update – There is a \$400 difference between the PILOT Agreement and the state program. Either way, 2 + 4 won't be paying the full amount of property tax. The PILOT agreement allows the village to have more supervision over the project. The state program would require an annual appraisal.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sr. Center to hear public comments regarding a proposed PILOT or assessment through the state program. Copies are available for the public to review regarding each of these proposals. The Mayor will contact 2 + 4 to see if they can bring information regarding how many have submitted applications and where they currently reside.

Comprehensive Plan – The Mayor will check with the Town of Homer to see how long it took them with the guidance of the County Planning Board. The Board suggested a decision should be made after elections to allow the new Board the opportunity to review the options and form an opinion which avenue the village should follow: 1) contact a business who specializes in developing a comprehensive plan – estimated cost \$30,000 or 2) to work in house along with the guidance of the County Planning Board.

March 8, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing re: Remedy Proposed for the NYSEG Cortland Homer Former MGP Site Operable Unit 01.

Cortland-Madison ARC submitted a request to the Mayor and Board of Trustees to adopt Durkee Park – Motion to accept their request, Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Roy Crandall – all aye.

JM Murray Center will continue to clean up the downtown. Trustee Berry will make all the arrangements.

NYS passed legislation, Article 17-b of the Labor Law, which requires public employers to perform a workplace evaluation or risk assessment at each worksite and to develop and implement programs to prevent and minimize workplace violence. Mayor will contact Chuck Spaulding of Bailey Agency to see if they can assist us with this process.

Mayor announced that **Village Elections are Tuesday, March 20, 2007 to be held in the Sr. Center of the Town Hall between the hours of 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.**

March 21, 2007, the Mayor will deliver Meals on Wheels.

The Organizational Meeting will be held Monday, April 2, 2007, the first Monday of the month following the Village Elections. The meeting will be conducted in the Board Room of the Town Hall Building and commence at 5:30 p.m.

Attorney Perfetti noted no word received regarding the Parente case.

Sample legislation was distributed to the trustees to review regarding a new tree ordinance.

Motion to sell water department pickup through online silent auction, Michael Berry, 2nd. Genevieve Suits – all aye.

7:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn, Genevieve Suits, 2nd. Michael Berry – all aye.

**Michael H. McDermott, Mayor
Jo Anne B. Williams, Clerk-Treasurer**

**HOMER, NY
MARCH 20, 2007**

Village Elections were conducted in the Sr. Center of the Town Hall Building, 31 N. Main Street, Homer between the hours of 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. The results are as follows:

Mayor

Michael H. McDermott – 318(D)

Gordon R. Wheelock – 158(R)

Write-in – 2

Void – 3

Blank – 2

Total 483

Trustees – two positions

Alexandra H. Salce – 249(D)

Genevieve A. Suits – 335(R)

Andrew F. Brush – 257(R)

Write-in – 2

Void – 0

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Total 966

Jo Anne B. Williams, Clerk-Treasurer

**HOMER, NY
March 28, 2007**

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on PILOT for Two plus Four Management was called to order by Mayor McDermott. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael McDermott; Trustees – Genevieve Suits, Joanne Sweeney, Roy Crandall, Michael Berry; Attorney – David Perfetti; James Knobel, Joanne Canale, Sue Kimmel, Barb Lamphere, Janet and Henry Steck, Terry Price, Ed Hammond, Andy Brush, Bill Cinquantini, Alex Salce, Eric Mulvihill-WXHC, Maribeth Mc Ewan, Gary Thomas, Helga DeMunn, Joanne Dukelow, and Bev Berry. JoAnne Williams – Clerk-Treasurer, Lou Anne Randall- Part time Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Mc Dermott read the Public Notice and laid down the ground rules for the Public Hearing.

Two plus Four will give a presentation then the Village residents will have a chance to ask questions. Two minutes will be allowed.

Barb Lamphere stated construction is in process. There have been 37 applicants that have been interviewed. 11 of these applicants are from Homer, 16 are from Cortland, 4 from surrounding area, 5 from out of county and 1 from out of state. There are 33 single, 4 –two person, 31 are elderly, and 6 are disabled. We will have full capacity by June 1 when the door opens. There are 24 household units.

The two choices for the Village to choose from are the PILOT or 581A Law,

581A Law- Taxes are determined on an annual basis, the downside of this is the figures won't be available ahead of time for budget purpose.

PILOT – \$400 per unit per year with 10% increase every 5-year, in addition to paying the Village, water and sewer tax. Village will also have oversight of the housing and will be able to inspect the property or management at any time.

Michael Berry asked how long is the mortgage for the PILOT agreement. Barb- 30 Years PILOT.

Janet Steck –(113 Cortland Street) - I would like more clarification on Platform of the Two proposals. Suppose the village gave 15 year PILOT does that mean nothing will take place at the end of 15 years or it will revert to 581A.

Barb- After PILOT is over the opportunity to renegotiate a new pilot or go to 581A.

Janet- Who decides the value of the PILOT.

Barb-That is a basic payment that has been used across the state. There is room for negotiation. PILOT has nothing to do with the developer. It has to do with keeping the cost down for the tenant.

Barb- Tax money is coming back into the village by the use of the services of the community by the tenants of the housing unit.

Henry Steck- (113 Clinton Street)- PILOT is the lesser of the two evils. What is the income eligible for the seniors?

Barb/Sue- The 1st requirement is being 62 of age. If units are not filled it will be because of not qualifying for age requirement.

Henry- My mom was in a Senior Citizen Home and had personal problems. Is there a half or full time person available?

Sue- There is someone on call 24/7. A site manager is working 20 hours; a maintenance worker is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. This is an Independent living arrangement, which everyone is aware of before coming to live here. There is Emergency pull cords to ring. Rents are suppressed so we cannot provide 40-hour site manager.

HENRY- There has been no office on Main Street. A coffee hour was never suggested. There has not been a good neighbor procedure. The Construction Company is not locally. You need to put out a strategic plan and be a good neighbor

Maribeth McEwan – (52 Cortland Street) – Asked about the donation that Two plus Four was going to give \$20,000 toward the sidewalks around the housing development.

Mayor- The Planning Board approved that matter for the sidewalks.

Terry Price- (51 Cortland Street) – How many construction companies from this area are hired? How many people from Cortland worked on this project? How does the Fire Department plan on getting in on the North side of the building? The Cortland County Planning Board stated that the Fire Department has to have access through the North side.

Sue- I am not sure about how many people from Cortland are working on the project. Everything went out to bid and allowed any eligible contractor to bid on the project.

Mayor- The Fire Department has been inspecting this project during the process of being built. It does have access of the North side.

Terry- No one has contacted him. There is no way the Fire Department is going through my property.

Helga DeMunn (16 Braeside) – Where did the Materials come from?

Sue- Not sure, they were sub-contracted out.

Maribeth McEwan- When is the Board going to make a decision on this?

Mayor- April 2, 2007 – meeting

Ed Hammond – (5 Rob San Dr.) – How many sewer outlets are there?

Mayor – One lateral to the site, but Two plus Four will pay for each separate sewer unit.

Gary Thomas- (Co-Developer)- We did have plans available. We advertised in the paper. We only received one local bid from a Homer resident and he was not the lowest bidder. I had to make calls to solicit bids, no one was responding to the ads.

Henry Steck – Trustees should pay pretty close attention to the calculation of the cost. Calculate what is best for the Village. Get Professional help on figuring the cost for the next 10 years.

Environmental Flooding Damage- who will be liable, if thousands of environmental damage is done. Will you Two plus Four take responsibility?

Sue- We just went through Environmental informational and damage evaluation. If there is something Two plus Four has done they will pay for any damages done.

Bill Cinquanti- (92 North Main Street)- There are 24 units. The last 5 years taxes have increased 17.8 %; the last 10 years taxes increased 27 % so we have already handicapped ourselves with these figures. This is very foolish not to go over 5 years based on current taxes.

Sue – These figures are not current. This was just a start up sheet to give the Village a start. We are still open to negotiations. These are third party appraisals –net operating figures.

Bev Berry- PILOT is negotiable? And does the 581A have a time limit?

Sue – Yes the pilot is negotiable and the 581A has 30 years.

Victor Siegle – (75 S. Main)- Vacant Land was bought for \$184,000 and should be paying taxes on the price of the land

Janet Steck – Why does the Two plus Four put away \$31,000 a year?

Sue – It is in a fund (reserve) to fix and/or put on a new roof, refrigerators, stoves, maintenances and parking lot.

Joanne Dukelow – (143 North West) Purchase price of land is what they should be paying taxes on. The land value is \$184,000 that is what they should be paying taxes on.

Genevieve Suits- Trustee- We will not get full assessment now because of 581A.

Mayor- This is the first 581A project in Cortland County.

Barb – Agree to term and then revisit at a different time for instance, PILOT – 5-year term than renegotiated in 5 year.

Bill Cinquanti – You need to look at the real numbers. The tentative tax assessment roll comes out May 1st. They can go through the grievance process.

Sue- These figures were terms that we used to start the process. These can be marked up at any time.

Joanne Dukelow – What happens at the end of 30 years when the mortgage is paid off?

Sue- NO PILOT. It will be assessed as a regular housing unit.

Bill Cinquanti- If sold to another person what happens then.

Barb- It cannot be sold to another person for at least 15 years. It has to remain low-income seniors.

Joanne Dukelow- Low income changes. Don't go for 30 years.

Henry Steck- What is the profit rate for Two plus Four?

Sue- 12,441 a year is the maximum cap that we can make for 30 years. This is 10% above operating accounting.

Mayor- CLOSED public hearing at 8:00 PM

Michael McDermott, Mayor
Louanne Randall, Clerk

HOMER, NY
MARCH 30, 2007

10:00 a.m. Bid Opening for “Materials for 24’ X 32’ Concession Stand”.

PRESENT: Jo Anne Williams, Clerk-Treasurer, Jeffrey Lewis – Recreation Director, Beverly Berry – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Dawn Stevens – Clerk Assistant, Susie MacKecknie – part-time clerk assistant.

Clerk Williams read aloud the *attached* legal notice. The following bid was submitted:

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| 1. The Barden & Robeson Corp. | \$25,000.00 (transportation included) |
| 2192 Thomas Albert Drive | tax & crane not included |
| Tully, NY 13159 | Price includes any future revisions |
| | Non-collusive included and signed. |

No other bids were received. Bid Opening closed 10:05 a.m.

Jo Anne B. Williams, Clerk-Treasurer

Homer, NY
April 2, 2007

5:40 PM Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Michael Mc Dermott.

Present were Trustees – Suits, Crandall, Brush and Berry. Also present were Attorney David Perfetti, Cortland Standard Reporter – Evan Geibel, Jean Hoermann, Paul Suits, Kevin Williams, Tom Williams and Eric Mulvihill- WXHC

Pledge of Allegiance was followed. **Clerk-Treasurer JoAnne Williams Swore in Mayor Mc Dermott, Trustee Genevieve Suits, Trustee Andrew Brush, and Beautification member Jean Hoermann.**

The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Andrew Brush as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. On motion by Trustee Suits, seconded by Trustee Crandall, the Board moved to approve his resignation. – all aye

The Mayor would like to Thank Joanne Sweeney for the past two years of service as a Trustee. He is sending her a Thank you letter for her services to the Village.

The Mayor told everyone about his magic folder that has all the important papers in it for all the Trustees to read before the meetings.

The Mayor made annual appointments. (refer to the attached) Motion by Genevieve Suits, 2nd by Mike Berry – all aye to accept all appointments.

Attached:

Village of Homer

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS & ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS – 4/2/2007

APPOINTMENTS

Police
Streets & Parks
Fire Department
Water & Sewer
Recreation
Cemetery
Street Lighting
Beautification
Village Green Liaison

CHAIRMAN

Genevieve Suits
Roy Crandall
Roy Crandall
Michael Berry
Andy Brush
Roy Crandall
Michael Berry
Genevieve Suits
Andy Brush

MEMBER

Michael Berry
Genevieve Suits
Michael Berry
Andy Brush
Roy Crandall
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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS:

Zoning Board

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| Wayne Lanning | term expires 2012 |
| Alexandra Salce | term expires 2012 |

Motion Mike Berry, 2nd Andrew Brush – **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 – Jo Anne B. Williams Clerk- Treas., Lou Anne Randall (Clerk-Treasurer eff. 7/1/07): Beverly D. Berry, Dep. Clerk- Treas.; AWWA Meeting – Supt. Lawrence Barber; NYCOM Public Works Conference & NYS Assoc. of Highway Supt. School- Supt. Michael Galeotti, Sr.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd Mike 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 Roy Crandall, 2nd Genevieve Suits – all aye.

Open purchase orders were issued for county items on State Bids. Motion Genevieve Suits, 2nd Roy Crandall – 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 Clerk- Treasurer reported that Lou Anne Randall's title had to be changed per Civil Service and Duties statement submitted to the Civil Service Department. The Title is now Part-time Clerk – Treasurer until July 1st.
Motion Roy Crandall, 2nd Mike Berry – all aye.

The Clerk reported that we do not have to take out a budget note this year.

The attached list of Budget Transfers was approved, Motion Roy Crandall – all aye.

The attached list of Encumbrances was approved, Motion Roy Crandall – all aye.

The attached list of Budget Modifications was approved, Motion Roy Crandall – all aye.

Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Weber stated he is retiring in July but would like to continue to work for the Village of Homer on a contractual basis. He also plans to stay on with the Town of Homer and part-time for the Town of Cortlandville.

Bruce Weber reported on Czimmer stating no permit has been issued to them. The bank is still holding the mortgage and they have been making payments. Bruce can cite the house under Property and Maintenance Code. He will look at the house again tomorrow. He will also see if there are any unlicensed cars there.

Trustee Berry asked about Cortland Street- (Harder's) but their boats have been there forever, The Village can not go back and retro actively make someone comply stated Bruce.

Treasurer's report showing the financial status of the operating funds was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits – all aye.

The following bills were authorized for payment, Motion Genevieve Suits –all aye.

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| Water Fund | Vouchers #5 – 37 | \$ 11,908.96 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers #5 – 37 | \$ 14,061.40 |

Trustee Berry asked if each department head can come to a monthly meeting on a rotational basis. The Clerk-Treasurer will send out a memo.

The Trustees would also like there reports emailed to them before the meetings. This would save on postage and paper. The Clerk- Treasurer will send a memo to have all reports emailed to her by the end of the third week each month. This will give enough time for reports to be scanned if needed and emailed to the Trustees.

The Mayor is requesting the attorney to draft proposed 1)Local Law #1-2007 for minimum lot size changes, 2) Local Law #2-2007 to delete section of our codes regarding alternate for Zoning Board 3) Local Law #3 – 2007 to delete section of our codes regarding alternate for Planning Board 4) Local Law #4-2007 to address a section of our codes for trees. Attorney Perfetti would like us to wait on the Tree issue.

Public Hearing set for May 1, 2007 at 5:30 PM for these Local Laws.

DOG- report was received as submitted, Motion Mike Berry – all aye.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, Motion Mike Berry – all aye.

The Mayor reported that Tom Kile will be fixing the front fascia in front of the Police Station as soon as we get the okay from the Company that owns the building. The Lease for the Police Station expires in 2008. The Trustees would like a letter sent to them now regarding the lease.

Attorney Perfetti reported on the Parente case. Jo Anne Williams and Dawn Stevens worked hard on these figures and wanted to Thank them. The final judgment against Parente/ County is \$12,671.61. The judgment again Parente himself is \$9,538.39 which will have to be garnished against his wages. The total amount of judgment is \$22,210.00.

The Mayor stated that Attorney David Perfetti did a great job.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted .Motion Genevieve Suits – all aye.

The Back stops are finally up. The first shipment was lost. They are still working on the score boards. The bid that was accepted for the 24 x 32 concession stand was awarded to Barden & Robeson Corp. for the amount of \$25,000.00. Motion to accept – Roy Crandall – all aye.

The Easter Egg Hunter will be April 7, 2007 at noon.

Summer concert schedule is set and there will not be a concert for July 4th.

STREETS and PARKS – report was received as submitted. Motion Mike Berry – all aye.

Roy Crandall reported that a clutch on the vac truck was needed for repair. Mayor will check into the Porta John for when the T-Ball starts.

Mr. Ferris complained about the Trucks coming down Rte 41. He would like no engine brake sign coming into the Village and the mileage sign moved. The Mayor will look into this matter.

The Water and Sewer Truck - 1998 Chevy, Silverado 1500 , mileage around 70,000 will be transferred to the Street/Parks Department for them to use for the summer. The Board requires that they put the Streets/Parks 4x4 truck away for the summer and park it. Motion Genevieve Suits – all ayes.

Mayor will ask Mary Alice Bellardini to have the ceremony for the Patriotic Trees on Arbor Day which is April 27, 2007.

WATER and SEWER- report was received as submitted. Motion Roy Crandall – all aye.

The Board would like Buzz to check further into other options regarding security alarm. Sentry Alarm Systems gave Buzz an estimate of \$747.50 installation and \$23.00 per month service fee.

The MEO report was received as submitted. Motion Roy Crandall – all aye.

FIRE – report was received as submitted – Motion Genevieve Suits – all aye.

Bruce Crandall – Fire President would like to obtain a Beer License for the June Field Days. Motion – Roy Crandall – all aye.

The Mayor asked Trustee Mike Berry to start the Fire Contract negotiations with the Town of Scott.

The Mayor will ask the Fire Department for an audit as it is now a State Law that an annual audit will be performed and submitted to the Village. A copy of this new law will be sent to the Fire Department. A letter will be sent to have the Chief/President of the Fire Department attend our next Board meeting.

The Mayor will send a letter of Thanks to the Fire Department for the Skating Rink.

Phil Hess, Fire Chief submitted a bill last month for sweatshirts. The bill was declined as the Village does not pay for personal items. The bill was resubmitted by Phil and asked for it to be paid out of his budget. The bill is

for \$125.88 Trustee Suits would like to know what safety issue and what law are they complying to by having these sweatshirts. Trustee Suits asked that he be at our next meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer will send out a memo.

Community Development Loan report was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits. – all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor reported on the Union. Alan Peteman, Attorney Representing the Village stated the village has the option not to recognize it at this time. There is not a PERB Board until Governor Spitzer appoints a Board. The Streets/Parks wanted to know if they can go back to their old schedule (longer hours M- Thursday and 6 am to 10 am on Friday's). The Mayor told them no changes should be made prior to union negotiations.

The Comprehensive Plan was discussed regarding the cost per Thoma and the time consumption for the County conducting the Plan. Trustee's stated if Thoma will perform the plan for \$28,000 then proceed with Thoma, if they don't then the Mayor should call all the Trustee's with their offer.

PILOT determination on Two plus Four. Barb Lamphere would like a 15 year agreement. These new figures and tax rates are current. They did purchase the two parcels for 155,000. One parcel for \$95,000 and the other for \$60,000.

The Mayor is to ask Barb Lamphere if we can go 5yrs on a PILOT agreement, automatic escalation and no grievance on the land. Attorney Perfetti stated the Village should have the Assessor review the figures with us and wait till May 1st when the Tentative Tax Assessment Roll is released. Trustee Genevieve Suits is going to contact Bill Cinquanti to make sure we have not missed anything with these figures. Jo Anne Williams is going to check with Larry Fitts to see if he can give us any figures early.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor is going to send Steve Douglass a Thank you letter for the glass case for the Indian princess. A plaque is going to be placed on the front of the case.

The Mayor would like an audit performed on Time Warner Cable by the Computel Consultants. This will not cost the Village anything. Motion. Andy Brush – all aye.

The Gretchen Abbot & Design would like their special parking permit renewed. Approved, Motion – Mike Berry – all aye.

Mayor reported that May 18th will be Sgt Kenneth Eaton Living History Day.

NYCOM is having a volunteer fire fighter workshop on May 10, 2007 if any Trustees are interested in attending.

Attorney Perfetti reported that Patrick will be leaving Baghdad on Friday April 6, 2007 to come home.

Joanne Dukelow wrote a letter regarding her concerns on the PILOT agreement asking the Board to take all the information into consideration before making a decision.

Dave Ames issued a complaint regarding trash pick up. His is 7 am Monday morning and they would like their trash pick-up to be later on Monday or Tuesday for them to be able to put the trash one day ahead, instead of having it out all weekend.

8:00 PM Motion to adjourn Mayor Mc Dermott – all aye.

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

HOMER, NY
May 1, 2007

5:35 p.m. Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor McDermott. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael McDermott; Trustees – Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Andrew Brush; Attorney – David Perfetti; Fred Forbes – Town of Homer Supervisor; Beverly Berry – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Sue Kimmel, Alaine Espenscheid, Attorney for 2 + 4.; Christine Laubenstein – Cortland Standard reporter; Phil Hess – Fire Chief; John Ryan- Fire Dept. President, Lou Anne Randall- Part-Time Clerk- Treasurer, Jo Anne Williams –Clerk-Treasurer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Steck, Terry Price, and Gary Lawrence

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of Lawrence Barber Sr.

The Mayor stated that Local Law #1 was not going to hold as the County was still going over the lot sizes with the Health Department.

The Mayor read Local Law #2 which eliminates the alternate member of the Zoning Board. The Mayor asked for any Public comments. There were none.

On motion by Trustee Brush to approve Local Law #2, to eliminate the alternate member of the Zoning Board – all Ayes

The Mayor read Local Law #3 which eliminates the alternate member of the Planning Board. The Mayor asked for any Public comments. There were none.

On motion by Trustee Suits to approve Local Law #2, to eliminate the alternate member of the Planning Board – all Ayes

Kevin Slack wrote a letter asking for leniency on his water/sewer bill due to a leak. Mr. Slack provided a bill from Luke Searles for repairs to the shutoff pit. Buzz Barber checked the meter for two weeks to get an actual reading. Bev Berry reported the usage for an accuracy of what was being consumed. There would be a \$50.00 refund in his bill by Bev's figures. On motion by Trustee Brush the Board moved to approve the \$50.00 reduction in the sewer – all ayes.

Minutes of April 1, 2007 were received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits, – all aye.

Treasurer's reports showing the financial status of the operating funds were received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suits, – all aye.

Jo Anne – Clerk – Treasurer reported the 2006 Annual Fiscal Report has been filed and the auditors will be coming soon to perform an audit.

The following bills were authorized for payment, Motion Genevieve Suits – all aye.

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| General Fund | Vouchers #88 - #173 | \$179,453.01 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers #38 – #71 | \$ 13,603.41 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers #38 - #71 | \$ 54,948.26 |
| Comm. Development Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |

Homer Fire Department presented a new membership – Edward Longo who resides on 6921 Route 41 Homer, NY 13077. Fire Chief Phil Hess stated he has not taken his physical as yet. On motion By Trustee Roy Crandall - if Edward Longo passes his Physical his membership is passed – all Ayes.

The Mayor congratulated all the Fire Department Officers; President- John Ryan Jr., Vice President – Gordon Wheelock, Recording Secretary – Kim Mc Masters, Treasurer – Terry Homes, Corresponding Secretary – Dick Elmer, Fire Chief – Phil Hess, Deputy Chief – Charlie Ford, 1st Asst. Chief – Ernie Newell, and 2nd Asst. Chief – Mike Harter, all new officers of the Homer Fire Department were accepted by the Village Board, on motion by Trustee Genevieve Suits – All ayes.

Volunteer Fire Workshop is going to be held by NYCOM on May 10, 2007 in Vernon, NY. Trustee Mike Berry is attending. The Mayor asked John Ryan if any of his firemen would like to attend the workshop. The Mayor will give a copy of the law that states the Fire Department has to have an audit performed every year as per New York State Law.

The Mayor reported at the Homer Installation Dinner he gave each volunteer who helped make the Ice rink a letter of recognition.

Phil Hess, Fire Chief reported he is still getting more quotes on the fire alarm system for the Fire Station.

Phil Hess, Fire Chief explained the sweatshirts were purchased for the drivers only. They are for the drivers to be more visible while the traffic is traveling around them. The color of the sweatshirts is lime green for safety reasons. Phil explained the drivers do not wear turn out gear. There are 22 drivers and each one was assigned a sweatshirt. On motion by Trustee Andrew Brush the Board moved to approve the purchase of the sweatshirts. – All ayes

John Ryan would like a copy of the budget in his mailbox.

Fire – report was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suites – all aye.

Codes – report was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suites – all aye.
DOGS – report was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suites – all aye.

Paul Burhans received many complaints about 2 rottweilers owned by Kate Leary. Court is rescheduled for April 30, 2007. There are also pit bulls on James Street that the Judge is still dealing with in Court.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, Motion Roy Crandall – all aye.

Greg Vestal resigned as of April 6, 2007. Chief Mack hired Ryan Mead to replace Greg Vestal. The Mayor met with Sheriff Lee Price about personal issues between the Village and County. The Sheriff would like to work with Chief Mack and be of assistance to the Village. The Mayor will talk with Chief Mack about his meeting and what the Sheriff's can offer the Village.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, Motion Andrew Brush – all aye.

The Mayor reported Jeff Lewis has been working on the fields everyday. Superintendent Mike Galeotti had his men working on the fields until April 30, 2007. The Street Department had to work on brush and get ready for paving road. Jeff and the Mayor attended a Little League meeting. They were accusing the Village of Homer men not doing their job. Jeff and The Mayor explained that there have been men working on this project daily. The Mayor set up a lead of command that follows as such: once a problem arises the parent goes to President Lyn Lake >Jeff Lewis >Mike Galeotti or Buzz Barber > to Mayor. This will help alleviate all the confusion of who is in charge.

A special thank you to Tootsie McCall for stuffing 2,500 Easter eggs. The kids found all the eggs in 3 ½ minutes this year. The Mayor will have Dawn Stevens make a certificate for Tootsie. Roy Crandall moved the skate shack.

STREET/PARK – report was received as submitted, Motion Roy Crandall – all aye.

May 12th will be amnesty day. There will be two ads in before the 12th. Contento's will be bringing three dumpsters in for the day. The compost site will be closed the following week. Roy was wondering why the Street Department was not buying the batteries through Interstate; he had set up an account with them. It is costing the Village more money to buy them through NAPA. Bobette and Mike will take pictures of the 1998 Chevrolet Silverado to put on the Internet to sell. Steve Dafoe is back in Town and will be taking trees out and replacing them. Trustee Genevieve Suits stated Alice Heath the Crossing Guard would like a garbage can put on the corner till school is out. Dick Ottenschot would like a streetlight put in by the Bowling Alley on Prospect Street. Mr. Ottenschot's business has been vandalized a lot lately. The Mayor will check on the price of putting one in. Trustee Roy Crandall would like a DPW speed zone ahead sign on Route 41. A suggestion was made, if the police could control that area better maybe that would help with the speeders.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, Motion Genevieve Suites – all aye.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – report was received as submitted, Motion Andrew Brush – all aye.

The Mayor will contact Linani's for payment. Jo Anne will check with Susie to see if any calls have been made to the delinquent accounts. Trustee Andrew Brush suggested the report have the amount owed by the names that are overdue.

Trustee Mike Berry attended River Trail meeting. Mike was not present at this meeting to give a detail report.

Thoma Development has sent the Mayor two copies of a contract for the Comprehensive Plan. The services are to complete the work for a fee of \$26,000 and reimbursable expenses not to exceed 2,000.00. The Trustees are to look over the contract before the next meeting.

The Mayor reported on how the EPA contacted the Village office a week ago stating we needed their permission to attach the sewer line to 2 plus 4 Senior Housing. The Mayor wanted to thank Bev for all her help. The approval was done at the beginning of the project and the building is not on wetlands or haven in dangered species or on the flood plain.

Alaine Espensheild, Attorney for 2 plus 4 doesn't understand how Assessor Larry Fitts is calculating the 80% completion of \$767,000. Trustee Genevieve Suits stated with these new figures the pilot agreement figures are not agreeable with their proposal. She would think a 10 year-pilot would be sufficient. The Trustee's needed to look out for what is best for the Village. The rental units are going to be \$500.00 for a one bedroom; two bedrooms will be \$614.00. Alaine, Attorney stated the housing would have to be a 15-year pilot agreement per regulations.

2 plus 4 would like a meeting with Larry Fitts, Village and Town Board with their Attorney's to solve and come to an agreement on this housing project PILOT. The opening date is set for June 1st. 2 plus 4 held an open house for 19 residents to pick their apartments.

Public Hearing for Local Law #4, Tree Ordinance will be June 5, 2007 at 5:30 PM.

Mayor McDermott attended the C, T, V, and S meeting on consolidation of the County that John Ryan, Attorney proposed to them. It was a long informative meeting.

Attorney, David Perfetti would like photocopies of all information related to the Czimmer case. He will proceed in court.

Mr. Perfetti has a court hearing on the reverse judgment of Josh Parente on Friday morning. He will keep us informed of what is going on.

On Motion by Mayor McDermott the Board moves to Executive Session at 7:25 PM – all ayes. To discuss personnel issue.

On Motion by Trustee Genevieve Suits the Board moves to adjourn Executive Session at 7:35 PM – all ayes.

On motion by Trustee Genevieve Suits the Board moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

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

HOMER, NY
JUNE 5, 2007

PRESENT: Michael H. McDermott – Mayor; Trustees – Genevieve Suits, Michael Berry, Roy Crandall; Trustee Andrew Brush – absent; Attorney – David Perfetti; Jo Anne B. Williams – Clerk-Treasurer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ida Pease – Cortland Standard reporter; Eric Mulvihill – news director WXHC 101.5 FM; Kevin Slack; John Ryan – President of the Fire Department; Supt. Lawrence Barber – Newton Water Works; Mary Alice Bellardini; Craig and Connie Biviano.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #3-2007 in reference to the care of trees was called to order by Mayor McDermott. Mayor McDermott read the *attached* legal notice. He then requested public comments.

Mary Alice Bellardini stated that residents, who desired to trim their tree, should, contact Supt. Galeotti and explain to him what they wanted to do and get his permission prior to trimming.

It was also suggested to address this issue in a newsletter.

Trustee Suits suggested refining the proposed local law by adding an addendum that would answer some of the questions the residents had expressed to her.

Mary Alice Bellardini suggested that the Village provide literature to residents who request permission to trim their trees.

Trustee Berry expressed concern that this law would create an increased workload on the Streets/Parks Department. He stated that he had trimmed his street trees last year so they wouldn't be brushing against his house. He wasn't aware he shouldn't be doing this.

Clerk Williams indicated that Kevin Williams, resident and business owner had left a letter with his concerns for the Board to review.

Motion Genevieve Suits – all aye **to table the proposed local law – 3 2007**, until July Board Meeting. Mayor McDermott requested that Trustees Suits and Berry work with Mary Alice Bellardini to refine the proposed law regarding the care of trees.

Public Hearing on proposed local law 3-2007 was closed at 5:52 p.m. and the Regular Meeting was called to order.

Kevin Slack, owner of Kory's Place and trailer park at 9 N. West Street addressed the Mayor and Board of Trustees regarding his request to assist him with the costs of his water/sewer billing until such time he can replace his water line to his trailer park. Mr. Slack indicated that he was given some relief on his April water/sewer billing for the trailer park but still had to pay a very high bill - \$1831.85. He then hired a leak detection company to find his leak. A contractor was hired to dig where the leak was found, and Luke Searles, plumber was hired to repair the leak. The leak has been repaired, but the line is very old and susceptible to more leaks. He has requested a proposal from Luke Searles to replace the water line for the trailer park.

He would like the village to figure out an alternate method of billing until such time the waterline has been fixed. It was suggested to go back five years and estimate the amount of use and use those figures for the current bill. It was noted, the only problem is that the water that has gone through the meter even though it hasn't been used, has been treated and wasted. The costs for Newton Water Works to treat and deliver don't decrease. The only portion for relief could be with the sewer costs. Deputy Clerk-treasurer Beverly Berry will be asked to research this account and make a suggestion for the Special Meeting scheduled June 13, 2007 @ 6:00 pm.

Connie Biviano asked to address the Mayor and Board of Trustees regarding penalty applied to their tax bill. Mrs. Biviano noted that she and her husband had not received their Village tax bill that was sent out March 1, 2007. Because they weren't in receipt of this bill they felt they shouldn't have to pay the penalty. She suggested that the village check their records and note they had always paid their taxes on time and that they had lived in the Village since 1985. When they realized that they hadn't received their village taxes, they were already in the penalty phase. She stated the system is very frustrating.

When contacting the Village Clerk's Office her husband was told that they couldn't accept payment for their taxes without the penalty. The Mayor suggested that they pay their taxes including the penalty due to avoid

further penalty. They could then plead their case to the Board. She further indicated that the escrow company had been crossed out on the bill and their taxes weren't in escrow.

Clerk Williams explained that the escrow was crossed out because their name didn't appear on any escrow request lists. Mrs. Biviano indicated that none of the other taxes had this crossed out. As property owner, everyone is responsible for their property taxes whether or not they receive a bill. **[This is enforced by Real Property Tax Law §1430.]**

The Mayor expressed his sympathy but explained that the penalty couldn't be forgiven.

Minutes for May 1, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits, all aye.

Treasurer's report indicating the Financial Status of the Operating Funds was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Crandall – all aye.

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

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| General Fund | Vouchers 174 – 276 | \$1,262,171.65 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 72 – 97 | \$ 54,517.65 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 72 – 98 | \$ 85,038.21 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Comm.Dev.Fund | ----- | ----- |

I took this opportunity to state what a privilege it was to have worked for the Village 24 almost 25 years. Also, that I had worked for wonderful group of mayors and boards of trustees during my tenure. I noted that the Village should be proud because after elections were over, politics didn't come into view, it was all business. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR A GREAT RIDE!!!!

Mayor McDermott presented Clerk Williams with a Certificate from General Codes, where she is listed on the honor roll of Clerks. Mayor McDermott had nominated her through General Codes website.

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY – Mayor McDermott complimented Foreman Jim Toolan and his crew for an excellent job on preparing the Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony. He further stated that the Homer Memorial Day Parade and service was something to be proud of.

WATER/SEWER - report received as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Trustee Suits asked that the record show **appreciation for the wonderful job Supt. Barber and Supt. Galeotti's crew has done on Griggs Field.**

Fuel pumps and Gasboy software system repair – The fuel pumps at the Town of Homer Highway garage that are shared by both municipalities and gasboy system needed repair. Costs will be equally shared. The village portion of the bill will be divided between the departments that use this system.

Brockway Museum – Mayor McDermott was approached by the owners about using the Village's flush truck to spray the inside floor of what was the A.B. Brown building as part of their renovation process. The Board agreed this would be good public relations to provide this service as long as they would be willing to sign a waiver. The Mayor will make the necessary arrangements.

Quotes for Fire Alarms for Newton Water Works buildings and Streets/Parks garages - Newton Water Works received quotes from both Sentry Alarms and Eastern Security Systems. Quote from Sentry Alarms was \$747.50 installation and \$23.00 monthly monitoring fees; Eastern Security Services - \$2,195.00 installation and \$19.00 monthly monitoring. Eastern Security Services' quote was higher because it included all new installation and Sentry Alarms only replaced specific items.

Streets/Parks quotes for their buildings were as follows: Eastern Security Services - \$2895.00 for installation and \$19.00 monthly monitoring; Sentry Alarms - \$785.00 and \$23.00 monthly monitoring.

