

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 7, 2016**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Suits at 6:04 PM. Present were Trustees Patrick Clune, Kevin Slack, Eugene Smith and Ed Finkbeiner, Deputy Clerk Karen Gaebler and Attorney Casullo. Also present Don Ferris, Craig Umbehauer, Tim Maxson, Fire Chief Robert Johnson, Police Chief Robert Pitman, Brad Smith- WXHC, Paul Gower, Gordon Wheelock, Harry Gardner, Michael Balthazor, Mike Harter, Ward Dukelow, Charles Bernheim, Eric Mulvihill, Gordon Boyle, Doug Barton, Louise Gava, - MEGA, Vincent Seibel, and George Seibel.

Minutes from May 3, 2016 were approved as submitted, motion Trustee Smith-all aye.

Special Meeting held on May 19, 2016 motion by Trustee Finkbeiner- all aye

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>183-309</b>	<b>\$ 90,267.49</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>67-99</b>	<b>\$ 71,869.99</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>		<b>\$ 0</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 Slack- **all ayes**. Trustee Slack mentioned that they did a nice job to get ready for the Memorial Day.

**CODES** – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Smith - **all ayes**.

**POLICE** – report was received as submitted, **motion** by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**. Trustee Clune asked Chief about the IRT that will be held at the Homer Jr High School. They are working on some signs for parking. The county doesn't see any problem with traffic. They said maybe early in the morning and late afternoon it could be high.

**DOGS** – report was received as submitted, **motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes**

**RECREATION** – no report was received as submitted.

**WATER/SEWER/STREETS**– report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Smith- **all ayes**. Trustee Clune said that the village will be paving in late June. He also mentioned that Grant Street Construction came out and did a reconstruction of a manhole. Trustee Clune named all the streets that were oiled and stoned for this year.

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

Bob Johnson asked about the IRT volunteers to see what kind of emergency procedure was set up for them. Eric Mulvihill did say they will be using TLC and the 911 system if need be.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Michael Balthazor asked if the public could receive a copy of the monthly reports before the meetings. Vincent Seibel asked the Board for approval of removing a couple of trees in front of his house motion, by Trustee Finkbeiner- all ayes

**OLD BUSINESS:** IRT will be coming to Homer from July 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Slack wanted to know if we are seeing a savings on doing the smoke test around the village.

Trustee Finkbeiner brought back up the purchase of a box ad in the Homer News for \$150.00 a month. That would give us a space for anything we had upcoming in the Village. Trustee Finkbeiner has formed a committee to review parts of the village comprehensive plan. He will hold a workshop to review the comprehensive plan on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Pitman asked about purchasing a new police car. He said that we have two patrol cars both 2012's are in need of repairs. He is looking to replace one car this year. There is \$30,000 in the reserve funds for a car and he would like to use it for this purchase. He is getting pricings around \$29,000. Savings of \$1000.00, motion by Trustee Smith- all ayes

MEGA- (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance)

They did a presentation about the company's Community Choice Aggregation program. Ms. Gava talked about how the energy aggregator is looking to lower energy costs for residents if the village becomes part of a consortium with other municipalities in the state.

The Village currently has four openings at this time. They are Recreation Director, MEO, Superintendent of Streets, and Clerk Treasurer. We will have the postings in the Cortland Standard and on the Village website.

Fireman Field Days are from June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Tim Maxson would like someone to be in the parade from the Office.

Declaration of Independence- The 21<sup>st</sup> annual public reading of the United Sates Declaration of Independence will take place on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Center for the Arts.

Holiday in Homer will take place on July 16<sup>th</sup> on the Village Green.

Trustee Clune spoke about the Code Book Update. Mayor Suits mentioned maybe adding Solar panels, Drones, used car lots in B2.

Micro Enterprise will meet on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Community Building. It's for small businesses with 1-5 employees.

Resolution for Phase 2 of the Water Meters motion by Trustee Smith – all ayes

Mike Harter spoke on behalf of Larry Barber about the Pump Station on Clinton St. They have to go there a least 3 times a day to reset it. We will look at some bids and see what funds we have.

Trustee Clune wanted to thank Kalee and Karen for doing a great job.

Bob Johnson asked about the wires in front of the fire house for the Alarm System. He heard they are high voltage. Someone mentioned that they have been there since 1940s.

On motion move into executive session at 7:41 pm by Trustee Clune - **all ayes**

On motion adjourn executive session at 8:14 pm by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**

On motion by Trustee Smith, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm – **all ayes.**

Mayor Genevieve A. Suits  
Karen A. Gaebler, Village Clerk-Treasurer