

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 15, 2020  
6:03 PM**

Members present:

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

Mayor McCabe opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 P.M. Village Clerk Egnor read the public hearing.

The Village of Homer will make use of Reserve Funds in such a manner:

Road Reserves not to exceed \$20,500 will be used to offset costs in paving and repairing Village roadways and municipal lots.

Mayor McCabe opened the Public Hearing for comments. None were received.

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

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

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting  
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6:05 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 Fire Chief Mahlon Irish; Newton Waterworks Superintendent Buzz Barber; Village Attorney Dante Armideo; Recreation Director Zack Pollack, Homer News Reporter Don Ferris; Cortland Voice Reporter Tim Bennett, and Vince Bellardini,

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley, the Board approved the Village of Homer Board of Trustees Minutes as written August 11 and August 25, 2020 – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, 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**.

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

**Animal Control-** Report was received as submitted. Mayor reads the report. On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley motioned to accept the report as submitted - **all ayes**

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

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

**DPW-** Report was received as submitted. Mayor reads the report noting they have been busy. Trustee Clune noted the broken drain cover by the Green. Working Foreman Stockton noted it was the State’s responsibility. Mayor McCabe noted it was as wide as beforehand. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack - **all ayes**.

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

**POLICE** – Report was received as submitted. Chief Pittman mentioned it has been busy. Trustee Clune thanked Chief Pittman and the Fire Department for the 911 memorial. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Clune – **all ayes**.

**RECREATION-** Report was received as submitted. Recreation Director Pollack noted that the Village is running a cheerleading program and he is running his report live. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack– **all ayes**.

**WATER & SEWER** – Report was received as submitted. Water and Sewer Superintendent Barber noted the chlorine analyzer was working well. Trustee Finkbeiner asked how the manhole replacement was going. Barber noted the holdup the manhole frames are on back order as they need to be US manufactured per the grant. Trustee Clune thanked Superintendent Barber for fixing the gas leak at the Little White Church. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted. by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Clune - **all ayes**.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor McCabe discussed the proposed appointment of Patricia Pollack to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate **Motion** to accept the appointment as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to hang the Duck Derby banner between September 24 and 27. **Motion** to approve hanging the Duck Derby banner between September 24 and 27 by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposed Amnesty Day as October 24, 2020. **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune to hold Amnesty Day October 24, 2020- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to not participate in the IRS deferral of employee paid taxes plan. **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner, it was proposed to not participate in the IRS tax deferral plan- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the motion to list the firetruck for sale on various auction sites. **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a motion to dismiss the mortgage lien for Albert Barbieri as all requirements have been met and all funds were paid. **Motion** to approve the mortgage release as presented by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a motion to recognize the completion of required trainings for an MEO and increase set MEO's wage by \$1 an hour. **Motion** to recognize the trainings completed as presented and increase the MEO's wage by \$1 per hour by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a motion to use funds from Fund Balance to approve appointing a Water/Sewer temporary laborer for minimum wage for 29 hours a week through January 31, 2021 to assist the department with work so that the department could install the water meters purchase. **Motion** to hire the Water and Sewer temporary laborer as presented and use Fund Balance from the Water and Sewer funds to pay for the expenditures by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a motion to extend Karl Cole's temporary laborer position on an as need basis up to 29 hours a week through December 31, 2020. **Motion** to extend Karl Cole's appointment as presented by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a motion to extend DPW temporary laborers position on an as need basis up to 29 hours a week through December 31, 2020. **Motion** to extend DPW temporary laborers as presented by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented Sergeant Eckard's resignation. **Motion** to accept Sergeant Eckard's resignation as presented by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to appoint Tammy Dowdle to a Fall Recreation Specialist at \$75 per day with a budget of \$1,400. **Motion** to appoint Tammy Dowdle to a Fall Recreation Specialist with the \$1,400 budget as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to create the Historian position to comply with Civil Service requirements, as a non-competitive position. Trustee Clune, thanked the Village Board for postponing the decision from an earlier meeting to clarify questions regarding the position. He noted the position would not be competitive; therefore, it would not be testable. By creating the position, Trustee Clune noted, it would be the Village Historian position more in line with the other Village positions. **Motion** to create the Historian position as presented by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to create the Village Code Enforcement Officer position to comply with Civil Service requirements, noting this would be a competitive position. **Motion** to create the Codes Enforcement Officer as presented by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to create a permanent part-time Police Sergeant position to comply with Civil Service requirements. **Motion** to create the permanent part-time Police Sergeant position as presented by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to hold a United Way campaign. **Motion** to approve holding a United Way campaign as presented by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe stated the Little White Church bids came in above the funds available. Discussion was on different possibilities, including hiring employees temporary for a year to work on the Little White Church. Trustee Finkbeiner asked about potential grants. Then said we should ask the community for their ideas. Mayor McCabe asked the Board to consider rejecting the three bids that came in as the bids were above the available funding. **Motion** to reject the bids received for the Little White Church repairs by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the proposal to produce the welcoming signs per the requirements in the RFP. The total for 8 signs was \$47,278 without installation. Village Treasurer noted we had \$40,000 and we could probably add in \$3,000-\$4,000 extra from adjustments. **Motion** to approve purchasing 7 signs for a maximum total of \$43,000 giving Mayor McCabe the authorization to sign the contract if the total is \$43,000 or less by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

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

#### **Attorney:**

Village Attorney Armideo gave an update on the Route 11 project. All properties are almost ready to close on.

#### **Comments from Board Members:**

Trustee Daley noted Little League just wrapped up the season and it was considered a success.

Trustee Finkbeiner gave an update on the LWRP, noting the Village is almost done with its part.

Trustee Clune noted residents with concerns from the NYSEG/sidewalk project should call the Village to note them, as the tracking matrix is working. He thanked those working on the tracking matrix. Trustee Clune also asked any Village residents who did not complete the Sensus to do so.

Mayor McCabe discussed the proposed Dollar General project and noted residents could send letters or emails to the Village Office to voice their concerns or could attend the next Planning meeting.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack, the Board entered Executive session at 7:19 P.M.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack, the Board exited Executive session at 7:45 P.M.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack to allow Chief Pittman to roll over his vacation time for one year, going to the 160 hours carryover maximum allowed for vacation time in 2021- **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune to grant Village Clerk Egnor an additional two weeks (or 80 hours) vacation time due to the additional work when closed during the Covid Pandemic in March- the end of June 2020- **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:46 pm– **all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer