

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 9, 2018**  
**6:01 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, Don Ferris; Village Attorney, Dante Armideo; Village Recreation Director, Zachary Pollak; Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Umbehauer; News Director WXHC, Brad Smith; Cortland Standard Staff Writer; Nick Graziano; Cortland County Legislator District 10, Kelly Preston; Cortland County Legislator District 9, Linda Jones; and Town of Homer Councilman, Larry Jones.

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order.

Meet and Greet Your Local Cortland County Legislator:

**Kelly Preston LD 10** – A privilege to serve as your County Legislator for District 10, the Village is divided in half with District 9 and 10, there are 8 freshmen County Legislators this year. All good people and the voters really wanted a change this year and they got that change.

**Linda Jones LD 9** – I've been a Legislator for 3 years, I have been going to every Town of Homer Board meeting for that time and when Kelly Preston came onboard we decided that we needed to come to the Village Board meetings as well. We will split our time between the Town and the Village. You can summon us when you want us here as well. When you read something in the paper or hear something on the street concerning County business, we are here for information and clarifications.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board approved the Village of Homer Board of Trustees Minutes of December 13, 2017 as written. One change, Trustee Clune mentions that Code Book revisions meeting was held on 1/8/18 not this coming 1/18/18. – **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to pay the following bills for December 2017– **all ayes.**

- **F & G Funds – Vouchers 232-258 - \$30,322.47**
- **A Fund – Vouchers 768-827 - \$255,031.62**

**ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**CODES** – Report was received as submitted. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Umbehauer states that this time of year it is slow, year-end close out of issues is progressing. Code Book revisions may still be some time until completion. Trustee Slack asks the status of the Homer Oil structure. No change or issues according to CEO Umbehauer. Mayor McCabe would like to see it condemned. CEO Umbehauer states that the building needs to be an imminent danger and that

there still a number of complaints, but it is in an industrial zone. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Slack – **all ayes**.

**DOGS** – No report submitted.

**DPW** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe reads some highlights; residents are cautioned not to plow snow into Village streets; old Christmas trees can be taken to the compost site, access through the DPW entrance; and NYSEG needs to do a patch on James Street for work they recently did. Trustee Slack mention that Hazard Barrel is at the location. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

**FIRE INSPECTOR** – Report was not submitted.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe shares some highlights; There were two structure fires the previous week and through Fire Volunteers, the ice rink on the Village Green is being maintained. **Motion** to accept report by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

**POLICE** – Report was received as submitted. Trustee Clune mentions the dates for Winterfest; Friday and Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**.

**RECREATION** – Report was received as submitted. Recreation Director Pollack claims Rec Desk now has 445 profiles; late comers to Ski Club can still sign up for bus transportation. The Arts and Craft's program will begin on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Homer Elementary School. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Case will oversee the program. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**.

**WATER & SEWER** – Report was received as submitted. Trustee Clune gives an update on the installation of new water meters; still have 80 or so to do, firm that was hired to do the work will not install on galvanized pipe, will need to go to another firm or have Newton Waterworks do the installations. Mayor McCabe questions if the City of Cortland is having the same issue, Trustee Clune says no. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Slack – **all ayes**.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Mayor McCabe offered privilege of the floor to those in attendance:

Trustee Clune wishes to thank Larry Jones, a Town of Homer Board member, for his service and good working relationship with the Village.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business scheduled for this Board Meeting

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

On **Motion** by Mayor McCabe, the Board authorized a refund for a Cemetery Lot Sale and Maintenance Fee for Judy Booth – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board authorized the raising of a banner to celebrate Access to Independence's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, dates to be July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup> of this year – **all ayes**.

Preliminary Budget – Adoption to occur at a Special Session of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, 1/25/18 at 6pm. Mayor McCabe states that the new budget is balanced. Trustee Finkbeiner mentions that the Village worked hard to achieve said balance and there should be an agenda for unassigned fund balance for the Board meeting. Trustee Slack believes the work went well. Trustee Clune invites all residents to visit the Village office to look at the budget or take a copy.

### **Attorney**

Nothing to report.

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

Trustee Clune attended the last Town Board meeting, Town Hall is in the process of equipping handicap doors in the back of the building and the Village Board is diligently working RT 11 grant process. Mayor McCabe states that rent for the police station will be \$550 dollars a month moving forward. Trustee Slack would like to reiterate that the Board works well together and that elections coming up soon, would like to see this Board continue working together. Trustee Daley mentions that an interested vendor inquired about the impending street light work, still waiting on National Grid to get back to the Village, some legal work may need to be done, and it is a pleasure to do work with this Board.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board recessed the meeting to an Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m. – **all eyes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Egnor, Village Clerk  
Darren “Hal” McCabe, Mayor