

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**June 8, 2021**  
**6:03 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; Town of Homer Superintendent Fred Forbes, Homer Fire Chief Steve Hayes, Water/Sewer Superintendent Buzz Barber, Recreation Director Zack Pollak, Attorney Dante Armideo, Homer News Reporter Don Ferris and Vince Bellardini, Tim Bennett of Cortland Voice, Jamie Costa of Cortland Standard.

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Trustee Clune made a motion to approve minutes of May 25, with the clarification of Parks to NYS Parks, 2021 Motion was Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

**Treasurer's 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.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack, to pay the following bills – **all ayes.**

- **F & G Funds – Vouchers #77-91 \$3,045.77**
- **A Fund – Vouchers #201-244 \$73,837.59**

**ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**CEMETERY:** Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Mayor McCabe remarked on how fantastic Glenwood looked for Memorial Day. Trustee Slack agrees that it is a point of pride for the Village. 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 Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** No Report

**DPW-** Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Mayor McCabe asked where Stewart Project sign and would like to have it because his name is on it. Buzz has the sign at Water Works. Need to look at getting solar lights for the Village signs at about \$35.00. Zack wants to thank Phil and crew for field maintenance. The dirt for Griggs field is in but not installed yet. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**– Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. Chief Hayes is still learning the job. Trustee Daley recognized, Matt Perry and Tyler Conrad, recent graduates of the County Fire Fighters training series. Reminder Fireman’s Parade and Chicken BBQ is June 12<sup>th</sup>. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**.

**POLICE** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. In the report two full-time police officers and one part-time officer were offered the positions, all accepted. Special Olympics Torch Runners will be on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Daley reminds everyone to lock your doors. **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. Soccer numbers are a little low so far this year. Highkey science is ready to go with the Library. Concert Line up should be posted soon on the Web Site. Trustee Slack is still in need of a drone for an aerial shot of the corner of Rt 281 and Rt 41. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley - **all ayes**.

**WATER BILLING** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. The Village is still unable to get water meters. Large meters will be discussed at one of the work sessions. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley- **all ayes**.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Town of Homer Superintendent Fred Forbes commented on setting up a meeting with the Town and Village concerning the Churches on the Green and the Senior Center. The town appointed two clerks for the office.

Vince Bellardini Homer radio asked Mayor McCabe if Village employees and Fire fighters will have issues with the Covid 19 mandate. Mayor McCabe thinks that getting copies of vaccination card should be no problem.

Jamie Costa from Cortland Standard asked if there is a hipa violation. Mayor McCabe stated there is no violation as all employee's information will stay at the Village offices. Enforcing the mandate will be verbal to written warning to move from there.

Tim Bennett of Cortland Voice asked what the Village plans are for Juneteenth celebrations. Mayor McCabe would like to meet with Trustees and suggested getting involved with Cortland's celebration.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None Noted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to review and approve two new Fire Fighters. **Motion** to approve Gabriel Fadale by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley-**all ayes.** **Motion** to approve Daniel Levitskry by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley-**all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to review and approve MEO appointment. **Motion** to approve Randy McKay by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley-**all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to approve a mortgage discharge not to exceed \$60.00 for Kimberlee & John Eckhardt Jr. of 9 Grove St. **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack-**all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to review and approve Covid-19 vaccination/face mask policy. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley-**all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to approve a Fire Department banner for October. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Daley-**all ayes.**

Trustee Clune did a follow up for the Homer bus shelter is moving forward, there needs to be some clarification of the cost and placement location.

#### **Attorney:**

None Noted.

**Comments from Board Members:**

Trustee Clune appraisals from the NYS Parks first then demolish. Need to find out why the ornamental streetlights are not functioning correctly, will need to make a call.

Trustee Slack the RT 41, Rt 281, flowers and Flags is moving forward. He has the count and some of the cost. Will need to find out if Homer Iron Works can make the brackets. Has to get a purchase order going.

Trustee Finkbeiner what is status of Mr. Wilcox questions on his land lock piece of property. Mayor McCabe responded that there is more to be looked at. What is needed to get the DRI application going and why it is important to get this into motion. Tanya asked that a responded that it will be discussed at the work session on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Daley met with Chief Pitman and Todd Riddle about surveillance cameras for the Village in targeted areas. Trustee Clune and Trustee Daley commented on garbage problems such as start time, over filled cans and missed pick-ups due to construction, need to be looked at.

Mayor McCabe would like to allow Don Ferris into the recreation building to help the Mayor push out information to the public through the Homer News/Web site. MOU needs to be drafted. The building will need to get a bid for a new furnace.

On **Motion** by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board entered Executive session at 6:55 P.M. **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune, the Board exited Executive session at 7:23 P.M. **All ayes.**

**Motion** to adjourn by Trustee Clune and Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner at 7:23 PM-**All ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer