

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
August 11, 2015**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Suits at 5:30 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Andrew Brush Kevin Slack, and Eugene Smith; Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall and Attorney Casullo. Also present were Robert Johnson Fire Chief, Chief of Police Mark Helms, Craig Umbehauer, Mr. and Mrs. Clune, Jeff Lewis DPW, Eric Mulvihill, Gordon Wheelock, and Tyrone from the Cortland Standard.

Minutes from July 7, 2015 were approved as submitted, motion Trustee Gower -all aye.

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

General Fund	Vouchers 326-432	\$	206,656.90
Water Fund	Vouchers 130-162	\$	21,197.84
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 130-162	\$	4,649.09
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY - report was received as submitted motion to accept by Trustee Smith- all ayes.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Slack - all ayes. Village of Homer vacant building plaques have been removed by the owners. The Mayor has asked the code officer to review the fines for removing them. The office has received many complaints that Cortland Street has many houses with furniture on front lawn. The tenant at 35 Warren Street complained about mold in the apartment the owner was cited for the violations on the home.

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** by Trustee Smith– **all ayes**. Rose Rafferty is the new secretary for the Chief of Police. New part time officer Greg Parker has joined the Department. Police Chief Helms discussed the SRO. The Homer Central School District would like two SRO one during the day and one for the night shift. Patrolman Mike Howell left to take another job, he will continue to work Part time as needed. We are looking to hire two retired part time officers that will not cost more than what we have paid for the past SRO.

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

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Smith- **all ayes**. Parents were very great full that the Village Recreation Department purchased new goals for the soccer program.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS– report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Smith - **all ayes**. Jeff Lewis discussed truck 31 which is a 1999 ford dump. The truck was towed from Main Street today because the truck is not working properly. The king pins, alternator, rims canister, one way plow and wing has been damaged. Jeff believes we should sell the truck 31 and buy a new ford 550. The board asked questions regarding a new truck vs fixing truck 31. On motion by Trustee Gower the board moved to approve the purchase of a Ford 550 and to sell truck 31 contingent on board approval of the price of Truck 31- **all ayes**

The bid from Auction International for the 2006 sweeper was for 26,600.00 On motion by Trustee Gower the bid was accepted – all ayes.

The 2010 Ford Pick-up and the 1983 International Vac all dump was countered offered to \$20,000 and \$5,000. We are waiting for the Auction International to send us an answer.

Trustee Brush expressed next time streets are being paved to let citizens know of when the work is being conducted. DPW Jeff Lewis stated it was on our website. The Village has bought signs that will inform the residents of paving.

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

The fire chief would like to have an engineer look at the apron in front of the fire station before it is fixed to make sure the slope and angle are done correctly. Chief Johnson wanted to go on record that he thinks the generator from the Fire Station could also work for the Community Building.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S:

The Fire Department presented a new membership application due to technical difficulty the membership was tabled. Chief Johnson explained that he was upset with Priority Fire Apparatus on the work that was supposed to be done on the ladder truck by July 20th. This is still not complete and wants to take the work to be done another company. Brindle Mountain has agreed for the work to be completed by another company. Chief Johnson will not have with Priority Fire perform any further work on our fire vehicles and is looking to find another company to send them to.

The grant writer has proposed to write a grant for a turn out gear dryer. On **motion** by Trustee Smith the board moved to approve to write the micro grant for a turn out gear dryer. – **all ayes**.

Chief Johnson wanted the Village Board to apply for a new Engine. The Board advised Chief Johnson to form a truck committee first than try for a grant next year.

Attorney Casullo discussed the Budget Inn that was sold at Tax Sale auction. The BCD bought the property. The Preliminary discussion with the Attorneys was to legally partnership with Town of Cortlandville, Village of Homer and the BCD. This property would be used for green space which was in our comprehensive plan. The BCD would like to Village to contribute up to 38,000 to acquire this property in joint venture with The Town of Cortlandville and BCD. After much further discussion the Village Board decided to table this matter till further information is gathered.

Chamber of Commerce Clam bake is September 11, 2015 from 5 to 8 pm.

Trustee Gower questioned why the Dasher's Restaurant cooling oil barrels are still on Village Property, he asked Attorney Casullo to see if they can be removed.

Railroad safety course will be conducted on August 20th in the Community Building.

The Mayor has asked for the board's direction on the History Center.

The Board decided to place our new clock on the Neiderhoffer property on the corner of Water Street and North Main Street.

On motion by Trustee Smith the board moved into Executive Session at 7:06 pm. – all ayes
On motion by Trustee Brush the board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:15pm – 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. Trustee Gower would like Fran to site the home. Attorney Casullo will have a definitive action plan by September meeting.

On motion by Trustee Gower, the board adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Mayor Genevieve Suits
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer