

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
April 13, 2026
7:00pm

Those presents: Trustees: Matt Carlton, Skip James, Tammy Boen, John Dodd, and Dalton Bailey, Mayor/board president, Ray Ryerson, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Brody Cole, Maintenance/Water Ryan Byerley, Sewer Tom Parrish, Zoning/Ordinance Charles Montgomery, Attorney Gavin Gunter, Dennis Cummins/Farnsworth Engineer, and guest resident Roy Woodmansee, not present, Trustee Larry Oneal.

Public Comment: Roy Woodmansee spoke regarding IMRF. He is a retired IMRF employee and recommends that the Village join.

Board Comment: Tammy Boen thanked James Brown for cleaning up the property downtown.

Ray Ryerson informed the board that during the TIF Joint review meeting that the TIF Attorney suggested that the Village would be able to install all infrastructure for a subdivision in the field next to the Village.

Dennis Cummins also stated that he would like to do a TOPO survey for the property soon, or when there are no crops in the field.

John Dodd stated that we need more volunteers to mow at the Cemetery.

Minutes: Tammy Boen motion to approve regular, budget, and recreation minutes as presented, seconded by Skip James, all in favor, motion approved.

Bills: Skip James motioned to pay all Village bills as presented, seconded by Dalton Bailey, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Reports: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve monthly reports as presented, seconded by John Dodd, all in favor, motion approved.

- Company will be looking at the leak on the water tower
- Installing new water lines
- A few trees on S East St need to come down
- Farnsworth needs a couple weeks to complete report on the new water treatment plant
- Treasurer will be lowering the truck line item in proposed budget since new truck has arrived
- May 4th the sewer lagoon cover should be installed
- Zoning is picking up
- Ordinances slow until weather improves

Liquor License: Tammy Boen motioned to approve temporary liquor license for the Freedom and Music Festival hours to be, July 2nd 6-10pm, July 3rd 5-11pm, July 4th 1-10pm, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Grass seed: Tammy Boen motioned to purchase a pallet of grass seed in the amount of \$3755.00, seconded by Dalton Bailey, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

FY27 Budget: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve FY27 budget, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

MFT Resolution: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve R04132026, Resolution to reimburse Champaign County Highway in the amount of \$255,610.00 with MFT funds over a 5 year period, seconded by John Dodd, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

IEPA Loan Disbursement: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve IEPA Loan Disbursement, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

105 S White St: Dalton Bailey motioned to sell property located at 105 S White St with Option 1: Bid with notice in the paper published once a week for 3 weeks. Sealed bids with opening at least 30 days after the first publication and approved with ¾ vote, from Attorneys legal options, with a minimum bid of \$6,500.00 after the house has been demolished, seconded by Tammy Boen, , roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Village Hall rentals: Tammy Boen motioned to approve new Village Hall/Community Center rental ap and rules as presented which includes an increase from \$100 to \$150 for non residents, seconded by Dalton Bailey, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

IMRF Study: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve the submission of retirement study to possibly join the IMRF, Matt Carlton seconded the motion, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Frontier permit: Tammy Boen motioned to table until the Mayor can speak to Frontier with concerns of their current state of poles and lines, seconded by Dalton Bailey, all in favor, motion approved.

Homer Fire Protection District Golf Outing: Dalton Bailey motioned to sponsor the Homer Fire Protection District Fire Protection District Golf Outing in the amount of \$100, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, Joh Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Treasurer Brody Cole reminded the board that he will be doing the annual transfers to project funds with an increase to vehicle fund.

Dumpster Day: Dalton Bailey motioned to schedule Dumpster Day for June 13th with 3 dumpster with the possibility of 4, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.

Cemetery Weed eaters: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve purchase 3 battery operated Milwaukee weed eaters, 3 leaf blowers, 2-3 pack batteries, 6 chargers, and rubber blade for the Cemetery in the amount \$2,043.00, seconded by John Dodd, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

FY 27 meeting dates: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve the proposed FY 27 meeting dates, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn: Tammy Boen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Skip James, all in favor, motion approved.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Recreation Board
April 23, 2026
7:00pm

Those present: Rec Board members: Sharon Jeffers, Kim Dalle, Perry Dable, Angel Dable, Casey Phillips, and Elizabeth Jewell.

Family bingo went well. Going to try and make it an annual event.

We scheduled the community picnic for September 12th.

We will be having poster printed professionally and fliers to distribute around the area.

Paul Lewis will be speaking at 1:30 on the 4th. We are going to look for someone to sing the National Anthem.

Volunteer sign up should go up this week. We will be providing every volunteer a swag bag which will include a \$10 voucher for a food truck of their choice.

The festival schedule was set. It will be announced soon!

Adjourn 8:30pm

Library Board Meeting
Feb. 10, 2026
7:00 pm

Present: Kelli McQueen, Becci Powers, Director Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, Joe Rice, and Casey Phillips

Absent: Marci Heiser

Visitors: none

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ with the Friends wasn't here tonight for updates.

Secretary's Report: Joe moved to approve January meeting minutes as amended submitted by Casey. Becci seconded with a motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 9 months through the budget year and January closed out with account balances totaling \$102,967.17 with a net loss of \$2,179.81.

Budget Report: We have spent almost 60% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have now received about 80% of our estimated working/predictable income for this year.

Income: January's bulk of the income came from over \$1,400 from the tax levy and \$350 collected in membership fees. Total income for the month was \$1,831.26 with Year to Date Income less expenses ending at \$11,296.16.

Bills: Joe moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$518.24 from Amazon for books, office supplies, and DVDs. Casey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Kelli motioned to approve the purchase of the \$85 Techsoup software license and \$85 annual membership to RAILS. Joe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$132.99, IL Dept of Employment Security \$33.79, and US Treasury \$1,579.19

Librarian's Report: See Christine's full report for further details. The second quarterly Tech Grant report was successfully submitted. She is sending more information out to patrons on how to access Overdrive/Libby and will be updating the website with our new e-Resource options. Connexus pledged \$300 for the Summer Reading Program!

Old Business

Naloxone Update: 18 guests attended the presentation on Thurs. Jan. 29 and it was very well received.

Submittal of SEI's: All of have been sent in, receipts will arrive in the mail

Monical's Fundraiser: Set for Tuesday, March 31 at both St. Joe and Urbana locations. Flyers will go out to students after they return from spring break.

Library Cleaning Date: Annual spring cleaning set for March 7 at 7:00pm

New Business

Draft 2026-2027 Budget: Will finalize at March's meeting

IHLS Certification: completed

Discuss Director/Head Librarian (Human Resources) Core Standard: tabled

Discuss Possible Trustee: We have two seats that will need to be filled soon.

Adjourn: Kelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm, and Becci seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

Library Board Meeting

January 13, 2026

7:00 pm

Present: Kelli McQueen, Becci Powers, Director Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, Marci Heiser, and Casey Phillips

Absent: Joe Rice

Visitors: none

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ with the Friends wasn't here tonight to give an update.

President's Report: David looked into pest control procedures and found that the Village handles the scheduling for the whole property. He researched available grants and if we have the help of the Friends with their 501c3 status, we may have a couple we can apply for.

Secretary's Report: Marci moved to approve November's meeting minutes as submitted by Casey. Becci seconded with a motion passing unanimously. Motion to approve December's meeting minutes that were submitted by Joe was made by Becci and Casey seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 8 months through the budget year and December closed out with account balances totaling \$123,978.94 with a net loss of \$1,455.26.

Budget Report: We have spent over 52% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have now received about 76% of our estimated working/predictable income for this year.

Income: January's bulk of the income came from almost \$760 received from CD interest earnings, \$225 in membership fees, and a donation under the Mary Compton Memorial. Total income for the month was \$1,107.72 with Year to Date Income less expenses ending at \$13,475.97.

Bills: Marci moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$285.52 from Amazon for books and office supplies. Casey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Becci motioned to approve the \$335 yearly fee for membership renewal of the SWANK movie license to continue local programming activities. Kelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$113.60

Librarian's Report: See Christine's full report for further details. The library's Christmas wishlist tree provided 7 books, 3 storage totes, and a set of foam children' tiles from local generous

donors. The Annual Great Puzzle Race is set for Sat. Jan. 31 and we received another round of donated brand new puzzles for the event!

Old Business

Naloxone Requirement: Training has been set up to fulfill the new state mandate and will be on Thurs. Jan. 29. It will be open to the public as well and held at Village Hall.

Per Capita: Due Jan 30, we are to look through the electronic copy and plan to review Serving Our Public, chapters 1-6 at the next meeting.

Serving Our Public Submittal: in process of completion

Approval of EOY Compensation: Motion made by Marci and seconded by Kelli for bonus gifts for the director and assistant. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Prep for 2026-2027 Budget: We discussed best use of Tech Grant money as we looked over the future budget for updates.

Annual Book Award Winners: waiting for the announcement on Feb.1 to place orders

Request Family Reading Night Materials: reminder for Christine

Monical's date request: will look into available May dates

IHLS Certification: due March 31

Get Date for Freshman Orientation: It's usually around April and will confirm with the School.

Set Cleaning Dates: Everyone is welcome to stop in anytime and we set aside Feb. 28 and March 7 to make sure we get everything done.

Adjourn: Becci moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, and Kelli seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

Library Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2025

Present: David Steckel, Joe Rice, Becci Powers, Marci Heiser, & Library Director Christine Cunningham

Absent: Casey Phillips, Kelli McQueen

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

No Public Comment

No Friends of the Library Report (Cindy was not present)

President's Report: David noted that IHLS Member Day is February 19th if anybody wanted to register. He also recommended the ALA e-learning programs and noted that he & Becci have completed them.

Secretary's Report: Tabled until January meeting as Casey had a family emergency and was unable to submit minutes from November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: We are 7 months into the fiscal year with an account balance of \$125,434.20. It was noted that the balance of our 2025 Technology Grant had increased \$44.58 due to a refund.

Bills: Marci motioned to approve Visa Debit Charges totaling \$327.62 to Amazon (RIFF, books & office supplies), as well as \$20.80 to Bethalto Public Library District (Library Crawl Pins). Joe seconded. Motion carried. Other bills to note, \$116.20 to Illinois Department of Revenue.

Librarians Report: Christine gave librarians report. See attached. She had no bills. She mentioned that the new laptop computer had been set up, but she has not had a chance to use it. She also noted that Family Reading Night on November 20 did not happen due to her being out of state.

OLD BUSINESS

Naloxone Requirement – Christine will follow up with the Champaign County Health Department about providing the Naloxone & training on the use of it.

Per Capita Grant – Due 1/30/26. Christine will have draft ready for January board meeting.

Serving Our Public Review (Sections 7-12) – Trustees should continue to review. David will send his thoughts on sections 7-12 to Christine.

Trustee G-Drive – David will look into access issues pertaining to the G-Drive set up for board member use.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business on the agenda.

We discussed need to approve end-of-year compensation at January board meeting.

Joe motioned to adjourn. Becci seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Prepared by Joe Rice (Vice President) on 12/10/25

Library Board Meeting
November 11, 2025
7:00 pm

Present: Joe Rice, Kelli McQueen, Marci Heiser, Director Christine Cunningham, and Casey Phillips

Absent: David Steckel and Becci Powers

Visitors: none

Call to Order: Joe called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ was not here tonight to give an update.

Secretary's Report: Kelli moved to approve October's meeting minutes as amended and Marci seconded with a motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 6 months through the budget year and October closed out with account balances totaling \$126,206.66 with a net gain of \$4,064.80.

Budget Report: We have spent just over 43% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have now received almost 72% of our estimated working/predictable income for this year.

Income: October's bulk of the income came from over \$9,000 received from tax levy collection. Total income for the month was \$9,583.91 with Year to Date Income less expenses total increasing to \$15,703.69.

Bills: Marci moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$400.54 from Amazon and Thrift Books. Kelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$107.76 for income tax withholdings on payroll, \$50.70 to IL Employment Security, \$1,448.21 to the US Treasury, and \$360 to Puzey & Wright.

Librarian's Report: See report for further details. Highlights were receiving nearly 300 visitors during the Village Halloween Party, and Christine ordered a Dell laptop with Adobe software.

Old Business

Bank Signature: The signature card is in process of being completed by everyone at Prospect Bank.

Per Capita: Due 1/30/26 and Christine is working on sending it to us for review.

Serving Our Public: Review Chapters 1-6, tabled due to missing members

Information Literacy Month: Theme is "Know"-vember with educational materials on Fact vs Fiction: Is it AI or real?

Plan Charitable Giving: still working on outline

Family Reading Night: set for November 20

New Business

Trustee G-Drive: Tabled until David returns

Electronic Content Consortium for E-Resources: To move our former subscription from Boundless (Baker & Taylor) over to a new provider, Libby, it will cost \$185/year with a prorated amount due for this term.

Adjourn: Marci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm, and Kelli seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

Library Board Meeting
October 14, 2025
7:00 pm

Present: Kelli McQueen, Becci Powers, Director Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, Joe Rice, and Casey Phillips

Absent: Marci Heiser

Visitors: Cindy Happ with Friends of the Library

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ with the Friends reported that the winners of the bookmark contest have been announced and the bookmarks will be printed and ready to give out later this month. They are in the planning stages of their annual Tea Party fundraiser and are thinking of holding it possibly in early spring as they confirm their guest speaker's schedule.

Secretary's Report: Joe moved to approve September's meeting minutes as submitted by Casey and Becci seconded with a motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 5 months through the budget year and September closed out with account balances totaling \$122,141.86 with a net loss of \$970.50.

Budget Report: We have spent just under 34% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have now received about 55% of our estimated working/predictable income for this year.

Income: September's bulk of the income came from over \$800 received from CD interest earnings and \$300 in membership fees. Total income for the month was \$1,348.65 with Year to Date Income less expenses total decreasing to \$11,638.89.

Bills: Casey moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$240.31 from Amazon and Thrift Books. Becci seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Becci motioned to approve payment to Baker & Taylor for \$58.11. Kelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$108.77

Librarian's Report: See report for further details. We have an encyclopedia collection that needs a new home or can be used for an artistic endeavor. Christine would like to get those books moved out soon if anyone has any suggestions.

Old Business

RIFF Kickoff: Set for Wednesday Oct. 22 and we can use a few volunteers for Tuesday evening prior to set up and that Wednesday morning to help distribute.

Winter Holiday Closures & Compensation: The library will be closed Christmas Eve Day along with New Year's Day.

New Business

Bank Signatures: Need to add David to the signature card at Prospect Bank

Per Capita: Due Jan 30, we are to look through the electronic copy and plan to review *Serving Our Public*, chapters 1-6 at November's meeting.

Information Literacy Month: We discussed looking into providing education about detecting AI and how to decipher fact vs fiction online.

Discuss New Book Supplier: Baker and Taylor is going out of business this month and Christine has moved her October order over to Amazon. Ingram is overwhelmed with new accounts and it might be a while before we can get quotes from them. We also discussed how Baker and Taylor is the parent company over Boundless, which is our E-reader resource, and we may lose them too. She is looking into replacements.

Plan Charitable Giving: We discussed the need to send out a request letter to the community for donations since we're due for a mailing. We will work on a postcard layout with Christine.

Appoint a Committee for Employee Evaluations: Marci & Kelly agreed to head this.

Plan Family Reading Night: Scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20 and are thinking about themes for a fun program that evening.

Adjourn: Joe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm, and Kelly seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

Library Board Meeting

September 9, 2025

7:00 pm

Present: Kelli McQueen, Marci Heiser, Becci Powers, Director Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, Joe Rice, and Casey Phillips

Absent: none

Visitors: Cindy Happ with Friends of the Library

Call to Order: Joe called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Public Comment: none

Appoint New Trustees: A motion was made by David for Kelli McQueen to fill the open position of library trustee and seconded by Becci. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Oath of Office for New/Re-elected Trustees: Kelli McQueen was sworn in by Joe. Welcome Kelli!

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy gave an update on the bookmark contest with the winning artists having their bookmarks printed and distributed and they raised over \$80 for the library. The Strong Man Show, sponsored by the Friends, is set for 5:30pm at the Broadlands Festival later this month.

Secretary's Report: Becci moved to approve August's meeting minutes as submitted by Casey and David seconded with a motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 4 months through the budget year and August closed out with account balances totaling \$123,112.36 with a net gain of \$3,381.87.

Budget Report: We have spent just over 29% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have now received over 52% of our estimated working/predictable income for this year.

Income: This month's bulk of the income came from \$3,429.28 in tax levies received and a \$1,582.68 per capita grant coming in. We also brought in nearly \$500 in membership fees and over \$250 in C.D. interest as well! Total August Income was \$5,918.49 with Year to Date Income less expenses total increasing to \$12,609.39.

Bills: Casey moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$228.03 from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Walmart. Becci seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Becci motioned to approve payment to Baker & Taylor for \$187.62 and annual renewal LibraryWorld for \$540. Kelli seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$118.97

Librarian's Report: See report for further details. New legislation is requiring public libraries to keep on hand and be trained to administer naloxone as required by House Bill 1910. Christine will be reaching out to the county health department to inquire about kits and opioid overdose training.

Old Business

Review and Approve Policies: Becci moved to approve policies as amended and Marci seconded with motion passing unanimously.

9/20 Broadlands Festival: The festival is set for Saturday Sept 20, and Christine is checking if Sophie can sub at the library that day so Christine can be present at the Friends of the Library activities in Broadlands.

Technology Grant Update: The new children's computer is functioning great and Christine is looking into laptop options for presentation purposes next.

New Business

Elect New President: Marci moved to nominate David to assume the role of board president and Becci seconded with motion passing unanimously. Thank you David!

Appoint SEI Coordinator: Christine has been working that role with the help of the Village Clerk, Sharon, and she will add trustee training columns to her tracking spreadsheet to help all members stay up to date.

Appoint FOIA Officer: David volunteered to take on this role.

Assign Ethics Officer: Joe accepted the duties of the Ethics Officer.

Annual Sexual Harassment Training: We are waiting for the training window to open online to complete the module.

Treasurer Audit Prep: Completed and approved by the auditor

Adjourn: Joe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm, and Kelli seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary