

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
December 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held remotely via zoom and in person at the Homer Town Hall at 31 North Main St. with Mayor McCabe presiding.

Members present:

Mayor, Hal McCabe
Trustee, Patrick Clune
Trustee, Edward Finkbeiner
Trustee, Kevin Slack
Trustee, Elizabeth McGrath

Also, present were Village Clerk Dan Egnor, Village Treasurer Tanya Digennaro, Chief of Police Bob Pitman, Dante Armideo Village Lawyer, Don Ferris Homer News, Fred Forbes Town of Homer Superintendent, Buzz Barber Water/Sewer Superintendent, Phil Stockton DPW Superintendent, Chief of Fire Department Charlie Ford, Tim Maxson President, Kevin Smith Cortland Voice, Eddie Velazquez.

Trustee Clune made a **Motion** to approve minutes of November 8, 2022, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**

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

➤ F & G Funds – Vouchers	# 270-293	\$12,127.28
➤ A Fund – Vouchers	# 763-817	\$112,483.93

Treasurer’s report: Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes.**

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY: 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.**

CODES REPORT – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune Seconded by Trustee McGrath- **all ayes.**

ANIMAL CONTROL- 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.**

DPW/PARKS - Motion to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**.

FIRE DEPARTMENT –Tim Maxson responded on the progress of the 501C3 and he has some new information through the Village Office. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee McGrath- **all ayes**.

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT- Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes**.

POLICE – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**. The Chief added a thank you to the Buzz and crew along with the DPW for help cleaning out the Police garage.

RECREATION – Motion to accept the report as submitted by Trustee McGrath, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**. On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to approve Recreation refunds, Second by Trustee Clune– **All ayes**.

WATER/SEWER – Report was received as submitted. Mayor McCabe read the report. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune - **all ayes**.

Privilege of the floor:

Fred Forbes, the Town Supervisor has a few more items are being finalized for the move of the Police Department. The Town will take ownership of a new truck in January. The Bridge Committee has selected Hunt Engineering and has been working with the help of Paul Sweeny, Pat Clune. There will be a public hearing in January for a new ethics law and update our committee members.

Old Business: No updates

New Business:

Ken Ford was recognized for his actions in saving the life of a child on May 8, 2022, by the Mayor.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve fire department appointments of Doug Van Etten as First Assistant Chief and Nate Stockwin as Second Assistant Chief, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to approve budget adjustments as outlined, Second by Trustee Clune– **All ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to accept \$225.00 donation from Homer Garden Club to be allocated to Beautification for 2023-2024, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to review water and sewer credits requests, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes**.

Tim Mason tried to get 3 bids but could not get other companies to commit. On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve Sprouse Painting for floor work at the Fire Station, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Slack to approve Patricia Hale Wartman buyback affidavit of Cemetery plots, Second by Trustee Finkbeiner– **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to approve SRO using comp time to pay for dental or vision benefits, Second by Trustee McGrath– **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve FTO Comp time for Officer Smiley, Second by Trustee Finkbeiner– **All ayes.**

Attorney:

Dante needs help from Tanya to finalize the sale of the LWC and the Mayor will contact the comptroller. Dante waived the 30-day advance notice for a liquor license application at 21 North Main St. the Mayor and the Board concurred.

Comments by Board Members:

Trustee Finkbeiner wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Clune follow up for the Bridge Committee there are plans to add a sidewalk and a single lane. The County Legislature has a grant for 2.9 million for Mental Health Building and the County will add 2 million from their ARPA funds. The County has 2.7 million for the County Court House exterior. Talked about redistricting and land fill gas collection plan also there is \$100,000 grant to update Counties 1970 Comp plan.

Trustee Slack had no further comments.

Trustee McGrath had no further comments.

Mayor McCabe the first meeting in January, legislators will present the plans for the redistricting.

Questions from the Media:

Kevin Smith would like to know what the plans are for the Wall St. bridge. Trustee Clune, who is on the bridge committee, reminded everyone that the Town owns the Wall St. bridge. There are options and one of them is replacing the bridge with a structure that will meet the transportation standards allowing emergency vehicles to use the bridge. Eddie Velazquez asked about the DRI announcement, the Village is still waiting

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack, the Board entered Executive session at 6:45 P.M. **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board exited Executive session at 7:11 P.M. **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve family dental in lieu of a raise for Chief Pitman, Second by Trustee Slack– **All aye**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve splitting the cost of smaller recycle/garbage cans for the residents who have asked and will not exceed \$350.00 of the ARPA funds, Second by Trustee Finkbeiner– **All aye.**

On Motion to adjourn by Trustee Clune Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner at 7:20 PM-**All ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Hoy, Account Clerk

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