

Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
June 22, 2021
6:06 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 Clerk Dan Egnor, Village Treasurer Tanya Digennaro, Attorney Dante Armideo, Police Chief Robert Pitman, Sewer & Water Superintendent Buzz Barber, Homer News Reporter Don Ferris and Vince Bellardini, Jamie Costa of Cortland Standard, Rich Cunningham.

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor McCabe read the public hearing for Community Development Block Grant application. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner -**all ayes**.

Trustee Finkbeiner made a motion to approve minutes of June 8. Motion was Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**.

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

- **F & G Funds – Vouchers #92-103 \$7,904.88**
- **A Fund – Vouchers #246-285 \$1,058,804.47**

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Mayor McCabe and Patrick Clune as the Village of Homer representatives to the LWC Task Force. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley-**all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to ask Linda Hartsock as a member at large, Landmark Society, for the LWC Task Force, pending her acceptance. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack-**all ayes**.

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to approve applications for the CFA including a Water Tank -not to exceed 700K and a Vac Truck not to exceed 400K. Trustee Clune wanted to make sure residents to know that this is to stay proactive and stay ahead of the game. **Motion** by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner **-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal of MEO Mechanic Position, full-time per job description. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to post MEO Mechanic Position through July 9, 2021. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to appoint Michael Harter to temporary full-time MEO through May 15, 2022. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack **-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to appoint Jacob Brewster as full-time Police Officer. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Slack**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to appoint Sarah Cresap as full-time Police Officer. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Daley**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to appoint Andrew Malone as part-time Police Officer. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to approve request for ARPA Funds having the Mayor signing for the funds using NEU recipient NY1119, including two required pdf forms.

- a. Assurance with compliance of civil rights requirements
- b. Non-entitlement unit awards and conditions

Motion to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to accept, if offered, the sale of the Fire Truck for \$30,000. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Slack, Seconded by Trustee Daley**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to waive the \$50 June fee billed to residents due to scheduling or installation of water meters. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to sell at auction Chief Pitman's old car and DPW truck 550. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Slack**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to accept the zoning/planning trainings that are proposed. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to approve water/sewer refunds. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune**-all ayes.**

Mayor McCabe presented the problems the Village is having with Syracuse Haulers and to solve them. The Village had to pay for two contaminated pick ups due to trash in the recycle bins. Equal blame for these problems and a letter reminding residents of the requirements will be sent out with the water bill. The web site and Facebook along with Homer News will posted. **No vote**

Mayor McCabe presented a proposal to approve letter of Authority Letter with ISO Claims Partners, Comp Alliance. **Motion** to approve by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune-**all ayes**.

Attorney:

None Noted.

Mayor McCabe noted that Rich Cunningham was online to seek approval of CFA Applications. Rich also sent a new grant from the NYS Department of Climate Smart Program. This may be a swap if the White Church grant cannot be implemented. **Motion** to approve a swap if needed by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner -**all ayes**. The Linear Park proposal cost will be shared by Cortlandville and Village of Homer.

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Clune asked Chief Pitman if there was any news about the missing teenager. Chief Pitman will talk to Trustee Clune later not in the zoom meeting. Trustee Clune noted that the ornamental lights need attention and the company needs to get a call to get the lights working. Mayor McCabe will work on a list of lamps not working. The proceeds from the sale of the fire truck 502 would go back into the fire truck reserves, the Mayor confirmed that. The Village had two big celebrations. Radio station WHXC is celebrating 30 years of service to the Homer area. Homer Men & Boys is celebrating 70 years in Homer where Trustee Clune won a large “block o chocolate” candy bar. Thanks to Bob Haight and the Cortland Chamber of Commerce for the current job fair.

Trustee Finkbeiner asked the Mayor to get some help in generating a letter to State Legislative to get guidance buy and equip an electric truck for the Village.

Trustee Slack thanked Chief Pitman and the Fire Department for their assistance with the death of one of his tenants. DOT has knowledge of installation. Flags (24) will be ordered this week not to exceed \$1,000.00. Don Ferris suggested 3x5 size to reduce the problems the wind from trucks and traffic will cause. **Motion** to approve the purchase of flags not to exceed \$1,000.00 by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner.

Trustee Daley met with Chief Pitman and Linsey Donnelly on Tuesday the 29th to talk about surveillance cameras test shots. More information at a later meeting. Noted that Zack will need to be ready for opening 100% Rec Programs this Fall.

Comments from the Media:

Jamie Costa asked what the CFA (Consolidated Funding Application) will do for the Village. Mayor McCabe explained that this application will get money from different NYS grants instead of different filings. Buzz explained the use of Vac Truck. The limits to matching funds from the Village are in the filings. Cortlandville match grant money Rich from Toma Development at the old Budget hotel half in Cortlandville, half in Village of Homer there is no dollar amount. Possible use the site for a Linerar Park or Dog Park if big enough. Demolition must wait for NYSEG to finish their project. The site will be a grass lot for 2 years. Chief Pitman explained to Jamie that the new officers were hired to fill vacancies and bring the force back to full staffing including bike patrol. Fines for illegal trash dumping will be set by board and court system.

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

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, Seconded by Trustee Clune, the Board exited Executive session at 7:15 P.M. **All ayes.**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Daley and Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner at 7:16 PM-**All ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Tanya DiGennaro, Village Treasurer