The Board of Trustees tabled their decision until Supt. Barber could contact Sentry Alarms to have them quote an all-new installation so the proposals could be compared equally.

CODES – report was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Whispering Winds development off Creal Rd. (entrance west of Steve Lewis' property on Creal Rd.) – The Mayor, Trustee Suits, Fire Chief Phil Hess and Supt. Galeotti met with developer Elaine Olson, who presented new plans that showed holding ponds at the southern section of the development between Burgett Drive and Bedford Street. It also called for emergency exit/entrance gate at the west end of Bedford Street. It also has two single lanes for ingress and egress off Creal Rd. The development plan shows 24 units. The Board was informed that the developer would like to change the zone from R-1 to PDDR. The Mayor indicated to the Board that if the zone were changed to PDDR, it could be limited to single use.

Because of the changes made, the Mayor advised the Board that the developer would need to start all over by first being heard by the Village Planning Board.

The July Board Meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, July 10th at 5:30 p.m. due to the 4th of July holiday.

32 Cortland Street (Czimmer) – Mayor McDermott noted that the grass was tall and an abandoned car was still parked there. The Clerk's Office will send out a letter noting the violation of tall grass and the Mayor will have the Code Officer check the vehicle.

56 ½ Cortland Street – Mayor McDermott informed the Board that the Police Department has been to this location numerous times over different violations. There's a question as to how many individuals are allowed to live at one address. When the Mayor asked the Code Officer to check this out, he stated he couldn't gain entry without being invited in. He contacted D.S.S. and they stated that they weren't allowed to divulge this information. Mayor McDermott had reminded the Board that he had spoken with the property owner in the past regarding violations that had taken place at his property.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

Mayor McDermott noted complaints had been made regarding McMasters' two dogs barking on N. Main Street. They are left out during the day while the owners are at work and they bark constantly. The monthly report indicated that this issue would be discussed in court, June 18, 2007. The previous case brought against them was dismissed because the owners purchased bark collars. Attorney Snyder will be prosecuting the case.

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

Police report indicated that Roland Eckard II was hired as a full time officer on May 11, 2007 and will start the Onondaga Police Academy on May 29, 2007. Mr. Eckard II signed documentation that he was aware of the three-year commitment to the Village of Homer. Mayor McDermott will check with the chief to make sure that Mr. Eckard isn't using the 2001 Ford Expedition for transportation to and from to the academy.

Trustee Berry asked that the entire Board of Trustees review future officers' applications.

Board of Trustees asked that a **Letter of Thanks** be sent to Officer David VanOrden for the professionalism used in the pursuit involving Erik Vandenburg's vehicle that was recently in the news.

Mayor McDermott noted that no word had been received from Henkle Corp. regarding permission to repair the Police Station fascia over the handicap ramp to the building. He indicated that the Village should go ahead and make the repair to avoid any further injuries.

The Board was instructed to contact the Streets/Parks Department to cut down the weeds around the Police Station.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Mission Statement – Recreation Commission member Ward Dukelow asked the Board to review the Mission Statement of the Recreation Department to make suggestions for additions or deletions. The Board indicated there weren't any changes required at this time.

STREETS/PARKS & MEO reports were received as submitted, Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

Amnesty Day went very well. Police Officers were present and limited use to village residents only.

EPA's Department of Public Works Environmental Compliance Initiative – The EPA is conducting inspections of municipal Department of Public Works facilities within Region 2 (includes New York) to determine compliance with environmental regulations, including regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act. Special areas of concerns are with vehicle maintenance activities. The Mayor informed the Board of Trustees of a firm who audits locations free for violations and operations. The Mayor was given the okay by the Board to have this firm inspect the Streets/Parks, Water/Sewer and Fire Departments.

Relief Newsletter – Publication received by the Mayor indicated that 430 bare root trees had been distributed to random groups at the Syracuse Fairgrounds. The Mayor will discuss this further with Supt. Galeotti to see if the Village can take part in this distribution next year.

Saturday, June 9, 2007, the Homer Garden Club is hosting a dedication ceremony for their Patriotic Trees Project at 10:00 a.m., Durkee Park.

Saturday, June 9, 2007, the Annual Blue Grass Festival will be held on the Village Green along with the Firemen's Parade following at 6:00 p.m. The Firemen Field Day's will be held Thursday June 7 – Saturday the 9th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S report was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Trustee Michael Berry gave a quick synopsis of the NYCOM Meeting he attended regarding Fire Department issues. He will give a more detailed report at the July meeting. He indicated a meeting should be scheduled

between the trustees and Fire Department Chief and President to go over specific issues. There were specific details regarding the operations of the Community Building and use of the property in general that needed to be discussed. He stated the Board needed to look at the laws and how they are written and do their just diligence.

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

2 + 4 Senior Housing - Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Sr. Center of the Town Hall Building to discuss the P.I.L.O.T. Agreement and other business items that needed to be addressed.

Mayor McDermott noted moving in day at the Senior Housing was a nightmare regarding traffic on Cortland Street. After making a call to 2 + 4, the problems got resolved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Delinquent report was received a submitted, Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

Randy Lewis of Linani's indicated that he may be selling some property and would be able to pay off his loan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union Update – Mayor indicated that the original cards are stale. New cards are being distributed to the employees for another vote. The attorney will be providing letters for the Mayor to put on Village letterhead to distribute to the employees. Mayor noted all the employees have been working well together.

Cable Franchise – Michael Caton who had been contracted by the Village of Homer to review Time Warner's billing, reported to the Clerk that he had found \$11,000 in billing errors. Interest added to this amount would bring the total to \$14-\$15,000 due the Village.

The McGraw Clerk had informed Clerk Williams that Time Warner representative had indicated that if Time Warner had to pay for the billing errors, they would have no other recourse than to pass this cost on to the subscribers. Their Board advised their Clerk to get all the information in writing from both individuals before any decision would be made.

Village of Homer Board of Trustees will wait for documentation prior to making any decision.

Comprehensive Plan – Motion Trustee Suits – all aye **to contract with Thoma Development Consultants in the development of our Comprehensive Plan. Fee is \$26,000 and reimbursable expenses no-to-exceed \$2,000. Total expense is not to exceed \$28,000. This will be paid in a two-year period not to exceed \$14,000 per year.**

NIMS PROGRAM – All trustees have completed the course with the exception of Andrew Brush. Mayor McDermott will contact Bob Duell, Cortland County Fire Coordinator for information when classes will be offered.

RISK ASSESSMENT – Clerk is to send memos to department heads reminding them to submit recommendation that would assist the village with risk assessment in their departments.

Terrorism Coverage – Motion Trustee Berry – all aye **to authorize coverage through the Bailey Agency.**

Second Quarter Sales Tax was down 3%.

Motion Trustee Suits – all aye to establish a fee of \$100 a year for Belinda Ryan to sell hot dogs during concerts in the R.O.W. between the sidewalk and street on S. Main Street and various other locations in the Village (not including Calale Field or Griggs Field where concessions are offered).

8:17 p.m. Motion Trustee Berry – all aye to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

8:27 p.m. Motion Trustee Crandall – all aye to adjourn.

**Michael H. McDermott, Mayor
Jo Anne B. Williams, Clerk-Treasurer**

**Homer, NY
June 13, 2007**

6:00 p.m. Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael McDermott; Trustees – Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Andrew Brush, Mike Berry. Attorney – David Perfetti; Fred Forbes – Town of Homer Supervisor; Sue Kimmel, Alaine Espensheid, Attorney for 2+4, Christine Laubenstein – Cortland Standard Reporter; Jo Anne Williams – Clerk Treasurer; Lou Anne Randall – Part time Clerk Treasurer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Steck, Henry Steck and Victor Siegle.

Mayor Mc Dermott asked for motion to appoint Lou Anne Randall as of July 1st, Clerk- Treasurer, OSHA Manager, Records Management Officers and other duties that go along with this position.

Motion – Mike Berry, - all ayes

Appoint Lou Anne Randall as Registrar of Vital Statistics effective July 1, 2007. **Motion – Genevieve Suits, - all aye.**

Mayor explained the Tree Ordinance is on hold for now until everyone can come to agreement on the ordinance. If there are any trees in the public right of way call the DPW and they will trim the trees.

The Mayor reported on the Union. Everyone has to sign new cards the old ones are stale. The Mayor cannot discuss the union with the employees involved.

Mayor reported on Atlantic Inland contract and Life Safety Consultants. Life Safety Consultants performs the after Fire Inspections while Atlantic Inland will perform Fire Safety Inspections, re-inspections and Court Appearances.

The Atlantic Inland contract was presented to the Board for approval. On the second page under payments/fees section d) will be omitted. Section a) \$35.00 for the first fifteen (15) minutes will have an additional \$8.75 added to the business owners for administrative costs of certified mailing the paperwork. **Motion** to accept by Trustee, Mike Berry – all ayes.

Life Safety Consultants contract was presented to the Board for approval of after fire inspections. **Motion** to accept – Andrew Brush – all ayes.

Bev Berry prepared a spreadsheet of water use since year 2000 on Kevin Slack's water usage at the Trailer Park. The Mayor did tell Kevin to contact Thoma Development to see if there were any emergency repair grants for his water usage leak problem. After reviewing the worksheet it was discussed to use the average before the leak. This will be a one-time leniency for just this period for Kevin Slack. Kevin's payment will be \$439.00.

Motion to accept Roy Crandall – all aye.

Mayor McDermott reviewed the audit that was performed on Time Warner for the Village by Computel Consultants. Their findings were \$10,934.30 in franchise due and payment of PSC fee in the amount of \$2,245.54 plus interest on these two amounts. Computel Consultants have contacted Time Warner with no response as yet.

Mayor McDermott thanked all Village residents, Trustees, Attorney Dave Perfetti, Bill Cinquanti and Barb Lamphere for all of their help in the 2+4 Housing project. He also stated the landscaping and fountains were beautiful.

The Mayor questioned Sue Kimmel about the \$20,000 that was offered to the Planning Board in the beginning of this project. Sue explains that after the lawsuit was brought on, the \$20,000 was null and void. The in kind service could be considered. Trustees stated the 2+4 workers could not work on Village projects due to insurance liability. Trustee Crandall stated we are getting more money than we did before, this was just swamp. This project has benefited the Village. On motion, by Trustee Roy Crandall is to accept the original PILOT for \$16, 470. **Accepted – Roy Crandall, Mayor McDermott, and Andrew Brush. Nay – Genevieve Suits. Abstain – Mike Berry.**

Supervisor Fred Forbes stated he would like the taxes distributed at the same rate they are now for this PILOT agreement.

Mayor McDermott thanked Jo Anne Williams – Clerk Treasurer for the past 24 years of service. The Mayor gave Jo Anne a certificate of Nationwide Recognition as Clerk Treasurer at the last Board meeting. Jo Ann will be duly missed, best of luck to her and Dick.

On motion by Trustee Mike Berry the Board moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.

**Michael H. McDermott, Mayor
Lou Anne Randall, Part-time Clerk-Treasurer**

**Homer, NY
JULY 10, 2007**

PRESENT: Michael H. McDermott- Mayor; Trustees- Genevieve Suits, Michael Berry, Roy Crandall and Andrew Brush; Lou Anne Randall – Clerk Treasurer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Lewis- Recreation Director; Eric Mulvihill – news director WXHC 101.5 FM.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5:32 p.m. Regular meeting was called to order.

Minutes for June 5 and 13, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits, all aye

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Trustee's of the Village of Homer, Cortland County, New York at a meeting held July 10, 2007 duly adopted the resolution a summary of which is published herewith, subject to permissive referendum as provided in the State of New York.

This authorized expenditures of \$25,000.00 from Recreation Equipment reserve for the Concession stand.

This was approved and on motion by Trustee Brush, all aye.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Trustee's of the Village of Homer, Cortland County, New York at a meeting held July 10, 2007 duly adopted the resolution a summary of which is published herewith, subject to permissive referendum as provided in the State of New York.

This authorized expenditures of \$8,962.20 from Employee Accrued Benefit Reserve for Retirement Personal.

This is for Jo Anne Williams, This was approved and on **Motion** Trustee Suits- all aye.

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

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

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| General Fund | Vouchers 277 – 389 | \$196,268.02 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 99 – 130 | \$ 12,613.88 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 99 – 131 | \$ 10,039.44 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ---- |
| Comm. Dev. Fund | ----- | ---- |

Evelyn Davidson had submitted a letter stating a pipe in the cellar broke and lost lots of water. Evelyn did fix the water and would like forgiveness for the extra amount that was calculated by Bev Berry for the amount of \$ 32.00. Letter was submitted, **Motion** Trustees Crandall – all aye.

The next day Bev realized she calculated at \$1.00 instead of \$1.25. The readjusted was for \$40.00 instead of \$32.00. Therefore Bev called everyone for the error all members approved the adjustment change.

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report

CODES – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Berry – all aye

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Brush – all aye.

Mrs. Eishanaur's dog is leaving feces behind without her picking it up. The Mayor or Trustee Suits will talk to her about this.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits.

The Mayor will have Tom Kile fix the fascia on the front of the police station. Trustee Crandall reported that the tires are worn smooth on the new Dodge police car. The tires are 18", which are expensive. He would like to see the specs on all new vehicle before the Department heads purchase their vehicle.

Mayor McDermott reported that 56 ½ Cortland Street is an on-going problem. He will contact D.S.S. again regarding the violations that are taking place.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – all aye.

The van needed a tire rod to pass the inspection. The van is driven 200-400 miles a year. The van needs a new head gasket, which is going to cost around \$400.00. Jeff stated he would have it done at the end of the summer because the vehicle cannot be down at this time. Jeff Lewis reported on the concession stand which had the new windows put in today. They have put up netting in front of the windows to catch foul balls. The sewer, electric and water are in. The water will be hooked up once the bathrooms are finished. 80% of the building is complete at this time.

Jeff stated that Nancy Cavalier is teaching the tennis program this year and has doubled with participation within the first session.

Trustee Suits reported that there is personal usage on the cell phone that is provided for their jobs only. There has been one person using text messaging which will be disconnected. The Mayor and Trustee Suits will sit down with the cell phone users and reinforce that there will be no personnel phone calls.

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

Mayor McDermott met with Mary Alice Bellardini and Mike Galeotti regarding the Tree Ordinance. The Mayor is looking into the Onondaga County for replacement trees, which should be available by the fall. For now if the village residents can call Mike Galeotti to look and trim them if needed.

Eric Mulvihill reported that he would be attending the meeting concerning the crosswalks. He is working on the crosswalk for James Street and Main Street.

Trustee Suits reported that Suit-Kote sent a crew of men to work at Griggs field to help finish the project. A thank you note will be sent to them.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall- all aye.

Trustee Crandall wanted to know if Bobette had taken the picture of the truck and put it on the Internet. As far as the clerk knew it was on the web site for sale. The water tank has been struck twice by lighting. The equalizer has to be replaced again at \$1,000. Buzz received a quote from Crowley Lightning Protection, Inc.; he is still waiting for another quote. Trustee Suits will ask Suit Kote what they use for lightening rod protection.

Trustee Crandall and Eric Mulvihill are working on security cameras. They would like \$3000.00 put in the budget for next year to purchase them for the parks. The vandalism is getting worse this year.

Mayor McDermott will be out of Town next week from the 17-21 of July. Trustee Berry will be in charge for the 20th and 21st of July.

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

FIRE CHEIF'S report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – all aye.

Three applicants were submitted for approval from the Village:

Randy Mc Cay – submitted and accepted on **motion** by Trustee Brush – all aye.

Steven VanOrden and April Bergman were on hold till the Mayor talked with the Chief. Issues on the applications need further details.

Trustee Crandall would like a list of all DPW tools once a year.

The Clerk reported on the Durkee Park grant that is lacking an audit from the Auditors. The cost will be \$2,000.00 to have Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickelson & Company conduct the audit. On Motion by Trustee Suits – all aye.

Mayor McDermott reported on the Union. The cards were old and the new ones are stale. One member has wanted to back out of the union. The PERB ruled they have to conduct an election in August.

Mayor McDermott wanted two volunteers to be on the committee for the Comprehensive plan with Thoma. The Two Trustee's will be Suits and Berry. The meetings will start in September.

Mayor McDermott received an email from an unsatisfied customer that stayed at the Budget Inn in Homer. They complained that their room had mold, mildew and was dirty. The Mayor had the Budget Inn removed from the Village's web site. Bruce Webber, Code Enforcement Officer will stop there and look over the conditions that were reported on.

Attorney Perfetti reported that there still has been no decision on the court cost of Parente. The Judge has not made a decision. Czimmer's were at court on 7/9/07, he has until 9/17/07 to correct the violations.

Trustee Berry would like the Clerk to print out a new Fire Contract for the Town of Scott from his spreadsheet he provided.

7:30 PM Motion Trustee Crandall – all aye to adjourn

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

Village of Homer Special Village Board Meeting
July 26, 2007

The Special Village Board meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:30 PM. Present were Trustees: Andrew Brush, Roy Crandall and Mike Berry and Village Clerk – Treasurer Lou Anne Randall.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed. The Mayor discussed the issues with 2+4 Contract that was revised with Pat Snyder, Town of Homer Attorney. On motion by Trustee Crandall the board approved the 2+4 contract for the Mayor to sign. All – ayes

Kevin Slack applied for a Code Correction Rehab loan for his water damage through Thoma Development. The loan will be for \$5,925.60 for 10 years at 3 percent. The Village of Homer will be the 2nd mortgage for this property. On motion by Trustee Berry the board approved the loan – all aye.

On motion by Trustee Crandall the Board moved into Executive Session at 5:36 PM.

On motion by Trustee Crandall the Board moved to adjourn Executive Session at 6:18 PM.

The Board discussed the issue of Ernie Newell using the Fire Department cell phone during working hours. The Board decided that Ernie should have one-day suspension and 60 days probation with a letter of reprimand. On motion by Trustee Berry all ayes.

The Board would like to know where Phil Stockton was. If he is the foreman why didn't he report that Ernie was on the phone for a long period of time?

A letter will be issued to all Department Heads regarding the cell phone usage and if Personal usage is used it will be billed to the person with a letter in their file.

The Mayor will send Fire Department President John Ryan a letter regarding membership issues. The Village does have the final say per section 10-1016 per Village Law.

The Police Chief needs more officers for the Department. The Mayor will set a meeting with Sheriff Price and Chief Mack to have more coverage.

The Clerk would like permission to burn old archives that are ready to be destroyed at her home in the outside furnace. Motion to approve- Trustee Brush – all ayes.

The Mayor would like a motion to have an audit for the Fire Department in next years budget. Motion accepted by Trustee Crandall – all ayes.

On motion by Mayor McDermott the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Mayor Michael McDermott
Lou Anne Randall Village Clerk Treasurer

Village of Homer Trustee Board Meeting
August 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:30 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Andrew Brush, Mike Berry and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Fire Chief: Phil Hess, Fire President: John Ryan, Cortland Standard Reporter: Christine Laubenstein, News Director WXHC: Eric Mulvihill.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from July 10 and July 26, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits, all aye.

Judge Gary Shiffer presented a spreadsheet on the courts revenue since 2001. He also reported on the Czimmer case, he gave a copy of a letter that will be hand delivered to Mr. Czimmer on August 8, 2007. His next court case is September 17, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

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

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

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | Vouchers 390-507 | \$231,793.98 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 132-161 | \$13,734.21 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 132-162 | \$12,427.52 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Comm. Dev Fund | ----- | ----- |

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report

CODES – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – all aye.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Brush – all aye.

Trustee Berry stated a pit bull dog chased his wife and daughter during their walk. He will find out the exact location of where this incidence happened.

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

Trustee Berry would like to see the weeds kept to a minimum around the Police Station for a presentable look for the Village residents.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall, all aye.

The Mayor reported that Buzz Barber and Randy Austin temporarily hooked up the water service for the Griggs Little League tournament.

STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Brush – all aye.

The Street Department has been trimming trees. They took three trees down by the basketball court. Cornell Cooperative Extension advised them how to stop the roots from growing up and out. Trustee Crandall and Eric Mulvihill will agree on a camera for the budget process. There are reports of commercial dumping on the Composite Site.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – all aye.

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

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

Mayor reported that the 2+4 contract has been signed. The contract starts next year.

The Mayor attend the River Trail meeting which is still in there beginning stages. The County will enforce the police control, maintenance on the trails and garbage pick up for the trails. They still do not have their easements for this trail. The hours of operation will be from dawn to dusk. No winter hours. Only Pedestrians will be able to access the trail.

Mayor McDermott updated the Trustees on the union. A secret ballot form was mailed to each MEO. They will have until August 28, 2007 to reply. The PERB will open the ballots in early September and notify us of the results.

Homer Elks informed the Trustees of renewing their Liquor License. There were no objections from the Village Board of Trustees.

Everyone was notified that a group picture would be done on September 4, 2008 at 5:45 PM for the October Newsletter.

Albany International would like to proceed with their sidewalk signs. The Mayor will have Mike Galeotti and Chief Mack review the signs and paperwork for moving forward on this project.

Mayor McDermott reviewed that Star Rebate Form information with the Trustees. A form will be sent to the resident in early September, everyone has to fill the form out and mail it back.

Mayor McDermott has asked the following people to be on the steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan: Ward Dukelow, Renee Neiderman, Alexandra Salce, Lisa Lewis, Kevin Williams and Mary Alice Bellardini.

Mayor McDermott reported Bruce Sharpe has an orange stain on Brentwood Road in front of his house. He would like it removed.

Attorney Perfetti reported that Judge Rumsey still has not responded to Josh Parente's case on summary judgment.

The Mayor passed out a pamphlet of information from Martin Sweeney the Town of Homer's Historian on what his plans are for 2009, the Mayor asked the Trustees to read over the paperwork for the next meeting to further discuss.

Thoma sent a second request for Kevin Slack to increase his loan amount to \$15,104.16 for 10 years on a 3 percent loan. The Mayor will ask Phil Connery what is Kevin's capacity of paying it back. The Clerk will notify the Trustees of the situation after the Mayor talks with Phil.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Board moved to Executive Session at 6:35 PM.

On motion by Mayor McDermott the Board moved to adjourn Executive Session at 7:09 PM.

Discussion was on personnel issues.

Mayor McDermott reported he and Mike Galeotti would be meeting with Mary Alice Bellardini and Gary Lawrence regarding Trees and Flowers for next year on Thursday August 9, 2007.

On motion by Trustee Brush the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM – all aye.

**Mayor Michael McDermott
Lou Anne Randall Village Clerk Treasurer**

**Village of Homer Trustee Board Meeting
September 4, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:32 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Andrew Brush, Mike Berry and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Jeremy Boylan; Cortland County Historian, Barb Lamphere; 2+4 Construction.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from August 7, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Brush, all aye.

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

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

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| General Fund | Vouchers 508-583 | \$187,235.66 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 163-190 | \$15,616.31 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 163-190 | \$57,423.38 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Comm. Dev Fund | ----- | ----- |

Jeremy Boylan presented an outline of the planning stages to celebrate Cortland County 200 year of History that will start in 2008. A bicentennial Parade is set for September 13, 2008. A Bicentennial Ball is set for September 20, 2008. A Historical Supplement will be in the Cortland Standard. A Countywide bell ringing will be on April 8, 2008 and other events will follow to the public. Jeremy would encourage the Village to have their own celebration. He would also like every municipality to have a float in for the September 13th parade. If anyone has any questions or would like to be on the committee they can contact Jeremy at 753-5360.

