Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
September 8, 2025
7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Larry O'Neal, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Tammy Boen, John Dodd, and Dalton Bailey, Mayor/Board President Roger Faulkner, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Brody Cole, Maintenance/Water Ryan Byerley, Sewer Tom Parrish, Zoning/Ordinance Officer Charles Montgomery, Attorney Marc Miller, and residents, David Stekel, Pat Perry, Brett Perry, Roy Woodmansee, Jim Lacey, Cody Lacey, Dave Robertson, Carla Carter, Michael Collins, Kevin Knott, and Elizabeth Stamps.

Board Comment: Mayor Roger Faulkner spoke updating the public on all the projects that the Village currently has going on, new water treatment plant, water main upgrade, downtown sidewalk, road and sidewalk entrance project, updating Village code, and hiring the code enforcer. He also let the public and board know that Champaign County Environmental Stewards approached the Village regarding a new collection center they would like to build in Champaign Urbana and they are asking for contributions from each Village to help build. The approximate cost for Home would be $6000. Next month Treasurer Brody Cole will make a presentation of the Goad fund.

Community Input: Dave Roberston commented that he did not feel that it is in the best interest of the Village to remove a long standing community member from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He felt that he should not be voted off. He also suggested that sidewalks on both sides of W First St to the School should be replaced.

Minutes: Dalton Bailey motioned to accept all minutes as presented, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.

Village Bills: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve payment of all Village bills as presented, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Reports: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve all reports as presented, seconded by John Dodd, all in favor, motion approved.

- Finished with the RO Pilot program
- Ryan will be meeting with engineers on Monday to go over water main replacement project
- Ameren will be taking some problem trees down for us and have given the Village information on some tree programs.
- Treasurer reported that all of the information has been collected by the auditor for the FY25 audit

Sale of real estate located at 307 W Crittenden: Dalton Bailey motioned to pass Ordinance 2025-O-09092025A, authorizing the sale of real estate located at 307 W Crittenden St, seconded by Larry O'Neal, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Sale of real estate located at O-09082025B authorizing the sale of real estate located at 205 S Church St, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Purchase of 205 S Main St: Larry O'Neal motioned to pass Ordinance O-09082025C authorizing the purchase of 205 S Main St for the purpose of Maintenance Building, seconded by Dalton Bailey, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Schomburg and Schomburg payment: Ray Ryerson motioned to make first payment to Schomburg and Schomburg for downtown sidewalk replacement in the amount of $53618.52, seconded by Larry O'Neal, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved. '

Removal of Planning Commission and Zoning board of appeals member: Dalton Bailey motioned to remove Jim Lacey for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Larry O'Neal, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, abstain, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Tammy Boen, abstain, John Dodd, abstain, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Appoint new members: Larry O'Neal motioned to appoint Sawyer Longfellow and Elizabeth Stamps to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of appeals, seconded by Dalton Bailey, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

PTC Sponsorship: Tammy Boen motioned to make a donation to PTC for this years Hawk Walk in the amount of $100, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

October meeting: Tammmy Boen motioned to chang the October meeting to Monday, October 6th, seconded by Ray Ryerson, all in favor, motion approved.

Community input: Carla Carter commented on the fluoride in our water and asked how we could get the state to change the mandate, may start a petition.
Larry O'Neal asked if the Fire Department could use the property on W Crittenden for training, should be no problem.

Adjourn: Tammy Boen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ray Ryerson, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn: 7:49pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Special Meeting of Trustees
September 15, 2025
6:00pm

Special meeting was held to pass amended Ordinance to purchase 205 S Main for the purpose of Maintenance Building.

Those present: Trustees: Larry O'Neal, Skip James, John Dodd, Dalton Bailey, and Ray Ryerson, not present Tammy Boen, also present, Mayor Roger Faulkner, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, and Maintenance/Water Ryan Byerley, and Treasurer Brody Cole.

Ray Ryerson motioned to pass Ordinance O-09152025, amending the contract for purchase of 205 S Main St for the purpose of Maintenance building to the amount of $193,750.00, seconded by John Dodd, roll call vote: Larry O'Neal, yes, Skip James, yes, John Dodd, yes, Dalton Bailey, yes, and Ray Ryerson, yes, motion approved.

- Treasurer Brody Cole suggests that we pay for building out of TIF Funds

Ray Ryerson motioned to allow Homer Fire Protection District to remove items from Village house at 312 W Crittenden for the Village to use or sell, then they will use the home for Fire training, seconded by Dalton Bailey, all in favor, motion approved.

Ray Ryerson motioned to adjourn, seconded by John Dodd, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn: 6:13pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers Village Clerk

Library Board Meeting
July 8, 2025
7:00 pm

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

Absent: none

Visitors: Kelli McQueen

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

> **Appoint New Trustees**: A motion was made by Joe for David Steckel and Casey Phillips to continue their positions as library trustees and seconded by Marci. Motion passed with unanimous approval.
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> **Oath of Office for New/Re-elected Trustees**: David and Casey were sworn in by board president, Chantelle.

Public Comment: Board members introduced ourselves around the table to our interested potential board member, Kelli McQueen, a Homer resident since 2020.

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy was not present tonight for an update.

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

Treasurer's Report: We are 2 months through the budget year and June closed out with account balances totaling $107,226.33 with a net loss of $1,210.95.

> **Budget Report**: We have spent 12% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have only received just 4.6% of our estimated working/predictable income for this year though and hope to receive a portion of the tax levies within the next month to help balance us out.
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> **Income**: This month's bulk of the income came from CD interest and the Monical's fundraiser that was held in May. Total June Income was $2,025.81 with a Year to Date Income less expenses dropping to -$3,276.64.
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> **Bills**: Becci moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling $311.25 from Amazon, ThriftBooks, Office Depot, and IL Library Association Membership dues (contains Illinois Libraries Present webinars subscription). David seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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> Joe motioned to approve payment to Baker & Taylor for $278.39 and office/book supplies bill from Demco for $217.70, Marci seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Casey moved to approve $30 summer reading program fee for participation through the Champaign County Forest Preserve District (CCFPD). Joe seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Becci moved to approve $3,664 payment to AWE Learning for a new children's desktop. This amount will be paid from a technology grant coming in that Christine applied for. David seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for $107.88 and $15 to Prospect Bank for the library's annual safe deposit fee. Becci is confirming safe renewal with Prospect Bank.

Librarian's Report: See report for further details. A patron mentioned she would like to see more morning hours available, which brought up the need to begin monitoring the next several months to determine what seasonal hours would be best suited for the community moving forward. Christine finished the IPLAR report and submitted it at the end of June. She has plans to do another sweep of the library's collection to remove some unused resources. The parking lot is being resurfaced July 21-25 and we will lose use of the entire parking lot for up to a couple of days during that timeframe. The library will need to be closed during that maintenance and will make a public announcement about the closure as soon as we are notified of the exact dates. Christine will be going back to Vermont at the end of July and Sophie and a sub will cover those hours she will be out. A Boyscout member looked at the children's train clubhouse and is putting together a plan for changes and repairs to be presented to the board for approval once their leaders ok the project.

Old Business

Elect Officers: All positions will remain the same. David motioned for Chantelle to remain President and FOIA & Ethics Officer, Joe as Vice-President, Becci as Treasurer, and Casey as Secretary. Marci seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and Approve Proposal from Village re: PPRT: The Village responded to our letter with an offer of $10k total owed to be paid back over 4 years ($2,500/yr) and then 16.88% to be paid out annually this year forward.. We agreed next step is creating a formal written agreement with details for both boards to review for final approval.

Update: Annual Report to Mayor: TBD, working on a draft

Update: FY 2025 Technology Grant: HCL was approved to receive a technology grant totaling $12,500 that we'll need to report back on every quarter with our expenses, and we have 2 years to use it (June 30, 2027). We need to decide priorities now that the children's computer has been ordered, like maybe more e-reader tablets? We will discuss further as needs arise while making a plan.

New Business

Library Board Meeting
August 12, 2025
7:00 pm

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

Absent: none

Visitors: Kelli McQueen (joining board tonight)

Call to Order: Chantelle Thompson 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 board president, Chantelle. Welcome Kelli!

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy was not present tonight for an update. The annual bookmark decorating voting contest will continue until end of August. There are 14 submissions and voters choose their favorites by donating their change in the designated artists' jars. They are working on advertising the Strong Man Show at the Broadlands Festival and will feature the pick-a-pin fundraiser board at their booth again.

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

Treasurer's Report: We are 3 months through the budget year and July closed out with account balances totaling $119,730.49 with a net gain of $12,504.16.

Budget Report: We have spent just over 32% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have now received over 53% of our estimated working/predictable income for this year due to receiving the predicted tax levies and technology grant this past month.

Income: This month's bulk of the income came from $8,700 in tax levies received and the $12,500 technology grant. Total July Income was $21,366.97 with a Year to Date Income less expenses increasing to $9,227.52.

Bills: Joe moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling $460.98 from Amazon, Lakeshore Learning, Good Housekeeping, and Demco. Marci seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Banned Book Week Planning: This is set for the last week of September and then Christine is planning a month of displays in October and would appreciate the help and input for this process. Kelli stated that she would like to help Christine with the project.

Community Day: The library will have a STEM table set up.

Accept President's Resignation: Chantelle submitted her resignation through email to the board members this past week. Marci moved to approve her total resignation from the library board, Casey seconded. Motion carried. Thank you for your services Chantelle!

Adjourn: Becci moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm, and Joe seconded with motion passing unanimously.

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

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

approved.

Policy Review: David and Christine have started working on the digital consolidation and formatting of the policies to upload to the website and the employee policies will be separated into a second book for easy access and updating.

Broadlands Festival: Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 20 and the Friends of the Library is working with Christine on hosting a guest slot in the schedule with an ABL graduate that is a Strong Man performer.

Adjourn: Becci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm, Joe seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, Aug 12, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary