

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
February 14, 2018
6:02 p.m.**

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,

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the VILLAGE OF HOMER as follows: The VILLAGE of HOMER Code Section 210-51 is hereby amended by this Local Law to add these provisions as follows:

Section 1. Amending the Two-Hour Parking along the East side of Main Street (Route 11)

The Section Main Street (Route 11) East 2 Hour parking section is hereby amended to read as follows:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit; Hours/Days	Location
Main Street (Route 11)	East	2 hrs.; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m./All except Sunday and holidays	From 226 feet south of Pine Street to 135 feet south of Wall street

Besides the above amendment, all other section and paragraphs remain unchanged.

Section 2. Separability

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the VILLAGE of HOMER hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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; Newton Waterworks Superintendent, Larry Barber; Village Recreation Director, Zachary Pollack; News Reporter, Nick Graziano from the Cortland Standard; and Village Resident, Elaine Olson.

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:

Trustee Clune states that temporary signs notifying the public of the pending effective date of the new Local Law should be installed.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board approved the passage of Local Law 1– all ayes.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 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:

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Also present were: Village Clerk Dan Egnor; Village Attorney, Dante Armideo; Homer Fire Department Chief, Mahlon Irish Jr.; Homer Police Chief, Robert Pittman; Newton Waterworks Superintendent, Larry Barber; Village Recreation Director, Zachary Pollack; News Reporter, Nick Graziano from the Cortland Standard; and Village Resident, Elaine Olson.

Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board approved the Village of Homer Board of Trustees Minutes of January 9, 2018 as written – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to pay the following bills for January 2018. Trustee Slack questions the SPCA charge, Mayor McCabe says there appears to be some confusion, as the SPCA is not aware of clarifying language added to the contract recently. Trustee Clune informs that a conversation has occurred between the Village and SPCA, they are not to go out on a call without prior approval from the Homer Police Department or the Village Clerk Office. Mayor McCabe adds that the expense for the What's Hot publication is to promote Homer Recreation Department for two months – **all ayes**.

➤ F & G Funds – Vouchers	259 – 289	\$237,728.03
➤ A Fund – Vouchers	831 – 907	\$840,661.06

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CODES – Report was received as submitted, Trustee Finkbeiner glad to see activity on James Street has been handled, Mayor McCabe thanks Kevin McMahan, Town Code Officer, for his help in the matter. Trustee Clune would like to offer that anyone interested in serving on the Planning or Zoning Boards to please contact the Mayor or the Village office. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**.

DOGS – SPCA report was received and submitted, Mayor McCabe reads that there was an abuse case and the animal has been taken away. Motion to accept by Trustee Clune - **all ayes**.

DPW – Report was received as submitted. Trustee Clune says tree planting should be done to coincide with Arbor day and the Tree Committee should meet. Trustee Daley questions if monitoring of Syracuse Haulers occurs and is ongoing. Mayor McCabe elucidates that some supervision has happened. Trustee Finkbeiner continues to monitor dumping. Mayor McCabe has spoken with other municipalities on their own garbage collection, most get 15 to 17 years out of their garbage trucks. The Village still has time to discuss, end of the trash contract two years away. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

FIRE INSPECTOR – Report was not submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Report was received as submitted. Chief Irish Jr states that grants have been applied for various department needs. The Plimovent exhaust quote is in, can buy or lease, first payment when contract signed, at the end of lease, after 8 years, the Village will own it for a dollar. Mayor McCabe questions how long will the system last? Chief Irish Jr claims if maintained well, it should last quite a while and company is more responsive with maintenance issues, need to take a trip to Cortlandville to see in action. The Town of Homer and Homer Fire Department fire contact is ready to go for the year. For public knowledge, there so far has been over 60-man hours and 6 to 7 Volunteer Firemen doing Ice on the Green, lot of work, with some day work and overnight as well. At the Town Board meeting, work on Pine & Wall street bridges was discussed, the Fire Department needs to look at alternate routes for emergency travel and if those new bridges will hold little trucks and pumpers, closed bridges will cause a significant delay in emergency response time. Mayor McCabe questions if new construction at 23 South Main Street AKA the Pit will require new code for electric lines, power lines and the height of the new building, over three stories can cause issues. Chief Irish Jr has concerns with wires in front of buildings, Trustee Finkbeiner wonders if a grant to put lines under the ground would be available, a sizeable portion of Main Street has this problem, more to discuss, the Village could budget easy enough for payment on lease of exhaust system for the Fire House. Trustee Clune would like to pass along that residents are pleased with recent fire responses. **Motion** to accept report by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

POLICE – Report was received as submitted. Trustee Clune asks are officers trained for car cameras. Chief Pittman claims training with the installers and in-service training are commencing, PESH training as well. Trustee questions how long was Officer Neno full time? Chief Pittman states 3 years. Trustee Finkbeiner apologizes for missing the recent police rewards. Mayor McCabe thanks Chief for helping to change arson law. Chief Pittman informs that Senator Seward has Bill S7199 (An act to amend the penal law, in relation to the causation of a fire or explosion during the course of committing or attempting to commit a controlled substance felony) on the floor of the Statehouse, and it's likely to pass the Assembly. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

RECREATION – Report was received as submitted. Mayor reads the report. Recreation Director Pollack asks how would the Village designate Village running/walking trails or historic tours? Mayor McCabe states the Landmark society would do the historic tours, but the Village could do the trails. Recreation Director Pollack claims that Ski Club kids were interviewed for a local television news report. The Village will need to refurbish football helmets soon, funding could come from the Recreation Reserve Fund, Trustee Daley states the concession building at Calale Park needs the sliding window fixed and a screen put on the backdoor, to bring to code. Recreation Director Pollack informs that the Village has netting for foul balls, but we need dome netting. Trustee Daley offers that walking access at the Intermediate School needs more promotion. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Daley – **all ayes**.

WATER & SEWER – Report was received as submitted. Trustee Clune informs of work on Cayuga Street to address waterline issues, but a leak may be the responsibility of the property owner. Trustee Clune asks Superintendent Barber if flyers were handed out for new water meter installations? Superintendent Barber, yes, appointments are being made now. Mayor McCabe would like to recap the water meter history; the first vendor hired, bailed, without warning; the second vendor appeared to work out, then they did not want to work with galvanized pipe; now Newton Waterworks will replace the remaining water meters in the Village; but this has caused late meter reads, during the last billing cycle 4 months were read as opposed from the usual 3 months. The next billing cycle will be for 2 months instead of 3, then back to normal after that. If it is a hardship, please come work with the Village on partial payments, we are here to help. Chief Irish Jr would like to add that the waterline under the addition at the Fire House needs to be moved from under the building, leaks have happened. Mayor McCabe states the Village has budgeted for this next year. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

Village resident Elaine Olson wants a reduction of \$ 75.00 to my water bill. I put my faucet on a pencil stream, to keep water pipes from freezing, I have lived on Brentwood Drive for over forty years, it has never been fully paved, if and when you repave it could the waterlines be buried better. Superintendent Barber states that the problem is that the road is a dead end and waterlines cannot go any deeper. Trustee Clune offers a \$ 50.00 reduction to Elaine Olson's water bill. Elaine Olson claims she will pay the same amount this billing and next; the Village will forgive any overage. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner - **all ayes**.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business scheduled for this Board Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

On **Motion** by Trustee Slack, the Board authorized the hiring of two Volunteer Firefighters for the Homer Fire Department – **all ayes**.

Water Bill Issue – Discussion occurred during both the Water & Sewer Report and Public Comment.

Attorney

Nothing to report.

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Slack inquires what are the basic charges for Water and Sewer now (\$ 21.00 flat rate for up to 5,000 gallons and \$60.00 flat rate for up to 5,000 gallons, respectively). Mayor McCabe mentions that the Village will look at restructuring those charges for the benefit of low income residents, a study must be conducted.

Trustee Clune thanks all who were instrumental in a successful Winterfest this year. Pictures of the current Mayor and the one previous need to be done. The Board should authorize an expenditure, with not to exceed of \$200.00, for professional photo portraits to be done. **Motion** to accept by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board recessed the meeting to an Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Mayor McCabe, the Board reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board authorized a drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and the Town of Homer for a Shared Services agreement – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Daley, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:04 p.m. – **all ayes**.

Respectfully submitted,

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