

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**May 11, 2021**  
**6:08 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held remotely via zoom 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 Treasurer Tanya Digennaro; Village Clerk Dan Egnor; Homer Police Chief Pitman, Town of Homer, Water/Sewer Superintendent Buzz Barber, DPW Phil Stockton, Recreation Director Zack Pollak, Code Officer Kevin McMahon, Village Historian Martin Sweeny, Attorney Dante Armideo, Homer News Reporter Don Ferris and Vince Bellardini.

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Trustee Clune made a motion to approve minutes of April 13 and April 27, 2021 Motion was Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all ayes.**

**Treasurer's report:** no report

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune, to pay the following bills for March 2021 – **all ayes.**

- **F & G Funds – Vouchers 51-66 \$4262.29**
- **A Fund – Vouchers 120-172 \$103,631.96**

**ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**CEMETERY:** Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Trustee **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

**CODES FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.** **Motion** to accept the rates for Fire Inspection are \$20.00 per hour plus fees submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack-**all ayes.**

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

**DPW-** Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Phil noted that the cost for the 3 new signs posts is \$300.00. There is a need to get 3 easements for the signs for Rt 41& Rt 281 intersection. Mayor McCabe would like to get a sign at the end of the Rt 81 off ramp to Homer. Trustee Clune asked what will happen to the retired signs. Mayor McCabe suggested that one goes to the Historical society or the History Museum, then auction/sell remaining signs. Village Historian Martin Sweeney asked for the status on the historical sign for AD White. Mayor McCabe noted it is on hold from the state. Trustee Finkbeiner ask if there is any chance to get DPW to do quick fix on some of the sidewalks. Mayor McCabe noted sidewalks are on hold till the Federal Government stimulus money is handed out. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.** **Motion** to accept the selling of surplus old signs by sealed bid submitted by Trustee Clune Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**– Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Homer Fireman Field Days have cancelled again this year. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

**POLICE** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Trustee Finkbeiner noted the number of stops with commercial trucking. Chief Pitman noted that Action Sports bike equipment will be used by his officers. The officers will be on the bikes during parades and concerts scheduled this year for good PR. Trustee Finkbeiner noted the use of e-bikes in the Village. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

**RECREATION** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Zack did a live report from a baseball game. The Stems program will need \$1000.00 to run this summer. Need to get dirt for the Little League field. Zack has a new umpire, Roger Segar at the regular rate. **Motion** to approve an additional \$1,000.00 for the Stem Program by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.** **Motion** to purchase infield dirt for the Little League field submitted by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.** **Motion** to approve new umpire at the standing rate by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.** **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.** .

**WATER BILLING** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. The Village is out of water meters. Customers will need to call and get on the schedule for replacement to avoid the \$50.00 fine. Buzz has a customer that wants to change where the water is entering the house and ask about prorating the cost of equipment. Village Treasure DiGennaro will get back to Buzz on the daily rates of Village employees. Mayor McCabe noted that there will be a need to get a grant application for the water tanks and pumps. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None noted**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None Noted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to buy back plot for Paul and Arlene Gower **Motion** to approve the buy back a plot by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune-**all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe review of subdivision request for Dollar Store will be put off till next month.

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to approve Making Juneteenth a paid Village Employee Holiday. Village Historian Martin Sweeney gave the Mayor and Trustees the history of the Juneteenth Holiday. Further discussion will be held off for next month.

Mayor McCabe presented a **Motion** re-read the Resolution to adopt the 2021 Cortland County Hazard Mitigation Plan with Harter removed from plan. Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune-**all ayes.**

**Attorney:**

None Noted.

**Comments from Board Members:**

Trustee Clune attended the Homer Town Board meeting. Pine St. bridge has is yellow tagged and the town is looking at fixes. Most of the damage was missed in last inspection.

Trustee Finkbeiner what is status at the Little White Church and the Community Center.

Trustee Slack the RT 41, Rt 281, flowers and Flags is moving forward. Mayor McCabe asked that the proceeds from the resigned sign sale to go to the cost of the beautification.

Trustee Daley commented on the tree removal by NYSEG, looks good. Glad to see the courts are open with the signs. The Little League Parade was fantastic, thanks to Fire Dept. New lights are showing savings for the Village.

Mayor McCabe discussed the cost to do core samples should be covered by NYSEG or Albany International. DEC wants the work done before the dam is removed. Salt shed building is going forward w/out solar part. Smart city cameras addition and WIFI installation.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daily, Seconded by Trustee Clune, the Board entered Executive session at 6:30 P.M.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune, the Board exited Executive session at 7:02 P.M.

**Motion** to adjourn by Trustee Daley and Seconded by Trustee Clune at 7:08 PM-**All ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer