

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
January 10, 2023
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, Charlie Ford Chief of Fire Department, Tim Maxson President of Homer Fire Department, Kevin Smith Cortland Voice, Eddie Velazquez, Margaret Mellott Cortland Standard.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING**

PUBLIC HEARING #1: Pursuant to Village Law Section 5-508 (3), the Village of Homer Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Budget of the Village of Homer for the FY 23/24.

Further, monies from Special Reserves and ARPA Funds will be used thusly:

- Municipal Property Reserves of \$52,913, Town of Cortlandville's share of Route 11 Linear Park
- Recreation Reserves of \$15,000 for Softball Backstop and Foul Ball Line
- Cemetery Reserves of \$14,500 for Lawn Mower
- Machinery Reserve of \$14,500 for Lawn Mower
- Fire Station Reserve of \$16,220 for Fire Station Debt Payments
- ARPA Funds of \$10,000 in additional funds for Softball Backstop and Foul Ball Line

Proposed budget of 2023-2024 was presented by the Village Treasure Tanya Digennaro. Trustee Clune reminded residents the larger reserves will give the Village flexibility for large purchases, something bonding does not. Trustee Finkbeiner reminds the board the aging sewer lines need to be replaced using some of this money along with grant money. Don Ferris wanted to know what the multiple asterisks were in the report, he couldn't find the footnotes and where the reserved funds are invested at and what rate. Tanya responded that the asterisk represents a zero to start. The First National Bank, at market rate and some at First Class Savings at a higher rate. The plan is to review this in six months and see if funds need to be moved. **Motion** to accept the 2023-2024 budget report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee Clune- **all ayes**.

Margaret Mellott, a new Cortland Standard reporter, was introduced by Trustee Clune.

Trustee Clune made a **Motion** to approve minutes of December 13 and December 20, 2022 as written, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes**

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

➤ **F & G Funds – Vouchers # 270-293 \$10,099.08**

➤ A Fund – Vouchers	# 763-817	\$23,905.18
➤ TA Fund – Vouchers	#100-102	\$3,441.88

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- No Report currently.

DPW/PARKS – The ice rink is waiting for colder weather. Trustee Finkbeiner would like to see the rink move to Calale Park for ease and the ability to accommodate other amenities. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee McGrath- **all ayes.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT –Trustee Finkbeiner asked if there is a way for residents to be just an EMS and not a full fireman. Chief Ford said to accommodate that the Village would have to have an EMS company. The floor is getting fixed. **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 Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack- **all ayes.**

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT- No Report currently.

RECREATION – There were refunds due to getting to the gym only on Saturdays and computer problems with the ski club. The leak in the storage barn roof needs to be fixed. **Motion** to accept the report as submitted by Trustee Finkbeiner, Seconded by Trustee McGrath- **all ayes.** **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve Recreation refunds as written, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes.**

WATER/SEWER – There have been a few leaks due to road repair this summer that they are working on. 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.**

Privilege of the floor: Fred Forbes Town of Homer Supervisor there is progress on the Wall St. bridge application. The Town has a new truck and there are new appointments.

Old Business: No updates

New Business:

County Legislators Kelly Preston and Kathy Bishop held an informational discussion on redistricting map based on the recent census.

On **Motion** by Trustee McGrath to approve the release of CDBG mortgages for 44 residents, Second by Trustee Clune– **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to reapprove the encumbrances for plow/truck, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes.**

Postpone the vote on the Town of Scott fire contract.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve prepossession of the Little White Church to Center for the Arts, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes.**

The Fire Department has acknowledged that associate member Tim Metcalf returned to active status.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to declare DPW material, shop lights, concrete forms and minivan, as surplus including Little White Church sign and frame, Second by Trustee Finkbeiner– **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to accept NYS Smart Growth Comprehensive Grant for \$76,500 to update the Village’s Comprehensive Plan Second by Trustee McGrath– **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to approve the payroll schedule for the calendar year 2023, Second by Trustee Clune– **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to approve water and sewer credits requests, Second by Trustee McGrath– **3 ayes, Trustee Slack abstained.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner to accept the bids from the sale of DPW items with Auction International, Second by Trustee Clune– **All ayes.**

There needs to be a meeting to discuss the LED sign law issues. The Mayor is requesting a doodle poll. May have to plan a work session.

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer has received a written request from the Homer Fire Department which seeks to be incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Section 404(f) of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law requires the approval of the Homer Village Board upon public hearing of Homer Fire Department’s application; and

WHEREAS, based on such request, may be in the public interest, and a public hearing on the matter should be held for such purposes, pursuant to Section 404(f) of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer shall convene and conduct a public hearing on February 14, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Village of Homer, 31 North Main Street, Homer, NY 13077 for the purpose of considering the incorporation of the Homer Fire Department, Inc. and that notice thereof shall be given by the Clerk as required by law.

On the Resolution, Trustee _____ moved, Trustee _____ seconded, and the Village Board of Trustees voted as follows:

Name:	Voting: Aye or Nay:
Mayor McCabe	_____
Deputy Mayor and Trustee Clune	_____
Trustee Finkbeiner	_____
Trustee Slack	_____
Trustee McGrath	_____

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. January 10, 2023

Dan Egnor, Village Clerk
Village of Homer

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to hold a Public hearing on Homer Fire Department incorporation as outlined in the resolution, Second by Trustee Slack– **All ayes.**

Attorney:

Dante is working to finalize the sale of the LWC and will amend the contract if the new owners need paperwork for the land swap.

Comments by Board Members:

Trustee McGrath had no further comments.

Trustee Slack would like to thank the DPW and the beautification committee for the holiday decorations. He would also like to help the committee in the future.

Trustee Clune would like to invite area Veterans and their spouses to a workshop on January 21, 2023, Marathon American Legion. This will be posted on Facebook and the Village web site. He is working with Cortland Housing and would like to talk to Wall St. residents about the future bridge work. The Town and the Police Department are still working on the move. There is a YouTube video showing the progress of the restoration of the LWC.

Trustee Finkbeiner would like to get a work session to plan to discuss some of the pressing issues.

Mayor McCabe had no further comments.

Questions from the Media:

Kevin Smith would like to know what the comprehensive plan is used for. It is a plan to show the residents the projects in the Village. There is no new information on DRI money.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee McGrath, the Board entered Executive session at 7:56 P.M. **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner, the Board exited Executive session at 8:12 P.M. **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune to approve the salary increase for the Recreation Director to meet the minimum wage threshold for exempt employees, Second by Trustee Finkbeiner– **All aye**

On Motion to adjourn by Trustee Clune Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner at 8:18 PM-**All ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Hoy, Account Clerk