

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
August 18, 2016**

The Special Meeting was held at the Community Building, 53 South Main St., Homer, New York, with Mayor Suits presiding. Present were: Mayor, Genevieve Suits; Trustees Patrick Clune, Kevin Slack, Eugene Smith, Ed Finkbeiner; Village Clerk-Treasurer, Kristin Rocco-Petrella. Also present were: Paul Gower, Sandy Samson, and Dave Barber.

Mayor Suits called the Special Meeting to order at 3:53 p.m.

There was discussion regarding the vacancy for the Superintendent of Streets and Parks due to the resignation of Jeff Lewis. The job position was posted, applications were received, and two rounds of interviews were conducted. After consideration of all the applicants, a recommendation was made to appoint Michael Harter as the Superintendent of Streets and Parks. Mr. Harter has worked for the Streets and Parks Department since 2004.

On **motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board appointed Michael Harter as the Superintendent of Streets and Parks for the Village of Homer, commencing August 25, 2016, at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 – **all ayes**.

Mayor Suits recognized Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Karen Gaebler and Clerk, Kaylee Updyke for their hardwork and dedication to the Village of Homer. She explained that over the past 5 months their job performance was outstanding. Due to the resignation of the previous Clerk-Treasurer and the Sup't. of Streets and Parks/Recreation Director, their job responsibilities and duties increased tremendously. There was discussion amongst the Board about a salary increase.

On **motion** by Trustee Slack, the Board shall look into a salary increase for both Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Karen Gaebler and Clerk, Kaylee Updyke – **all ayes**.

Mayor Suits questioned whether there was anything further to come before the Board.

There was discussion regarding a picnic for Village employees and officials as coordinated by Trustee Finkbeiner. The event would be held September 10, 2016 at Durkee Park from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Trustee Clune apprised the Trustees that he planned to meet with CEO Umberhauer regarding ongoing complaints in the Village. Mayor Suits requested a running list of complaints/problems be created; if the Trustees see a problem it can be added to the list. CEO Umberhauer could then address the issues and follow-up with the board regarding a resolution.

Paul Gower, Village resident and former Trustee, mentioned the property maintenance code and trash on lawns. He suggested the Village adopt a local law to include a fine for leaving trash/items similar to other municipalities. Mayor Suits would look into the matter.

Trustee Finkbeiner mentioned that there was a stop sign down at Durkee Park. Mayor Suits would notify Mr. Harter with the Streets Department.

Trustee Slack apprised the Board he was contacted by a resident on Burgett Drive regarding a problem with skunks. Mayor Suits noted that unfortunately the Village could not assist with the problem. The Village has a contract for dog control, but not for other animals.

On **motion** by Trustee Smith, the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m. – **all ayes**.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin E. Rocco-Petrella, Clerk-Treasurer
Genevieve A. Suits, Mayor