

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 8, 2020**  
**6:02 p.m.**

A Public Hearing for the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held at Town Hall, 31 North Main St., Homer, New York with Deputy Mayor Clune presiding.

Members present:

Trustee, Patrick Clune  
Trustee, Edward Finkbeiner  
Trustee, Kevin Slack

Village Clerk Egnor read the public hearing: Pursuant to Village Law Section 5-508 (3), the Village Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Budget of the Village of Homer for the FY 20/21.

Further, monies from Special Reserves and Fund Balance will be used thusly:

- Police Car Reserve for a New Vehicle at \$39,052
- Municipal Property Reserve for Local Match for a Dam Removal Grant at \$50,000
- Municipal Property Reserve for Local Match of a Salt Shed Grant at \$80,000
- Machinery Reserve for Two Garbage Trucks at \$110,000
- Fund Balance for Two Garbage Trucks at \$110,000

Deputy Mayor opened for comments noting the Village kept the budget to half percent increase in real property taxes. We earmarked fund balance for use above. Programs for aging, the budget increased from \$100 to \$1,000 due to County cuts and noting the staff are looking to hold some activities because of the County cuts.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro noted there were no increase in water and sewer rates. Funds are being reserved for a large plow purchase in the future. The Village also is contracting to put the code book online and make it so its searchable. \$20,000 machinery reserves are added to replace the water and sewer van. Also, the Village is putting money into a football equipment reserve to ensure helmets are safe for children for years to come. For the fire department, the Village is starting an SCBA reserve fund to replace the equipment that has a fifteen-year life span. Also, included are the net costs for the dam removal and the salt shed.

**Motion** to approve the budget as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack-  
**all ayes.**

**Public Hearing #2**

A Public Hearing for the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held at Town Hall, 31 North Main St., Homer, New York with Deputy Mayor Clune presiding.

Village Clerk Egnor read the public hearing: Recreation reserves of up to \$3,500 will be used to for Rec Desk software maintenance.

Deputy Mayor Clune opened the meeting for questions. No questions were asked. **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack - all ayes.

The Public Hearings were closed at 6:16.

A regular meeting for the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held at Town Hall, 31 North Main St., Homer, New York with Deputy Mayor Clune presiding.

The members present were:

Trustee, Patrick Clune  
Trustee, Timothy Daley  
Trustee, Edward Finkbeiner  
Trustee, Kevin Slack

Also, present were: Village Treasurer Tanya Digennaro; Village Clerk Dan Egnor; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kristen Case; Homer Fire Chief Mahlon Irish; Chief Robert Pitman, Working Foreman Phil Stockton, Village Mechanic Nicholas Casterline; Water/Sewer Superintendent Buzz Barber; Cortland Standard Reporter Shenandoah Briere; Homer News Reporter Don Ferris;

Deputy Mayor Clune called the meeting to order at 6:17.

Trustee Finkbeiner, made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11. Motion was seconded by Trustee Slack- **all yes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack, to pay the following bills for January 2020 – **all ayes.**

➤ <b>F &amp; G Funds – Vouchers</b>	<b>63 – 67</b>	<b>\$1,134.02</b>
➤ <b>A Fund – Vouchers</b>	<b>189 – 211</b>	<b>\$32,887.35</b>

#### **ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Report was received as submitted. Deputy Mayor Clune reads the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes.**

**CODES** – Report was received as submitted. Deputy Mayor Clune reads the report. Trustee Finkbeiner noted there were a lot of repairs completed this year. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley - **all ayes.**

**DPW-** Report was received as submitted. Deputy Mayor Clune reads the report. DPW Superintendent Harter noted the Winterfest banners are up and that Christmas trees will be picked up the remainder of the month. Trustee Slack noted that “I know you guys get a lot of grief, but you do an awesome job.” **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner - **all ayes.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**– Report was received as submitted. Deputy Mayor Clune reads the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

**POLICE** – Report was received as submitted. Deputy Mayor Clune reads the report. Chief Pitman noted that Plan First was coming Friday to replace three computers. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all ayes.**

**RECREATION** – Report was received as submitted. Deputy Mayor McCabe reads the report. Recreation Director Pollack noted that there was a new policy for all recreation sports - no parents are allowed in the gym during practice. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all ayes.**

**WATER and SEWER** – Report was received as submitted. Deputy Mayor Clune reads the report. Water and Sewer Superintendent Barber noted the department is still looking for leaks. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Village Treasurer DiGennaro discussed the proposed retainer with Pomeroy, Armstrong, and Casullo, LLP for representation for revenue anticipation note for the Route 11 grant. **Motion** to enter into the agreement as presented by Trustee Daley; Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer DiGennaro discussed the proposed lease agreement with Ed and Ed Business Technology for a folding machine. **Motion** to enter the 48-month lease as presented by Trustee Daley; Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer presented time off carryforwards for four employees. **Motion** to approve the carryforwards as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner; Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer presented the proposed budget adjustments. **Motion** to approve the budget adjustments as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner; Seconded by Trustee Daley - **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer presented the proposed handbook policy changes. **Motion** to approve the handbook policy changes as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner; Seconded by Trustee Daley - **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer presented a proposal to purchase water meters from fund balance to move all water meters to the same system. **Motion** to approve the purchase of water meters from fund balance was presented by Trustee Daley; Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

**Attorney:**

None

**Comments from Board Members:**

Trustee Daley noted he loved the Basketball Tournament. It was a good thing for the Village kids.

Trustee Finkbeiner thanked the DPW for doing such a good job for snow removal.

Trustee Clune discussed the D street projected timeline. A hearing will be held January 21, 2020 at 6 PM as the Village has 45 days from hearing back from the County on the project. Trustee Slack is encouraging anyone to attend. Trustee Finkbeiner noted the project would help with the tax base, but we need to balance traffic, etc. in the Village.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley - executive session at 7:04

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley and seconded by Trustee, the Board reconvened at 8:05 – **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner and Seconded by Trustee Daley, selling truck to Town of Homer for \$10,000 – **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, and Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:06 – **all ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer  
Darren “Hal” McCabe, Mayor