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report

CODES – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – all aye.

35 Clinton Street has an illegal driveway. Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Webber has sent Certified letter regarding the violation. He also has attempted to contact them with no response. The Board decided to turn the matter over to Dave Perfetti, Attorney. Dave Perfetti would like a time line reconstructed.

The Mayor asked if anyone was contacted about the Ice Cream truck being told not to come to Homer due to the noise ordinance. No one was aware of the situation.

The Mayor received complaints on the cost and procedures of the Fire Inspections that Atlantic Inland were performing. The next time fire inspections are due the Board decided to have quotes from different companies on the cost. The Village Code regulates that all in-ground pools have to be certified by an Engineer with a stamp set of prints due to the drainage. Bruce stated NYS only regulates the closure of pools and pool alarms. The Village adopted the Engineer stamp set of prints years ago.

Bruce reported on Czimmer’s house stating the porch and roof section are being taken down. The back portion of the house will be torn down in the spring. Mr. Czimmer is due in court on September 17, 2007.

Bruce reported the Homer Oil is being used as a transfer station for soybeans. They are not doing anything illegal.

The Planning Board gave no recommendation for the Whispering Winds development due to wanting to wait for the Comprehensive plan to be finished. The Village Board decided to refer Whispering Winds to the Cortland County Planning Board. –**Motion** by Trustee Berry – all aye.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – all aye.

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

The police station fascia was fixed but is still dripping. The station will need a new brace to correct the problem. The Chief has sent over 24 bicycles to the Lansing Auction to sell. Trustee Crandall stated the Chevy P/U should also go to the Auction in Lansing.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Brush.

Jeff Lewis, Director reported Small Fry and Little League have not handed in their money or roster. The recreation department should have an absolute roster list of everyone playing on the fields for insurance and coverage reasons. Jeff will make this a policy for anyone using the fields. A letter will be sent to Lyn Lakes and the Directors of Little League for payment that has been requested and not paid for the past and last year. The Small Fry League has not paid either. Jeff will contact Pam Johnson regarding this matter. Jeff and the Recreation Commission will propose a fee schedule to the Board for using the fields. Jeff would like a clerical person from January – August to help with the recreation department. Jeff will submit this in his budget proposal for next year. The Clerk will check to see if there will be enough money for a clerk person from January to March of this year's budget.

Jeff reported on the concession stand- concrete pads have to be poured; the grill and hood have to be installed. The gas is shut off and drained for the winter. The Trustee's and Jeff discussed his cell phone. He would like to turn it in. The Trustee's will reimburse Jeff \$20.00 a month for his cell phone.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Village Trustee's of the Village of Homer, Cortland County, New York at a meeting held September 4, 2007 duly adopted the resolution a summary of which is published herewith, subject to permissive referendum as provided in the State of New York.

This authorized expenditures of \$11,000.00 from Recreation Equipment reserve for the Concession stand.

This was approved and on motion by Trustee Berry, all aye.

STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – all aye.

The Mayor is looking to set up a nursery. The possible sites would be the compose site. Trustee Crandall stated the snowplow and wing be sent to the Lansing Auction on September 8, 2007.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – all aye.

All lightning rods were placed. The equalizer was replaced at no cost. The Water department painted their building. It looks nice.

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

FIRE CHIEF'S report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Berry – all aye

The Cell phone bills have not been turned in or paid for personal time. After much discussion, the board decided to cancel all Fire Department cell phones and follow the Countywide lead in cost saving measure for taxpayers and persistent abuse. – Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

The Mayor will contact John Ryan.

The Mayor reported September 5th at 6:30 PM the Comprehensive Meeting will take place down in the Senior Center.

Phil Connery from Thoma submitted a new loan for Kevin Slack in the amount of \$15,104.16 for 10 years at 3%. Motion Trustee Crandall – all aye.

The Mayor reported on his visit with the new Chinese Teacher from Homer High School. He is here for two years on a scholarship. The Mayor gave him a tour and served cookies with refreshment.

The two proposals of Tree Removal were from Dafoe Construction and Stub’s tree Service. Stub’s Tree service was \$10.00 cheaper. Stub’s Tree Service was approved for Tree contract. Motion Trustee Crandall – all aye.

October 2nd at 5:45 PM the next board meeting pictures will be taken for the Newsletter.

The Mayor talked to West Lake Restores on the Lincoln picture. The Mayor needs permission to take the picture to Skaneateles, NY to look it over for restoration.

The Mayor will review the fire alarm contracts to restore in the Water, Street and Fire Department Buildings.

Attorney Perfetti reported on Parente county decision. A check was given to the Village by the County Treasurer’s Office of \$13,216.35 per their settlement. Attorney Perfetti filed a garnish on Parente’s wages.

On motion by Trustee Brush the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM – all aye.

**Mayor Michael McDermott
Lou Anne Randall Village Clerk Treasurer**

**Village of Homer Trustee Board Meeting
October 2, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:32 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Andrew Brush, and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Martin Sweeney; Town of Homer Historian, Bruce Webber, Ken Teeter, Lawrence Barber, Eric Mulvihill, Pete Hoffman, Christine Laubenstein.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from September 4, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Brush, all aye.

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

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

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| General Fund | Vouchers 584-673 | \$149,134.95 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 191-225 | \$18,567.12 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 191-225 | \$10,443.39 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |

Martin Sweeney, Town of Homer Historian gave a presentation on our History with Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Carpenter who were in direct contact of President Lincoln. They are planning a May 2009 celebration of President Lincoln's 200th Birthday. This celebration would take place the weekend of May 15, 2009. Martin would like a letter of support and commitment for the May 2009 celebration.

On motion Trustee Brush for letter of support – all aye.

Water Superintendent Barber and Ken Teeter explained the liner from the water tank has ripped and slipped in. Mr. Barber reported on the divers that went into the water tank to check on the status of the tank. He had pictures of the tank from the inside showing the liner and repair that is needed. Ken Teeter explained three choices the Village had 1) abandon the tank 2) replace tank outright, which is \$1.00 a gallon. 3) Repair (first check to see if it is repairable) to fix the liner it would cost about \$50,000. Ken suggested to have the tank re-lined. Atlantic Testing firm can document the steel and if it repairable. Trustee Crandall wanted to know if epoxy could be put in the water tank. Ken stated he never heard of that being done and would check into for them.

The Board decides to have the water tank checked, Motion – Trustee Suites – all aye.

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report

CODES – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – all aye.

Bruce Weber, Code Enforcement Officer reported on the complaints the Village has been receiving on the Fire Inspections that were being done by Atlantic Inland. Bruce stated that some of the violations do not exist per code. The Mayor will call Atlantic Inland to have Roger Stevens and Bruce go through the inspection reports. The Board decided not to Pay Atlantic Inland until the codes issue is resolved – Motion – Trustee Brush – all aye.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – all aye.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – all aye.

The Mayor reported the roof on the Police storage building was repaired. The Police received \$195 for the bikes that were sent to the Lansing Auction last month.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Brush.

The Mayor sent letters of Thank You to all the volunteer coaches. Jeff Lewis is getting a new all-in-one printer; his other copier contract will be cancelled. The Little League did pay their fee but no word from Small Fry on payment.

STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Brush – all aye.

The snowplow wing brought \$300.00 and the 98 Chevy Truck brought \$2,700 from the Lansing Auction. The Trees from the Cornell nursery have been purchased. The Mayor filled out the application from Niagara Mohawk to plant trees where they would like them for a \$50.00 refund.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – all aye.

The part of North Williams will be paved after it settles.

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

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

The Cell phone bills still have not been paid for personal time. The Mayor has received phone calls on the Fire Knox Box application for 2+4 Housing has not been sent to them by Chief Hess. The Clerk will contact Chief Hess about sending another application to them. The Mayor reported that New York State is mandating all new harnesses be bought for the Fire Department per their specs. We are still waiting for the law to take effect.

Sentry Fire Alarm had a proposal for \$2,707.50; Eastern Security Alarm proposal was for \$3,955.00 for a new system.

On **Motion by Trustee Brush** the Board approved the Sentry Alarm System to be installed at the Homer Fire Department – all aye.

MIKE HARTER'S report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Crandall** – all aye

The Mayor reported on the Union update. The Union Attorney is ready to negotiate with the Village Attorney. Motion for Alan Peterman from Hiscock & Barclay to represent the Village of Homer during Union negotiations- all aye.

Dave Perfetti stated he is working on the Fire Department mutual aid response contract to cover any fatalities. This will be sent to all Departments that we respond to.

The Mayor reported the Public meeting for the Steering Committee was on September 12, 2007

The Mayor made the following appointments.

Acceptance were as follows:

Jeremy Boylan for new member of the Steering Committee - Motion Trustee Brush – all aye.

Bruce Atkins for Zoning Board of Approvals – Motion Trustee Crandall – all aye

Steve Lewis and Lisa Lewis resignations from Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals – Motion Trustee Brush with regret – all ayes.

Mayor reported the Pension rate for 2009 would be a lesser amount.

The Village of Homer does hereby proclaim October 23 –31 RED RIBBON WEEK and encourages its citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free state. Motion – Trustee Brush – all aye

On **Motion** by Trustee Brush we went into Executive Session at 7: 16 PM – all aye.

On **Motion** by Trustee Brush we adjourn the Executive Session at 7:35 PM – all aye.

Attorney Dave Perfetti stated that Mr. Parente was appealing the Court decision on his judgment. Dave Perfetti will represent the Village on the appeal for \$150.00 per hour. On **motion** – **Trustee Brush** – all aye.

On motion by Trustee Crandall the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM – all aye.

Mayor Michael McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Village of Homer Trustee Board Meeting
November 5, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:32 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Mike Berry, Andrew Brush, and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Lawrence Barber, Bruce Weber, Chuck Feizeli, Kenneth DeMunn, Harry Calale, Elaine Olson, Joanne Canale, Merri Baldwin, Bev Berry, Marc Yacavone, Matthew Newman, Bill Kulikowsky, Carol Kulikowsky, Ward Dukelow, Janet Steck, Esther Hill, and Joe Hill

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from October 2, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Brush, all aye.

The Mayor welcomed back Attorney Patrick Perfetti from serving our Country.

The Mayor presented Eric Gustafson a Key to the Village of Homer and a Certificate for his award for 1st place in the Discovery Channels America Top Young Scientist contest. His family was here to see the Mayor present the Key and Certificate to Eric.

Kenneth De Munn presented his Development Plan to the Village Board of Trustees. There will be 28 units behind Costa's Store. This will be a multi million investment. Ken is interested in anyone's comments or concerns regarding this development. There is a buffer zone of trees that already exists. Ken stated Tim Buhl is the Engineer and Matt Newman is his Attorney.

Mayor Mc Dermott stated our Comprehensive Plan with a steering committee has been working on a plan for the future. This should be completed in August or September of next year.

Trustee Berry asked if we should table this or put a moratorium on this until the Comprehensive Plan is in place or completed.

Attorney Perfetti advised the Board on the Pros and Cons of placing a moratorium on building anything. Trustee Brush stated the Steering Committee is cautiously looking at the plan and that there is a need for housing through their analysis.

Trustee Crandall stated he was not sure of a moratorium. What types of plans could be permitted or put on hold during the moratorium.

The next step would be to send Kenneth De Munn's development to Cortland County Planning Board.

On Motion by Trustee Berry the Board approved Kenneth De Munn's Development be sent to the Cortland County Planning Board. – All Ayes.

The Mayor will contact the Steering Committee to let them know about Kenneth De Munn's Development plan.

Elaine Olson informed the Village Board of Trustees that she has been working on Whispering Winds for 3 years. There will be gate at the end of Bedford Drive. There are concerns regarding SEQR questions on the long form. This needs to be done early enough to be a part of the process. The scope of the project would have to be approved by Waste Water Management for drainage, water and sewer recommendations. Attorney John Ryan stated this is not spot zoning; this is a residential development plan unit residential. Elaine stated these units will be built on the land but are owned "in common" by Builder's Association. Attorney Perfetti stated this is spot zoning because it is for a specific purpose and area. Attorney John Ryan is not agreeing with Attorney Perfetti.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Board will table this for a month while Attorney Perfetti advise the Village Board of the proper procedures to follow. All ayes.

Cortland County Treasurer Don Ferris informed us on next quarter's sales tax. The next quarter will be less to correct a problem with the State's Distribution this quarter. We received \$147,528.39 for the third quarter.

The Clerk received \$36,837.97 for the Durkee park grant. The amount submitted to the State was \$49,200.

The Clerk received a request from CFCU on behalf of Christopher Perrine who would like the Village to subordinate his HUD loan for the amount of \$17,734.00. Attorney Perfetti will send a letter to Christopher stating the Village does not subordinate HUD loans.

On motion by Trustee Berry, Attorney Perfetti will send a letter to the Bank denying the request – All ayes.

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

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

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | Vouchers 674-765 | \$95,893.78 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 226-258 | \$11,834.88 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 226-258 | \$74,642.39 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Comm. Dev Fund | ----- | ----- |

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report. The cemetery closed November 1, 2007.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – **all aye**.

Bruce Weber, Code Enforcement Officer reported his meeting with a developer who is interested in putting a Convention Center off of the RTE 81 near RTE 281 ramp area. Bruce also stated 32 Cortland Street has had some work done on the house and he will check to see if the car is still there.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – **all aye**.

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

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

Trustee Suits and Brush will be having a meeting with Jeff Lewis, Recreation Board and Little League to see what needs to be done to Griggs Field to finish the project. Trustee Suits will coordinate with the Board to help Jeff finish Griggs Field.

STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Berry – **all aye**.

Larry La Plant has requested the Orson Drive street sign be replaced.

On motion by Trustee Crandall Orson Drive Street Sign be replaced. All Ayes.

Trustee Suits would like to see the building on Calale Field lifted and put on some stone or beams in order save the building from rotting.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Berry – **all aye**.

The Newton Water Works would like to add on the east side of the building, construction would cost about \$14,166.05. This will be on hold until after November 28, 2007.

Buzz reported on the water tank. The liner is out of the Tank; he could find no reason why the liner broke. The metal has not changed any since 1990. The estimated replacement cost is around \$50,000.

Buzz stated he has more than enough money in his budget to have the Fire Alarm System installed in the Newton Water Works Building.

On motion by Trustee Crandall to have the Fire Alarm system installed – All ayes.

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

John Ryan would like to install the Keyless entry system at the Fire Station. The Board would like estimates to review.

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

The Cell phone bills still have not been paid for personal time. Chief Hess would like 8 new High band radios for the Fire Police. This would free the ones used from the Fire Trucks. The Board will table this until next month.

MIKE HARTER'S report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – **all aye**

The Mayor reported on the Union update. The Union Attorney starting negotiations on Wednesday November 7, 2007 at 3:00 PM.

The Mayor reported on Time Warner Cable Commission wants to take away things from the Customer. **Motion by Trustee Suits for the following resolution – all ayes**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined not willing to negotiate the contract that is already in place.

WHEREAS all service provided have not been satisfied with Time Warner Services

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees is not willing to negotiate and is clearly unhappy with Time Warner's Service to the Village of Homer.

The Village of Trustees budget meetings will be on November 14th and 19th at 5:30 to start the process for next year.

The Mayor and Trustees reviewed time clocks that will be installed. The Time Clock with a fingerprint attachment to clocking in is attached to the PC Computer. The price for this time clock is \$247.99 each.

On motion by Trustee Berry, to purchase the PC Time Clocks with the Fingerprint attachment for check in for the Street and Water/Sewer Departments. – All Ayes.

Attorneys Patrick and David Perfetti attended the meeting of waste haulers at the Village of Aurora. Present at this meeting were Assemblywoman Lifton, Assemblyman Finch and a representative from Senator Schumer, there were 42 municipalities in attendance.

The organization Citizens Group of Safety has been monitoring the waste haulers capacity and travel through the truck routes. They would like to have the waste haulers stay on RTE 81 and all the major highways instead of RTE 41 or 41A and other smaller Routes that travel through our small towns and villages. Attorney Perfetti will keep us informed on their progress.

Attorney Perfetti has stated the Village should receive a payment on the Josh Parente's judgment.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 PM.- all ayes
On motion by Trustee Crandall the board moved to adjourn Executive Session 8:50 PM.-all ayes

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

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment to Lawrence McCall
WHEREAS the payment is in lieu of remittance of 10 days to recognize him for his long and faithful service for the past 10 years.
WHEREAS the payment to Lawrence Mc Call will be paid on December 30, 2007 which is his retirement date from the Village of Homer.

On motion by Trustee Crandall the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM – all aye.

Mayor Michael McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Homer Trustee Board Meeting
December 4, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:32 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Mike Berry, Andrew Brush, and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Also present were, Bruce Weber, Chuck Feizeli, Harry Calale, Elaine Olson, and John Ryan.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from November 5, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Brush, all aye.

Elaine Olson “Whispering Winds” Development is set for a public hearing on January 8, 2007 at 5:30 PM. Attorney Patrick Perfetti will monitor at the hearing. The Mayor asked Elaine to bring pictures for everyone to see.

The Clerk asked for a penalty to be forgiven on Intranet, Inc. account number A0410 for the amount of \$3.50 for water and \$10.40 for sewer. This bill was paid during foreclosure but the penalty was never received. The Village Board agreed to forgive the penalty **on Motion by Trustee Suits – all Ayes.**

Attorney Perfetti will send delinquent letters to the HUD loan payers who are 3 months or more behind making payments.

Trustee Berry asked about Christopher Perrine HUD Loan. His loan is based on living there for 20 years without payment as long he lives there that entire time. Attorney Perfetti will contact Christopher Perrine about his HUD loan. The acceptance of becoming the second mortgager on his new loan with CFU will be based upon the approval of Attorney and Village Board according to his financial status. **On motion by Trustee Berry – all Ayes.**

Attorney Perfetti reported on Mr. Czimmer house is in compliance but not on his automobiles. We are asking for a trail date.

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

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

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | Vouchers 767-857 | \$179,422.90 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 259-293 | \$ 24,174.72 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 259-293 | \$ 15,394.77 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Comm. Dev Fund | ----- | ----- |

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report. The Village Board would like a letter sent to Alyssa’s mom regarding the vandalism on her stone, stating we have done everything that can be done and will keep close look on her stone throughout the year.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.**
Bruce Weber reported on 22 Cayuga Street has been having kids running in and out of the house. A letter was sent to Peter Beaudry stating it is not secured and has combustible waste throughout the home.

DOGS – report was not received

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.**
The police department is ticketing people for using their cell phones while driving. The Mayor reported that Roland Eckard our new Officer. The Trustees would like to know where the money from the parking tickets is going. Is the Town receiving the money? Trustee Suits would like the Police Department report itemized from now on.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Suits. - All ayes**
The clerk is to make sure Jeff has a Santa for Friday.

STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.**
The DPW started plowing at 3 am this morning. The Christmas and Streetlights are all fixed. Mary Alice Bellardini informed the Mayor the Christmas lights would have to be replaced within a year or so. The Mayor would like to phase in buying new Christmas decorations.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.**
The shut off notices have been sent out. The Trustee would like to know if the Clerk could add an administrative fee to the shut off notices for all the paperwork and mailings that have to be done now.

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

FIRE CHIEF’S report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.**
Chief Hess would like two new defibrillators. They had two that are now outdated with the new CPR requirements. The Trustees would like to know if they could buy one this year and the other next year.

MIKE HARTER’S report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Crandall – all aye.**

The Mayor reported on the Union update. The Union Attorney starting will meet with the Union representatives again on December 10, 2007.

The Clerk received two liquor renewal notices for the year 2008. They are for Little Italy Pizzeria and Costa's. **On motion by Trustee Brush –all approved for another year- all ayes.**

The American Legion is renewing their Games of Chance license for approval – Motion Crandall – all aye.
The Homer Elks is renewing their Games of Chance license for approval – Motion Crandall – all aye
The Homer Elks is renewing their Bingo license for approval – Motion Berry – all aye.

The Village of Trustees budget meetings will be on December 10 and 17th at 5:30 to start cutting the budget that has been proposed.
The Tentative Date for the Budget Public hearing will be January 14, 2007 at 5:30 PM.

Attorney Perfetti will send a letter to yellow house on Clinton Street for their illegal driveway and infringing on the railroad right of way.

The Clerk reported the Newsletter was being sent out.

The Mayor reported on receiving a bill from Cortland County for two police radios that were never bought from the County. The Mayor told the County that we bought our police radios somewhere else.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Board went into Executive Session at 7:06 PM.- all ayes
On motion by Trustee Crandall the board moved to adjourn Executive Session 7:25 PM.-all ayes

Attorney Perfetti notified the Village Board that Chief Hess and Assistant Chief Newell have retained Attorney Rick Van Donsel on not paying their cell phone bills. **On motion by Trustee Suits the Board approved for Attorney Perfetti to take them to small claims courts. – All ayes.**

On motion by Trustee Suits the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM – all aye.

Mayor Michael McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Homer Trustee Board Meeting
January 8, 2008

The PUBLIC HEARING called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 5:32 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Mike Berry, Andrew Brush, and Clerk Lou Anne Randall, Attorney Patrick Perfetti, Joan Fitch-recording Secretary for the Public Hearing. Attendance sheet attached to official minutes

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attached Joan Fitch recorded minutes of Public Hearing on Elaine Olson “Whispering Winds”.

Mayor Mc Dermott called regular meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Minutes from December 4, 2007 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Brush, all aye.

Mayor McDermott notified Trustees that a Department Head meeting will be held on Thursday January 10th, 2008 at 10:30 AM. This meeting is to go over the Budget with the Departments and issues that need to be addressed. Trustee Brush will attend the meeting.

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

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

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | Vouchers 858-934 | \$165,082.68 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 294-322 | \$13,955.40 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 294-322 | \$11,266.70 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Comm. Dev Fund | ----- | ----- |

Public Hearing date was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., January 14, 2008 in the Sr. Center of the Town Hall Building to hear comments on Phase 1, 2, 3 rates to be assessed on the 2008 Village Taxes for the sewer capital debt and the Proposed Budget for 2008-2009 for the Village of Homer.

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.**

Mr. Czimmer’s court date is set for January 22, 2008 in the Town of Homer. Joe Armideo is asking the ZBA Board to approve his driveway. He would like the entrances switched.. Mr. Craig is plowing snow in the ditch. Mike Galeotti and Department of Transportation are working to solve the problem. Timothy Robideau’s neighbor has complained that he is running a woodworking workshop out of his garage. Bruce Weber is checking into the matter. Attorney Perfetti is moving forward with Mr. Beaudry property that is still not in compliance.

DOGS – report was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Berry – All ayes.

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

The lights are still out around the Police building. Mayor will contact Chief Mack to have the fixed.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Brush. - All ayes**

Jeff can go ahead with scheduling his band concerts for the summer.

The Village Board is giving permission for the approval of the Fireworks on February 8, 2008 for the Winterfest celebration. **Motion Trustee Berry – all Aye.**

The Banner for Winterfest is to be put up by the Fire Department. The Board approved the Winterfest Banner and for the Fire Department to install the banner. **Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.**

STREETS/PARKS & MEO –reports were received as submitted, **Motion Trustee Berry– all aye.**

The Mayor will ask Superintendent Galeotti to watch the snow piles in front of Hobo’s, Pizza A More, Mobil

Gas Station and Car Wash as the students are walking in the street to go around the piles. The Trustees would like to have detail of Truck # and year of vehicle on Mike Harter's report. Superintendent Galeotti reported there is 240 tons of salt left in storage for the snow season.

Mayor reported on his meeting with Superior Disposal Trash Company, John Gale. John reported he lost one man from seizure and two other retired. His new employees are trying to learn the routes. The Mayor asked if truck is broke down to call the Village Office to keep the communication open for our Village residents.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – **all aye.**

The Mayor reported on the situation with Plank Motors. The Mayor, Lawrence Barber, Pete Alteri-Cortlandville Water/Sewer Superintendent, Mark Smith, Attorney Donald Armstrong, Attorney Patrick Perfetti, Mrs. Plank and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Mrs. Plank sold her place to Mark Smith with escrow being held for municipal sewer and water. Chris Henry from Adhan Piping just went ahead and put a hole in our Sewer trunk line without permission. Chris didn't realize it was Homer's trunk line. Everyone was trying to fix the problem. Lawrence Barber stated the line would have to be dug up to see if any or what damages were done to our trunk. Our Engineer Ken Teeter and the Plank's Engineer will discuss what is the best way to solve this issue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Berry – all aye. The Trustees would like to know if there Computer Security System is rectified. April Bergman received a letter from her Probation Officer stating she would be an asset to the Homer Fire Department. She still need a letter form the Judge granting a Relief of Disabilities in writing before we can approve her membership.

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

Chief Hess would like us to rescind his mileage reimbursement that was not paid to him because it was over 60 days. The Trustee would not change their policy procedures.

The CPA firm stated a Fire Audit will cost around \$5,500 to \$6,500 depending on there accounting records.

MIKE HARTER'S report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – **all aye.**

The Mayor reported on the Union update. The Union Attorney will meet with the Union representatives again on January 29, 2008.

The Mayor reported on the Bi-Centennial celebration of Cortland County. The men are asked to grow beards. Each Municipality is to celebrate and on September 13, 2008 a parade will be held.

Sweet Sensation is being held February 7, 2008 at the SUNY Cortland Alumni House from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

NYS Elks Association is having a Hoop Shoot on January 15, 2008.

Trustee Berry gave everyone a spreadsheet on the Fire Contracts and how he would like to have all the contracts paying the same amount per parcel. He would like the Mayor to call the Town of Summerhill to let them know there will be a price increase next year.

Mayor McDermott reported on the Hess Corporation has won the natural gas contract for the next two years. Hess Corporation will be replacing NYSEG Solutions. The Board approved the Mayor to sign the contract with Hess Corporation for the next two years. Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

Attorney Perfetti reported on Ken De Munn's project. Mr. Neumann from Riehlman, Shafer & Shafer who is representing Ken sent a letter asking to address the Village Board instead of the Planning Board. Attorney

Perfetti specially told Mr. Neumann the process of having this go in front of the Planning Board first than with their recommendation to come in front of the Village Board.

Village of Homer
Resolution Accepting the Tioughnioga River
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
As Complete and Ready for Public Review
And Authorizing its submission to the
New York State Department of State

WHEREAS, the City of Cortland, in partnership with 11 other Villages and towns along the Tioughnioga River in Cortland County, including the Village of Homer, Initiated preparation of Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in cooperation with the New York State Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Executive Law, Article 42; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) has been prepared under the guidance of Cortland County Industrial Development Agency, with consultant planning services provided by Thoma Development Consultants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cortland, as lead agency, has prepared and evaluated an Environmental Assessment Form concerning the action of adopting the LWRP in accordance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Part 617 of the implementing regulations of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and determined that there will be no anticipated adverse impacts upon natural, institutional, economic, development and social resources of the Tioughnioga River Corridor, and have, therefore, prepared and filed a Negative declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for the Tioughnioga River Corridor is accepted by the Village Board of the Village of Homer as complete and ready for public review and shall be submitted to the New York State Department of State for its review by State, federal, and regional agencies pursuant to the provisions of Article 42 of the NYS Executive Law.

Motion by Trustee Berry – all aye

Attorney Perfetti received a call from Theresa Small stating she is not working. The former husband is on the mortgage The Board approved to have Attorney Perfetti to collect the overdue balance from the former Husband – Motion Trustee Suits – all aye.

Trustee Suits will go see Linani's about their HUD loan.

Attorney Perfetti reported on 35 Clinton Street. Mr. Knickerbocker stated Mr. Bennedy is not the owner of 35 Cortland Street building that the IDA owns it. Mr. Perfetti is going to clarify who owns the building.

On motion by Trustee Brush the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:44 PM – all aye
On motion by Trustee Suits the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:00 PM-all aye

The Executive Session was on personnel matters.

The Fire Department will be notified that the Clerk would like a roster of all Department Members and the Officers. An employee handbook will be given to the Chief's after election. In order for the Chiefs to be sworn in the employee handbook sign sheet will be given to the Clerk before the ceremony.

On motion by Trustee Suits the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 PM. – all aye.

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

Village of Homer Trustee Board Meeting
January 8, 2008

The PUBLIC HEARING called to order by Mayor Mc Dermott at 6:08 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Mike Berry, Andrew Brush, and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Also present were Janet Stack, Ester Tweetyman-Potter, Pricilla Bergman-Thomas, Mrs. Robert Nichols and Jeff Austin.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor read Public notice for Phase I Sewer – Motion to accept – Trustee Brush – all ayes.
Mayor read Public notice for Phase II Sewer – Motion to accept – Trustee Suits –all ayes.
Mayor read Public notice for Phase III Sewer- Motion to accept- Trustee Crandall – all ayes.

Mayor opened the public hearing on Budget 2008-2009.

Janet Steck congratulated on how well the budget was prepared. Janet complemented what a great job the Trustees did with Budget. She asked if the Village would continue working with Thoma on the Comprehensive Plan, which the Mayor stated it was budgeted over two years.

Pricilla Bergman- Thomas from Phillips Library explained how the renovation has increased the maintenance cost and the electric bills. The Library would like to have the budget increase on the Library line item to \$40,000 instead of \$30,000. Pricilla stated without the extra money their services would have to be cut back.

Mayor McDermott stated the library received an increase in the School budget.

Trustee Suits stated the Library is a huge asset. The Board did not have a choice it was either people or services. We do not have the money to increase the budget.

Mrs. Nichols asked if we would consider an increase in the amount next year. The library is cutting back on books because they do not have the money.

Mayor McDermott stated that we could not increase the budget this year.
On **motion** by the Mayor to close the Public hearing at 7:45 PM. – **all ayes.**

Motion to pass the 2008/2009 Budget as read – Motion Trustee Suits – **all ayes**

On **motion** by Trustee Suits the meeting is adjourned at 7:50 PM. – **all aye.**

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

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
February 5, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDermott at 5:37 PM. Present were Trustees Genevieve Suits, Roy Crandall, Mike Berry, Andrew Brush, and Clerk Lou Anne Randall. Attendance sheet attached.

Mayor McDermott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor had every one bow their head in a moment of silence in memory of Dick Williams, husband of former Clerk-Treasurer JoAnne B. Williams.

Minutes from January 8, and January 14, 2008 were approved as submitted, Motion Trustee Suits, all aye.

Luanne King from Senator Seward's Office let the Board know if they can help us with anything to let them know. Trustee Suits asked if they could let us know about any Fire grants that are available for our Village Fire Department. Luanne did inform everyone that Senator Seward is working with municipalities on the CHIPS program.

Daniel King from NYS Deferred Compensation Plan gave a presentation on what the program has to offer. Benefits include a retirement plan. There is a flat fee and that is pre-taxed on the employee's wages. There is no fee to the employer. There is no minimum number of employees required for enrollment. There is an annual fee of \$14.00 per year for each employee that joins the retirement plan.

The Village Board will decide at the next meeting to whether to join the NYS Deferred Compensation.

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:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | Vouchers 935-1120 | \$168,144.03 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 323-359 | \$ 6,951.68 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 340-359 | \$ 57,239.12 |
| Capital Projects Fund | ----- | ----- |
| Comm. Dev Fund | ----- | ----- |

The clerk reported the Village received a check for the last of the 4th quarter sales tax in the amount of \$54,163.02.

Elaine Olson's Whispering Winds Development was discussed by the Mayor. The Mayor stated he has received over 12 letters of approval and a petition of concerns from the residents in the surrounding area. Trustee Crandall stated he has been for this project from the beginning. Trustee Brush stated there is a need for this kind of residential housing. Trustee Suits believes it is time to vote but she would like to make sure that all County Planning recommendations are done. All of the Trustee's agree that the SEQR approval is completed. All of these requirements will be completed during the Planning Board review. **On motion by Trustee Berry the Village Board of Trustee's moved to change the zoning from R1 to PDR – all aye**

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

Cemetery – no report.

CODES – report was received as submitted, Motion Trustee Berry – all ayes.

Mr. Czimmer appeared in Homer Town Court, he is starting to come into compliance and has until April to finish. He was not cited for the Junk car. Attorney Perfetti will contact Bruce regarding this matter. Mr. Sarat had a fire inspection that does need to be billed to the owner. Atlantic Inland will be contacted about a letter the Village received from Kevin Williams. Mr. Williams stated Roger Stevens mistreated his employee during his re-inspection of the Village food market.

DOGS – report was not received. Trustees requested a spreadsheet on the usage of gas for dog control be completed by the clerk's office.

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

The Village has accepted the Resignation of Corporal Randy Mack. Corporal Mack went to Village of Dryden Police Dept. for a higher wage. The Mayor will write a letter of thanks to Corporal Mack.

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits. - **All ayes**

Winterfest is this weekend. The Trustees would like the Clerk to tell Jeff Lewis to report on his hours. He has not done this and this report is supposed to be done every month. The Board approved the new contract the Recreation Commissioners had revised for outside use of the parks. Motion by Trustee Crandall, Brush, Suits. Trustee Berry abstained.

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

Trustee Crandall asked why the street department buys brakes from Kellogg's? There are cheaper places to buy brakes. Trustee Crandall will talk with Mike Harter. Trustee Crandall also stated the sweeper was broken. Trustee Suits will look into leasing one. Trustee Crandall will see what is actually wrong with the sweeper.

WATER/SEWER – report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Suits – **all aye.**

Brenda Young has been delinquent on her water bill. She received \$200.00 from Catholic Charities; the rest of the bill will be relieved on her taxes. Next Billing cycle payment will have to be received.

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

Mike Berry will contact Summerhill regarding the fire contract. The Trustee looked over the 3 quotes from the Keyless entry proposals. The Trustees would like 3 business references from the lowest bidder. The Trustees would like a copy of the keyless entry report monthly. They would like John Ryan to see if there is an annual fee for the software and if there is a maintenance cost. What will be the cost for repair? The Trustees also would like a list of everyone allowed on the computer.

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

MIKE HARTER'S report was received as submitted, **Motion** Trustee Crandall – **all aye.**

The Village Board of Trustees approved the Permissive Referendum for the amount of \$6,000 from Fire Truck reserve for the Heavy Rescue Truck – Motion Trustee Berry – all aye.

Gretchen Abbott would like to renew their special parking permit. Motion Trustee Crandall – all ayes.

The next meeting the Village Board will hold a public hearing on Emergency Vehicle Parking. The parking spots will be 2 spots in front of the recreation Department, 2 spots in front of the Brewster House.

The Mayor reported on the Union update. The Union Attorney would like to meet with the Village Board on February 12th at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall.

The Mayor will be asking Mary Alice Bellardini to be the Chair for the Bi-Centintenal celebration. The Comprehensive Plan Meeting will be February 27, 2008 at the Community Building.

The Mayor asked to have two board members work with the Town Officials to open the door of communication.

The Mayor appointed Alexandra Mulvihill to the Planning Board.
The Mayor appointed Margo Yager to the Comprehensive Steering Committee.

On motion by Trustee Suits the Board went into Executive Session at 7:15 PM.- all ayes
On motion by Trustee Crandall the board moved to adjourn Executive Session 7:38 PM.-all ayes

On motion by Trustee Suits the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM – all aye.

Mayor Michael McDermott
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer