

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
May 12, 2020
6:05 P.N.**

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

Mayor McCabe opened Public Hearing #1 at 6:05 PM. Village Clerk Egnor read the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING #1: The Board of Trustees after having a duly noticed public hearing and acknowledging the receipt of all comments from the public hereby resolves and amends the following as indicated:

ONE, the Board of Trustees acknowledging receipt from the Village Planning Board of Planning Board Action #16 from the Planning Board meeting duly held on April 21st and transmitted on April 22, which recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the requested zoning change; AND

TWO, further acknowledges receipt from the Cortland County Planning Department of staff reports from the county in lieu of an official action by County Planning as Cortland County Planning Board meetings have been canceled due to the COVID-19 Virus; AND

THREE, makes an official finding that the proposed zoning changes in paragraph Four are consistent with the recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan for the Village; AND

FOUR, amends the following tax parcels under Village Ordinance Section 228-52 and NYS Law as indicated on the Village's Zoning Map

Address	Tax Map #	Prior Zoning	Amended Zoning
66 S. West Street	76.24-01-02.11	R-2	B-2
36 S. West Street (portion)	76.24-01-02.200	B-2/B-1	B-2
99 Cayuga Street	76.24-01-19.000	B-1	B-2

FIVE, directs the Village Clerk, with the assistance of a civil engineer or other such qualified person to make the above changes in Section 2 to the Village Zoning Map under Village Ordinance Section 228-5(2).

Mayor McCabe opened for comments. None were noted.

Motion by Trustee Finkbeiner to accept as written, Seconded Trustee Daley- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe closed Public Hearing #1 at 6:08 P.M.

Mayor McCabe opened Public Hearing #2 at 6:09 PM. Village Clerk Egnor read the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING #2: Further, monies from Special Reserves will be used thusly:
Fire Department Reserve for the Plymovent Air Exhaust
System at \$16,220.00
Machinery Reserve for DPW IT Expenditures at \$5,000.00**

Mayor McCabe opened for comments. None were noted.

Motion by Trustee Finkbeiner to accept as written, Seconded Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 P.M.

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 Fire Chief Mahlon Irish Jr.; Newton Waterworks Superintendent Buzz Barber; Village Attorney Dante Armideo; Homer News Reporter Don Ferris, Cortland Standard Reporter Shenandoah Briere; Cortland Voice Reporter Tim Bennett, Chris Burnell, Rich Cunningham, Jackie Novak, DPW Superintendent Mike Harter, Vince Bellardini, Taylor Bottar, Jarrod Newcomb

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Slack, the Board approved the Village of Homer Board of Trustees Minutes as written April 4, 22, and 28, with the notation that voucher numbers are the same within both minutes and needs corrected – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune; Seconded Trustee Slack to pay the following bills for February 2020 – **all ayes**.

- **F & G Funds – Vouchers 14-25 \$16,598.22**
- **A Fund – Vouchers 48-97 \$70,331.77**

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

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

CEMETERY – Report was received as submitted. Mayor reads the report. On motion by Trustee Slack, Seconded Clune motioned to accept the report as submitted - **all ayes**.

CODES – Report was received as submitted. Mayor reads the report. Trustee Clune noted that Kevin is keeping busy as always. On motion by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Clune motioned to accept the report as submitted - **all ayes**.

DPW- Report was received as submitted. Mayor reads the report. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes**.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Report was received as submitted. Mahlon thanked Mike and Joe for their years of service to the Fire Department as officers. Chief Irish noted that equipment needs to be added to Nick Card's vehicle. Chief Irish also noted the Town of Scott fire protection services contract is moving forward for this year and possibly for next three years. Chief Mahlon thanked the Board for all the insurances purchased for the members, noting what a great benefit it is. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack– **all ayes**.

POLICE – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe reads the report. Chief Pittman reminded others to lock their car doors as those municipalities around us are noting an uptick in issues. Trustee Clune read the thank you's noted by Chief Pittman in his report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Clune – **all ayes**.

WATER & SEWER – Report was received as submitted. Water/Sewer Superintendent Barber noted the leak on Prospect St. was fixed. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jarrold Newcomb is asking for direction on how to proceed with the tree issue in his yard. Mayor McCabe noted this has been discussed on department head calls and with codes. Mayor McCabe noted that whoever's tree it is, is who must maintain it. Jarrold Newcomb says that it appears to be on her property and Kevin believes its on both properties. I feel its ambiguous as to whose property it is on.

Jarrold Newcomb noted he feels the tree is on her property - two feet from mine. I've tried to deal with this for over a year. I contacted the Village as it's falling over on my property, inching closer as another tree is holding it up. It's a safety hazard. If it falls, it'll damage my property and could fall on my kids. Its hanging over my yard and is a danger to myself, my property, and my kids. Mayor McCabe noted the neighbor offered to pay for half of the removal of the tree.

Village Clerk Egnor mentioned the code officer said the line of trees is property line. Per the pictures and where its falling, that would be the responsibility of the property owner of where its falling. Working Foremen Stockton said the tree is on this gentlemen's side of property stake. As a result, the taxpayer would need to remove the tree.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented a PSOB designation statement which would confirm beneficiaries if any Police Officer or Fire Department active member died in the line of duty. **Motion** to accept the designee statement and implement its use by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley - all ayes.

Village Treasurer DiGennaro presented the prior year encumbrances that remained opened and asked to carry over the budget for the current year for each as is standard practice. **Motion** to carry over the prior year encumbrances and their corresponding budgets as presented by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe noted the motion to appoint Daniel Zeck to the Zoning Board. **Motion** by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Clune to appoint Daniel Zeck to the Zoning Board - **all ayes.**

Village Clerk Egnor read the Notice to Proceed by Green Mountain Pipeline. **Motion** to accept the Notice to Proceed by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack - all ayes.

Rich Cunningham discussed the RFP process for the environmental studies and surveying contract for the Route 11 grant. Informal quotes were obtained for phase 1 and 2 for all properties involved. For the survey work, six proposals were received - 4 proposals were from well-known businesses. The lowest bidder was Stockwin Survey. For the environmental work - two bids were extremely close - Geologic and Ravi Engineering. Ravi Engineering's proposal is higher by \$800 because they proposed to include an electromagnetic survey to find underground tanks, Geologic's did not include this.

On Motion by Trustee Clune to award the surveying contract of \$2,350 to Stockwin and environmental contract to Geologic for \$7,000, Seconded by Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe discussed the proposal to proclaim May 22 as National Poppy Day. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner to proclaim May 22 National Poppy Day - **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe discussed the proposed Keystone contract for the building of the salt shed, adding solar panels. Trustee Finkbeiner noted he liked the proposal and the potential that it includes for parking a garbage truck in it. **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack to accept the Keystone proposal as written - **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe discussed the need for riparian buffers for Durkee and Newton Water Works Parks. The DEC would handle. Trustee Finkbeiner inquired if this will get in the way of a potential river trail. Hal said no. Motion by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune to accept the proposal for the buffers at Durkee Park and Newton Water Works by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner - **all ayes.**

Village Treasurer discussed the need to appoint a Trustee and an Alternate to the Cemetery trust accounts at Edward Jones. **Motion** to appoint Treasurer DiGennaro as the trustee

to the Edward Jones accounts and Account Clerk Donna Kotas as the alternate by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner - **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe discussed the Homer Business Association's request for the Village to hang a congratulations banner for the graduating Homer High School seniors. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack to hang the banner purchased by Homer Business Association for graduating seniors - **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe discussed hiring Shenequa Perry at \$11.80 to help the Village become certified through the Climate Smart program. **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune to hire Shenequa Perry at \$11.80 per hour through August 31, 2020.

Village Treasurer presented the proposed budget adjustment for Griggs Field expenses to hang the netting for \$443.54. **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley to accept the budget adjustment as presented - **all ayes.**

Attorney:

None noted.

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Daley asked if there was any thing we needed to do to reinstitute businesses to reopen in Phase 1. He committed to the Central Region as to what is needed to reopen. Chamber thinks there are about 1100 businesses in County - so there are lots of questions.

Trustee Finkbeiner noted he completed survey for LWRP and is working on the DRI.

Trustee Clune noted the first quarter sales tax were up \$14,000 but April is down 25%.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune, the Board entered Executive session at 7:46 P.M.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack, the Board exited Executive session at 8:26 P.M.

On **Motion** to appoint Tammy Dowdle as Recreation Specialist at \$2,000 stipend for summer by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** to accept the water and sewer adjustment as presented for the Dann's by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** to accept the water and sewer adjustment as presented in the schedule by the Village Treasurer by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** to add First National Bank of Dryden as a location to accept water and sewer payments by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** to add First National Bank of Dryden as a location to accept real property tax payments by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** to appoint Village Treasurer DiGennaro to the Board of Directors for the Greater Tompkins Health Care Consortium by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** to appoint Village Clerk Egnor as the alternate for the Fair Housing Coordinator by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** to cancel the 2020 Village of Homer Farmer's Market by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:30 pm – **all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer