

Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting

February 24, 2020

5:37 p.m.

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

The members present were:

Mayor Darren “Hal” McCabe
Trustee, Patrick Clune
Trustee, Timothy Daley
Trustee, Kevin Slack

Also, present were: Village Treasurer Tanya Digennaro; Village Clerk Dan Egnor;

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:09.

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

➤ F & G Funds – Vouchers	63 – 67	\$1,134.02
➤ A Fund – Vouchers	189 – 211	\$32,887.35

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented three employee training reimbursement contracts, one for DPW Laborer Paul Coolidge, one for DPW MEO Nicholas Casterline and one for Fire Inspector Nicholas Casterline. **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve and accept Nicholas Casterline's training contracts for MEO and Fire Inspector, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.** **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve and accept DPW Laborer Coolidge's training contracts with corrections for his name, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe read Chief Pitman's proposal to hire Paul Knapp as a part-time officer. **Motion** to approve hiring Paul Knapp as a part-time police officer by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the proposed budget adjustments. **Motion** to accept the budget adjustments as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the proposed employee salary schedule for 2020-2021 as discussed during the budget sessions, with no changes. **Motion** to approve the employee salary schedule as presented by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the proposed employee salary increases for 2020-2021 if training is completed by Nicholas Casterline and Paul Coolidge, as noted individually. **Motion** to approve the employee increases if said training is completed by each employee by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer presented the proposed RFP for IT- managed- services. **Motion** to approve the proposed RFP for IT managed services and send RFP by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the proposal to trade in the Bob Cat for \$11,000 as proposed in the budget sessions. **Motion** to approve the trade in of the Bobcat for \$11,000 as proposed in the budget session by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented a proposal to end the seasonal employment of Laborer Karl Cole as the position was no longer needed. **Motion** to approve the termination of the seasonal employment of DPW Laborer Karl Cole by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**.

Village Clerk Egnor presented a proposal to hire Costello, Cooney, and Fearon as the Fire Department Hearing Officer. The rate would be \$200 an hour plus expenses, with expenses over \$500 needing approval. **Motion** to hire Costello, Cooney, and Fearon as the Fire Department hearing officer for the rate of \$200 per hour plus expenditures with expenditures greater than \$500 needing approval by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented a request by the Street Department to officially hold Amnesty Day on May 9 and close the Compost Site May 10 on Mother's Day. **Motion** to hold Amnesty Day May 9 and close the Compost Site May 10 on Mother's Day by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**.

A discussion ensued regarding the concerns of the Trees located at 15 James Street, next to Heritage Realty. A resident emailed discussing the branches hitting their roof and if the resident could remove the trees. Mayor McCabe asked to have DPW check on the health of the trees and to determine if the branches are hitting the roof.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the proposed RFP for tree trimming and removal. Per Village Clerk Egnor, Dafoe's contract expired; therefore, a new RFP was needed. Trustee Daley inquired if anything changed in the RFP. Village Treasurer DiGennaro responded the only changes were the dates. **Motion** by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Daley to approve and release the Tree Trimming and Removal RFP- **all ayes**.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the proposed RFP for tree planting. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley to approve and release the Tree Planting RFP- **all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe read off the proposal from Buzz Barber, Water and Sewer Superintendent, regarding bids and purchases of the Overhead Doors and the Sewage Storm door. **Motion** to approve Gensen to install the Overhead door by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**. **Motion** to approve Glass Smith to install the Sewer Door by Trustee Slack; Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe read the proposal from Zachary Pollock, Recreation Director to deposit \$1,750 into the recreation reserves for the proposed football equipment to purchase this summer. **Motion** to approve depositing \$1,750 into the recreation reserves to purchase the proposed football equipment by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**.

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Daley noted that the next Board meeting he'll have a proposal to fundraise for basketball courts.

Trustee Slack inquired about the Ventrac repairs. Mayor McCabe noted the Ventrac was the standard in the industry. He noted the Village will need to exam more methods of noting hazards.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack to enter executive session at 6:12 PM.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley and seconded by Trustee Clune, the Board reconvened at 6:20- **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune, to give the Mayor the authority to sign the Amended Summons regarding the Cortland County Workers' Compensation Plan- **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, and seconded by Trustee Daley, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:22- **all ayes**.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer
Darren "Hal" McCabe, Mayor