

Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
September 29, 2020
6:02 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held at Town Hall, 31 North Main St., Homer, New York with Mayor McCabe presiding.

Members present:

Mayor, Hal McCabe
Trustee, Patrick Clune
Trustee, Edward Finkbeiner
Trustee, Kevin Slack
Trustee, Tim Daley

Also, present were: Village Clerk Dan Egnor; Village Treasurer Tanya DiGennaro, Homer Police Chief Robert Pittman; Homer Working Foreman Phil Stockton, Homer News Reporter Don Ferris; Cortland Voice Reporter Tim Bennett, and Vince Bellardini,

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded Trustee Clune to pay the following bills for September 2020 – **all ayes.**

- **F & G Funds – Vouchers 124-141 \$28,652.88**
- **A Fund – Vouchers 365-412 \$550,989.17**

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded Trustee Clune to accept the Treasurer's report as presented – **all ayes.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Village Clerk Egnor noted Town Superintendent Forbes asked it to be noted he appreciated how well the Town and Village worked together.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the quarterly budget reports. The funds are all overall spending within the budget. The departments will be reviewing their budgets next.

Mayor McCabe presented the schedule of workers with proposed increases effective December 30, due to the minimum wage increase. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack to increase the wages per the schedule presented to be following NYS minimum wage rules- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposed change order schedule from Barton and Loguidice. Village Clerk Egnor stated it was being presented to note the four-week delay in work to be completed. **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune to increase the wages per the schedule presented to be following NYS minimum wage rules- **all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe presented the proposed appointment of Officer Michael Winchell to Part-Time Police Sergeant at \$26 per hour. Chief Pittman supports appointing Winchell to the sergeant position and noted he brings a lot to the table. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack to appoint Officer Michael Winchell to the part-time Sergeant position as presented- **all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to appoint Kathleen Milliron to Provisional Account Clerk at \$14.50. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley to appoint Kathleen Milliron to the provisional account clerk at \$14.50 an hour- **all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to approve paying the closing amounts per the closing documents for the Route 11 properties prepared by Village Attorney Armideo. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley to pay the amounts per the closing documents to purchase the Route 11 properties- **all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to approve granting the Deputy Mayor the right to sign the contract and to sign the closing documents for the Harder property as the Mayor will be away. **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack to allow the Deputy Mayor to sign the closing documents for the Harder property of the Route 11 properties being purchased- **all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe discussed the possibility of adding new penalties if consumers do not schedule their new meters to be installed. Trustee Clune noted we really need to do this as its not right to be estimating so many meters. Water and Sewer Superintendent Barber noted that his team has left pamphlets on doors and letters have been sent. **Motion** to have a public hearing to bring the motion forward at the next meeting by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the proposed budget adjustments, including the sales tax and DPW vehicle purchase. **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack to approve the budget adjustments as presented, noting the vehicle purchased by DPW to replace the 550 will be brought back to the Board- **all ayes**.

Village Clerk Egnor read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer applied for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, for the purpose of funding the Route 11 Corridor Acquisition Project;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$311,403.00 for the project described in the grant application;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for such Route 11 Corridor Acquisition Project;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Homer is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and;

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to Mayor Hal McCabe, to execute the Master Contract and any amendments thereto, any required deed of easement, and any other certifications.

Motion to approve the above resolution by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Village Clerk read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has received an Environmental Protection Fund Grant to fund the acquisition of four properties along Route 11 and the Tioughnioga River. Those sites are informally known as the Budget Inn Sites, the Harder Property, and the Contento Property; and

WHEREAS, after the sites have been acquired, the Village will demolish the existing structures on the Harder and Contento properties and the acquired land will be designated as parkland for the creation of a new greenway park along the river; and

WHEREAS, the Board has designated the Board of Trustees as Lead Agency for review of this project under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the SEQR Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 in relation to the scope of the above referenced project and has identified that the project is an Unlisted Action under the SEQR; and

WHEREAS, after taking into consideration the full scope of the property acquisition, demolition, and creation of the greenway, and based on the information and analysis contained in the SEAF Parts 1, 2, and 3, the Board has determined that there will be no significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board has reasonably concluded that the Route 11 Greenway Project WILL NOT RESULT in any significant adverse environmental impacts, has established a NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the proposed project, and has authorized the Mayor to sign the SEAF Part 3 and check the corresponding box for a negative declaration.

Motion to approve the above resolution by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Attorney:

Village Attorney Armideo discussed the need for a local law change for the proposed penalties for allowing access

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Slack wanted to send a shout out to the Jim Toolan and the cemetery crew.

Trustee Finkbeiner asked Mayor McCabe to write a letter to Mack Trucks to see if the Village could be a site to demonstrate and test for their garbage trucks.

Mayor McCabe noted the Village is now Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community and thanked the work of the Homer Green team.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack, the Board entered Executive session at 6:52 P.M.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack, the Board exited Executive session at 6:58 P.M.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:59 pm– **all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer