

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 2, 2014**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Suits at 5:00 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Kevin Slack, Alexandra Mulvihill and Andrew Brush; Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall and Attorney Perfetti. Also present were Craig Umbehauer, Fran Armstrong, Charlie Bernheim, Don Ferris, Tim Maxson, Paul Suits, Dave Barber and Eric Mulvihill. The newly re-elected Trustees are Andrew Brush and Paul Gower.

**Minutes from February 4, 2014 were approved as submitted, motion Trustee Slack, all aye.**

**TREASURER’S Report indicating the Financial Status of Operating Funds was received as submitted, motion Trustee Gower contingent on a third signature for bills - all ayes.**

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers 1-92</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>90,079.79</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers 1-31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,832.90</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers 1-31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,865.05</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	-----		-----
<b>Comm. Dev. Fund</b>	-----		-----

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Trustees of the Village of Homer, Cortland County, New York at a meeting held April 2, 2014 duly adopted the resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, subject to permissive referendum as provided in the State of New York.

**Village of Homer  
ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS & ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS – 4/8/2013**

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Police	Andy Brush	Alexandra Mulvihill
DPW	Andy Brush	Paul Gower
Fire Department	Paul Gower	Alexandra Mulvihill
Recreation	Kevin Slack	Paul Gower
Cemetery	Alexandra Mulvihill	Andy Brush
Codes	Paul Gower	
Beautification	Andy Brush	Kevin Slack
Village Green Liaison	Mayor Suits	

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS:  
Zoning Board**

**Planning Board –**

**Recreation Commission** (5 year term)

**Cemetery Commission** (3 year term)

Rusty McLaughlin

Term expires 2017

**Beautification Commission** (5 year term)

Village Clerk-Treasurer	Lou Anne Randall
Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer	Keith Goodwin
Deputy Mayor	Andy Brush
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Lou Anne Randall
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Keith Goodwin
Historians	
Official Newspaper	Cortland Standard
Official Depository	Key Bank, Homer, Alliance Bank of Cortland, HSBC, Edward Jones, First Niagara
Records Management Officer	Lou Anne Randall
Village Attorney	Patrick Perfetti
Records Management Advisory Board	Mayor Suits
OSH Manager	Lou Anne Randall
Fair Housing Coordinator	Keith Goodwin
Cable Representative	Alexandra Mulvihill
Auditor	Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little & Mickelson
Code Enforcement Officer	Craig Umbehaurer
Board to review financial reports of depositories.	

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

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Review Investment Policy.  
Review Fee Schedule

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:**

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

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

**PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:**

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

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:***

***Section 1.*** That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.56 per mile.

***Section 2.*** That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** *That the following officers and employees are hereby authorized to attend the following schools: NYCOM General Meetings - Mayor Suits; NYCOM General Meetings - Members of the Board of Trustees; NYCOM General /Fall Training School - Lou Anne Randall, Clerk-Treas., Keith Goodwin Dep. Clerk-Treas.; AWWA Meeting - Supt. Lawrence Barber; NYCOM Public Works Conference & NYS Assoc. of Highway Supt. School –Supt Lawrence*

**Section 2.** *That this resolution shall take effect immediately.*

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

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

**Section 2.** *That this resolution shall take effect immediately.*

4. **Review rules of procedures.**

This authorized expenditures of \$9,600.00 from Employees Accrued Benefit Reserve for the benefits paid to an employee. On motion by Trustee Slack – all ayes.

Village of Homer Organizational Appointments and policy was submitted by Mayor Suits: on motion by Trustee – all ayes.

**ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**CEMETERY** - no report was received.

**CODES** – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Mulvihill - all ayes. Attorney Perfetti had a call from Attorney Monty regarding George Siebel and Frank Dipietro. Mr. Dipietro agreed to where to put the fence between two properties and that Mr. Siebel will be providing the construction for the fence. This will drop the violation of building with out a permit. Nothing will be in the Village right of way. Mr. Dipietro tenant has been parking in the Village of right away. He would like to have one spot for his tenant. On motion by Trustee Gower a parking spot will be designated for Mr. Dipietro tenant. - all ayes. A sign will be constructed for one space.

**POLICE** – report was received as submitted, **motion** by Trustee Slack– **all ayes.**

**Chief Helms report on the meeting with Community that Care. A keyos residents that could take their old medications to a police station for a drop. They are hoping to have this implemented by May.**

**The charger is still having difficulty. The Mayor**

**Trustee Slack asked Chief Helms if there is any security that will be increased in the area schools due to the latest break.**

**DOGS** – no report was received.

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

**Some of the programs are lacking due to weather. The numbers are also down to the lower student enrollment. Summer programs are set. Soccer goals are needed to be replaced this year. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 19, 2014.**

**WATER/SEWER/STREETS/PARKS & MEO** – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Mulvihill - **all aye.**

**We have had many leaks and repairs on our infrastructure. On motion by Trustee Brush the board**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S** – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee - **all ayes.** Spring is coming the company room floor that are almost done. Concrete floor in the fire house are cracked. The driveway needs to be resurfaced. The firehouse is not getting any younger. These are items that will need to be prioritized.

The Mayor thanked the DPW and Fire Department helping Shirley Lawrence with sandbags to help with the water issues.

Dee Street Project has indicated his greater priority of his projects this was relayed by Attorney Matt Neuman. Lawrence Barber will have to provide the infrastructure for the road of this development. A water/sewer pump station was approved in 1992. Attorney Perfetti will confirm if this is true and if any changes are due for this project. This is filed as a subdivision in 1992. Attorney has to clarify is no zoning changes have been done since this has been approved. This is a revenue for suppliers and contractors for this projects. He does have to go thru Site Plan review. Which will be guided by DPW Lawrence Barber. Code Officer Craig Umbehauer stated there is a section that is in the flood plain area. There will be a problem building on two of the areas as it is in the flood plain. Seqr requirements are working with Attorney Neuman.

On motion by Trustee Mulvihill

**FIRE CHIEF'S** - report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower-all ayes.  
The Mayor personally thanked Chief Irish for all his dedication and work as the Fire Chief for the last 5 years.

Chief Irish has stated he heard from LTI stating the fire truck is still being worked on hopefully the ladder truck will here by the end of april.

All the high band radio's have been collected from the Fire trucks and personal. The Chief is asking for them to be declared surplus. They would like to have them bid out. On motion by Trustee Gower the radio are declared surplus - all ayes.

County Mutual aid agreement needs to be reaffirmed for the year. On motion by Trustee Mulvhill the Mayor and Chief will sign the agreement per Attorney Perfetti's approval. - all ayes.

Chief Irish would like to set an appointment with the Fire Trustees to discuss the Town of Homer Fire District to negotiate the Fire Contract.

Thanks to the Mayor and Trustees for all their help with the Fire Department for Supplies/equipment and Fire Truck all appreciated.

On motion by Trustee Slack to approve Matthew Duda, Lee Pomeroy and Brent Riley as Village of Homer Fire Department Members - all ayes.

The Board of Trustee thanked Chief Mahlon Irish Jr for all his hard work and dedicated.

Cortland County would like a nomination for a outstanding Senior Citizen award. Please let the Mayor know.

TC3 Distinguish Alumni Award. The Mayor would like to know if there is anyone

Holiday in Homer will be July 19, 2014.

Martin Sweeney and Dave Quinlin presented a Homer Celebration of President Lincoln connection. Martin Sweeney promoted a scale model of the moneument designed by sculptor Frank Porcu to commemorate Homer's conncection to President Lincoln three nativesons: Dective Eli DeVoe, Francis Bicknell Carpenter and William Osborn Stoddard.

This monument will help promote heritage tourism locally and regaionally.

The Center of Arts would like to have their parish house turned into a tourism center and museaum.

NYCOM Annual Meeting will be May 4-6 in Saratoga Meeting.

The next meeting will be May 7th at 5:30 pm.

Attorney Perfetti discuss the Time Warner. Comcast telecommunication stating we are lagging behind. jist of this pod cast is the letigation of the cable monolopies depend on this

**federal district was saying it is legal but it might be something the Federal government might have to regulate in terms of the service the constituents receive.**

**The Mayor provided everyone with Social Host Legislation 30 cities/town and 4 counties. The Mayor would like to have a public hearing on this before we pass this. Chief Helms stated a presentation can be done on this legislation. This will really help curb our under age drinking and preserve our youth. The month of May for this public hearing.**

**Nina Dugan 9 1/2 Wall Street was forgiven the sewer last month. She know asked if she can be forgiven water charges. - the board stated no.**

**TAP Grant is being allocated again for safe sidewalk grants to school. Mayor stated James Street sidewalk are in need of disrepair. The Mayor Suits stated Thoma Development suggested having Ken Teter write the grant. Request for proposal to have the engineer.**

**On motion by Trustee Gower to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 Pm - all ayes.**

**LouAnne Randall**