

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 13, 2017  
6:01 p.m.**

**Public Hearing No. 1**

A Public Hearing was held by the Village of Homer Board of Trustees at the Town Hall, 31 North Main Street, Homer, New York with Mayor McCabe presiding, The Village of Homer anticipates submitting an application to New York State for funding under the Restore NY Round 5 Funding Program on or about December 15, 2017.

The Village anticipates submitting an application for a project with a funding request not to exceed \$1,000,000. The project includes the properties listed below:

<b>Municipal Name</b>	Village of Homer
<b>Project Name</b>	Main Street Building Reconstruction and Renovation Project

#	Site Name / Address	Sq.Ft.	R-Residential C-Commercial	DM-Demolition DC-Deconstruction RH-Rehabilitation RC-Reconstruction	V-Vacant A-Abandoned C-Condemned S-Surplus
1	23 S. Main Street Homer, New York (Ames Building)	8,000	C	RC	V
2	1-3 S. Main Street Homer, New York (Barber Block)	16,000	C	RH	V

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 Attorney, Dante Armideo; Homer Fire Department Chief, Mahlon Irish Jr.; Homer Police Chief, Robert Pittman; Village Recreation Director, Zachary Pollack; DPW Superintendent Mike Harter; Homer Fire Department President Tim Maxon; and Thoma Development Representative Rich Cunningham.

Mayor McCabe called the Public Hearing to order and requested the Clerk read the legal notice aloud.

Clerk Egnor read the legal notice as published, posted and filed.

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

Rich Cunningham stated the Village will hold the Grant and will be a pass-thru for subgrantees, developers will be looking to leverage Historical Tax Credits and that there will be a strict State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO) review.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board approved the reading and notification of all grant activities relevant to the Restore NY Round 5 Program Grant – all ayes.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:09 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 Attorney, Dante Armideo; Homer Fire Department Chief, Mahlon Irish; Homer Police Chief, Robert Pittman; Village Recreation Director, Zachary Pollack; DPW Superintendent, Mike Harter; Homer Fire Department President, Tim Maxon; and Thoma Development Representative, Rich Cunningham.

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board approved the Village of Homer Board of Trustees Minutes of November 9, 2017 as written – **all ayes**.

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

- **F & G Funds – Vouchers 219-231 - \$2,192.23**
- **A Fund – Vouchers 702-767 - \$67,168.01**

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

**CODES** – Report was received as submitted. Trustee Finkbeiner questions how the complaint board is doing? Code Enforcement Office (CEO) Umbaugh states that most items have been satisfied and there have been no new notices. CEO Umbaugh continues, doing yearly inspections now for permit review. New Family Health building is complete, just working on some small items. Trustee Clune mentions that Code Book revisions will start again January 18, 2018. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Slack – **all ayes**.

**DOGS** – No report submitted.

**DPW** – Report was received as submitted. Superintendent Harter States that tree planting going well, have put 33 trees in so far. Trustee Clune asks what type of trees, Trustee Finkbeiner says they are outlined in the vendor bills, no fruit trees have been ordered. Trustee Finkbeiner asks if the Village has its own gas pump yet for Village vehicles, Superintendent Harter informs that the vendor has been held up, hopefully within a few weeks it will be up and running. Superintendent Harter questions Village Attorney Armedio, what is the Village code(s) for shoveling snow into the roads? Village Attorney Armedio will research, Trustee Clune mentions that Village code says property owner must remove snow within 24 hours. Superintendent Harter says some elderly Village residents may need assistance with snow removal. Mayor McCabe will put an item in the Homer news, to call the Village office for assistance, we will keep a list for those that need help. Superintendent Harter states there is temporary recreation sign by the Recreation office, Recreation Director Pollack is appreciative. Mayor McCabe states that the Homer news will have one issue with Board Minutes, the next will have four panels of Village information, Village DPW will have a section. Trustee Clune claims that Superintendent Harter has a list of streetlights out, and that when residents call to notify that a streetlight is out, please have the pole number. Mayor McCabe announces there is a Report a Problem on the Village website now. Trustee Clune would like to reiterate that there is no parking on Village streets between the hours of 2am-6am and that designated handicap parking will be coming this spring. Mayor McCabe requests new tires for the Recreation Departmental van, Superintendent Harter will oversee. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Report was received as submitted. Fire Chief Irish Jr. states toys for tots box is full, for the Town of Homer Fire contract, Town Fire Commissioners and Town Board need a joint meeting to accept, two new firefighters have completed training, turn out gear is here, Fire Chief would like to thank all who decorated the Fire House, additional funding for engine of the new Fire Truck may be available, the installed Computer Aided

Dispatch (CAD) needs better speed for emergency calls, Mayor McCabe says just go ahead and get the work done, should not be costly. Fire Chief Irish Jr. mentions that Nick Casterline, Village DPW is now the Preble Fire Chief. Homer Fire Department President Maxon mentions that the outside of the Fire House is complete with all remodel repairs and that a new person is needed to do the Ice on the Green. **Motion** to accept report by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

**POLICE** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe states there have significant arrests in the Village last month and that the Village will put an item in the Homer News, stating that residents should notify the Village Police Department of any considerable time away from your house. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**.

**RECREATION** – Report was received as submitted. Recreation Director Pollack claims Rec Desk now has 400 registrants and that \$9,500 has come through Rec Desk to date, late comers to Ski Club can still join, but starting in January there will no paper registration, it will be all online, will try to have all payments online as well. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Slack – **all ayes**.

**WATER & SEWER** – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe states that another round of grant money for water meter replacement has been awarded. Trustee Finkbeiner extols that this year's Route 281 waterline fix has been a significant asset for the Village. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**.

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

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

Superintendent Harter mentions there will be a CPR Training class at 10am Friday, December 15, 2017 at the DPW Garage.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business scheduled for this Board Meeting

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, the Board authorized a Resolution for the Mayor to file an application for funds from the New York State Empire State Development Corporation – **all ayes**.

#### **WHEREAS:**

*The Village Board of the Village of Homer finds that the proposed projects at 1-3 S. Main Street and 23 South Main Street are consistent with existing local or regional plans; the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific projects; the projects facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and the projects develop and enhance infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities.*

#### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

*That the Mayor of the Village of Homer is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Empire State Development Corp. under the Restore NY Round 5 Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; to authorize the Mayor of the Village of Homer to sign said application on behalf of the Village; and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Village of Homer.*

#### **Attorney**

Village Attorney Armedio state that there appears to be no Village Code concerning property owners to not shovel snow into Village thoroughfares, it may well be a State Statute.

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

Trustee Clune received an email from the Village Historian, most past pictures of former Mayors have been found, H.R. Ward photo has been kindly donated to the Village. We do still need photos from the current Mayor and the one just prior, Village Historian will organize.

All Board members wish Happy Holidays to all.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board recessed the meeting to an Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:07 p.m. – **all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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