

Village of Homer
Special/ Regular meeting of Trustees
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
7:00pm

This meeting was rescheduled from Monday, Nov 11 to Tuesday, November 12 in honor of Veterans Day, it was called to order at 7PM.

Those present: Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, Tammy Boen, and John Dodd, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Zoning, Dave Hermes, Attorney Marc Miller, several Village residents, not present, Clerk Sharon Jeffers.

Several residents voiced their concerns with adopting the international code book, enforcing current ordinances, hiring an outside person to enforce codes, and needing a police officer.

Attorney Marc Miller commented that the board can set a level of enforcement. He also stated that the board could adopt a hybrid version of the International code book.

Board Comments: Tammy Boen thank all for coming.

Jim White stated that if we are to codify ordinances they would be available online. A Police office can help with code enforcement, but you need to call Champaign County Sheriff for other issues. He also announced that November 21 at 10am will be a TIF joint review hearing, and December 9th will be our regular meeting at 7 and we will be having an employee Christmas dinner prior at 6pm.

Mike Johnson stated that Champaign County Sherriff has been contacted but due to staffing they are not able to contract with us at this time.

Minutes: Mike Johnson motioned to approve all minutes as presented, Skip James seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Village bills: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve payment of all Village bills, Tammy Boen seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Reports: Mike Johnson motioned to approve reports as presented, Tammy Boen seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

- Water loss is dropping, will be flushing hydrants next week. Jim White will be discussing fluoride concerns with the water committee.
- Preparing for pilot program at water treatment plant, backhoe is out for routine maintenance, and water park winterized.
- Trunk for treats went well, Christmas in Homer will be December 7th and Bingo at Charlies will be December 7th at 6pm. The Masonic Lodge will be starting euchre on Thursdays with Rec board and other organizations to help out starting the beginning of the year,

Ordinance 11122024A: Mike Johnson motioned to pass Ordinance 11122024A authorizing establishment of a TIF interested parties registry, and registry rules for TIF II District, Skip James seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 11122024B: Skip James motioned to pass Ordinance 11122024B to establish date for a public hearing for TIF II District, John Dodd seconded, roll call vote: : Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 11122024C: Mike Johnson motioned to pass ordinance 11122024C to enter into a TIF agreement with Janet Spies in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid in \$500 dollar increments of 3 years for installation of handicap ramp, Tammy Boen seconded, roll call vote: : Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Farnsworth change order: Mike Johnson motioned to approve change order with Farnsworth Group for the survey of Industrial subdivision in the amount of \$4,000.00, Ray Ryerson seconded, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Accept bids for excess Police department items has been extended to the December meeting to see if we get more bids.

Enforce current Ordinances: Mike Johnson motioned to table enforcement of current ordinances and recommend that the personnel committee come up with recommendations on how to deal with the ordinance violations and bring to the full board for approval, Ray Ryerson seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

- Jim White clarified that things take time and money. This process will not begin until after the holidays.
- Personnel committee to meet and encourages all board to attend. Meeting to be set at next months meeting.

Champaign County Animal Control was tabled until our current Ordinance can be reviewed regarding housing mean or vicious animals. We will need to amend our ordinance first if it doesn't state that we will not house.

Tax Levy: Mike Johnson motioned to pass Ordinance 11122024D passing FY25 Tax levy, Tammy Boen, seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Tammy Boen motioned to adjourn, Ray Ryerson seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Minutes taken by Cindy Pruitt, Treasurer, posted by Sharon Jeffers, Clerk

Homer Recreation

Village Hall

11.20.2024 7:00pm

Present: Sharon Jeffers, Perry Dable, Kim Dalle, Angel Dable, Rebecca Smith, and Casey Phillips

Christmas in Homer

Event set for Saturday, December 7th at 9am-2pm

- 23 spots filled by 18 vendors (about 5 people on the waiting list)
- Heritage Junior High is doing gift wrapping at the event as a fundraiser
- the committee will need to decorate for Santa's visit (rustic theme will be used for this year)
- Rebecca Smith's bench will be used for Santa and will be delivered on Thursday, December 5
- on Thursday, December 5 at 6pm the committee will mark out vendor spots with tape
- Casey Phillips will also be putting up the remaining decor, including the backdrop for Santa on Friday, December 6
- Casey Phillips is ordering the backdrop and will bring it on December 6
- Santa is confirmed and will be arriving at the event via firetruck
- Santa will be at the event from 10-11:30am
- kids books are being provided by the HCIA (Homer Community Improvement Association), but the committee will need to wrap them
- goodie bags for the kids will include a book, hot cocoa packet, cookies, and other treats
- the committee will put together 200 bags (50 more than last year) on Thursday, December 5
- the committee will give out small bags of popcorn complimentary during the event
- there are currently 843 people interested in the event on the Facebook event page
- vendors can set up on Friday, December 6 anytime after 1:30pm and must be finished by 7pm (doors will lock at 7pm and everyone must be out of the building at that time)

Bingo at Charlies

Next bingo is set for Saturday, December 7 6-8pm

- the committee (Sharon Jeffers) will bring extra chairs & their speaker (being used at Christmas in Homer earlier that day) to the event
- the extra chairs will be left at Charlie's after December 7 for future events
- Charlie's is getting/providing more tables
- bingo will be held the 1st Saturday of every month from 6-8pm at Charlie's
- bingo in January will be held on the 4th from 6-8pm

Euchre Tournament at Charlie's

First Euchre Tournament led by the Rec Board will be held on Thursday, January 9th

-the Homer Recreation Board will wait until January before we head up our first tournament

-Rec Board will lead the euchre tournament on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:15pm (sign up begins at 6pm)

-entry into the tournament is \$5 per person and the proceeds will serve as a fundraiser for that week's organization (each week is led by a different organization)

-Kim Dalle and Rebecca Smith will be heading the monthly tournament up for the Rec Board

-the 1st euchre tournament led by the Homer Recreation Board will be held on Thursday, January 9th

Homer Freedom & Music Festival

Festival is set for Thursday, July 3rd and Friday, July 4th

-X-Krush is being scheduled to play on July 3rd & working on opening band for that night

-Big Guns will be asked to play as the last act on July 4th

-Sharon Jeffers is working on contracts for these bands on the mentioned dates above

Village Halloween Party

Party took place on Thursday, October 31st from 5-7pm (food trucks starting at 4pm)

-this year's event was a success, and there were over 200 kids in attendance

-it was decided that we will not do the straw maze in the future, since it's always a lot of work and clean up (and this year was a success without it)

Next meeting: to be determined at our January bingo event on January 4th