

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 7, 2015**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Suits at 5:30 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Andrew Brush and Kevin Slack, Absent: Eugene Smith; Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall and Attorney Casullo. Also present were Robert Johnson Fire Chief, Chief of Police Mark Helms, District Attorney Mark Suben, Craig Umbehauer, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Clune, Beverly Berry, Jeff Lewis DPW,

Minutes from June 2, 2015 were approved as submitted, motion Trustee Slack -all aye.

**Motion** Trustee Brush, - contingent that one more person signs bills. - **All ayes** to pay the following bills:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers 232-325</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>191,623.48</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers 89-129</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,560.17</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers 89-129</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,353.80</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	-----		-----
<b>Comm. Dev. Fund</b>	-----		-----

**ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**CEMETERY** - report was received as submitted motion to accept by Trustee Gower- Our one section of indigents is full, we are opening a new section for indigents. The sluce way on RTE 90 is flooding. The DOT will be notified that it's not working properly.

**CODES** – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Slack- all ayes. Complaints on a rooster that is waking the neighborhood up at 4:00 am on Clinton Street, this is a code violation. No roosters are allowed within the Village limits. Trustee Gower had complaints regarding Dasher’s new sidewalk change. The permits and approval were given by the NYS DOT, they have complied with all codes and specs set forth.

**POLICE** – report was received as submitted, **motion** by Trustee Slack– **all ayes**. Chief Johnson asked Chief Helms about whether there was enough space for the ladder truck to drive James Street from Main Street with the way parking is on the side of Dashers. The Firemen will address that situation.

**DOGS** –report was received as submitted, motion by Trustee Brush – all ayes.

**RECREATION** – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Gower- **all ayes**. Soccer signups were completed we have over 250 kids registered. The summer concert series has begun.

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

DPW has been conducting smoke testing, patching and oil and stoning the village roads. Trustee Brush would like to make a complaint about the Railroad crossing on Hooker Ave. The Mayor reported on August 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a railroad safety workshop at the Community Building.

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

Last month the Fire Department applied for a DEC grant for \$3,000.00. The Fire Department did ask the Town of Homer Fire District to contribute \$1,500 towards the grant. If the Town of Homer Fire District does decline will the Village of Homer contribute the \$1,500.00? On motion by Trustee Brush, to pay the \$1,500.00 toward the DEC grant, if the Town of Homer Fire District does not contribute – all ayes.

Chief Johnson did want to confirm with the Village Board that proper protocol was followed with the water issue at the Laundry Mat on Wall Street. The Mayor stated what a great job the Fire Department did on the Homer Field Days.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S:**

The Fire Department presented a new membership application, Nathaniel Westbrook. On motion by Trustee Brush Nathaniel Westbrook to be approved contingent on his background check being approved. – all ayes.

I, LouAnne Randall, the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Homer, New York do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer held on July 7, 2015 and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

**RESOLVED:**

That Genevieve A. Suits, as Mayor of the Village of Homer, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in and amount not to exceed \$400,000 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for financial assistance to the Village of Homer for the Route 11 Parkland Acquisition Project and if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property. On motion by Trustee Gower the board approved the grant request – all ayes.

On motion by Trustee Brush the following resolution was approved – all ayes

**Approval of the 2015 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Homer is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, (the “Consortium”), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the “Agreement”; effective date of October 1, 2010) and Amendment (2014) that provides for the operation and governance of the Consortium and

**WHEREAS**, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law(the “Insurance Law”) and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement set forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Effective Date and on each fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary date thereafter (each a “Review Date”), and

**WHEREAS**, by motion 005-2015, adopted on May 28, 2015, the Consortium’s Board of Directors recommends approval of the 2015 amended agreement based on review of the document by the Municipal Cooperative Agreement Review Committee, the New York State Department of Financial Service, and the Consortium’s legal counsel and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by its municipal board,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Homer is in receipt of the proposed amended agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the agreement set forth in the attached 2015 Amended Municipal Cooperative agreement, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Homer approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the 2015 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Consortium, and

**RESOLVED**, further, that the Clerk of the Village of Homer, is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution to indicate its approval, transmit a copy thereof to the Board of Directors of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Consortium, and take any other such actions as may be required by law.

The Mayor reported that Maple trees are dying within our Village right away. We will have to replace them with small trees.

We have three water bills that have leaks. On motion by Trustee Gower we reduced the water rates but not the sewer cost. Ayes- Gower and Brush, abstained – Trustee Slack. Mayor Suits recused herself from vote.

District Attorney Suben reported on the Criminal Justice in Cortland County. He stated crime is down even with 4 homicides in Cortland County. He asked if the board had any questions regarding the District Attorney's office.

July 18<sup>th</sup> is the Holiday Inn Homer.  
July 24-26<sup>th</sup> Route 91 Garage Sales

The Mayor reported we found temperature control storage unit to store our records that are in the Town Hall at the Cortland Self Storage. The Town has requested that we move our storage from their building. On motion by Trustee Brush, the board approved to move our records from Town Hall to the Cortland Self Storage unit. – All ayes.

Superintendent Jeff Lewis discussed the purchase of 2015 Freightliner Vac all Truck. If we leased a sweeper for 30 days the cost would be \$9,500.00. This does not include transportation to bring the sweeper to the Village. We could sell the old sweeper and hopefully receive \$25,000.00 to put towards the price to the Vac all. After much discussion; On motion by Trustee Brush to approve the purchase for the 2015 Freightliner Vac all truck. – All ayes.

On motion by Mayor Suits the board moved into Executive Session at 6:55 pm. – all ayes  
On motion by Trustee Brush the board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:10 pm – all ayes  
The Executives Session was discussed possible legal litigation.

Trustee Gower would like Attorney Casullo to review the vacant house law and pursue the red house on South Main Street.

On motion by Trustee Gower, the board adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Mayor Genevieve Suits  
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer