

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

Those present: 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 Parrsh, Zoning/Ordinance Charles Montgomery, Attorney Gavin Gunter, and Farnsworth's Dennis Cummins, not present Trustee Larry Oneal.

No Public Comment

Board Comment: Mayor Ray Ryerson thanked the Rec Board for all their work on the Festival and reminded people that they always need volunteers.

Minutes: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve regular, special, and personnel meeting minutes as presented, Tammy Boen seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Village bills: Tammy Boen motioned to pay all bills as presented including Gasvoda and Associates in the amount of \$235,771.00 and Schomburg and Schomburg in the amount of \$22,031.95 for insurance sewer repairs, Dalton Bailey seconded, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Reports: Dalton Bailey motioned to accept reports as given, Skip James seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

- Main project will hopefully be completed in a couple of weeks.
- Storm Tile has been repaired
- Sewer cover repair almost complete

IEPA Loan Disbursement #4: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve IEPA Loan Disbursement #4 in the amount of \$505,465.90 to B&T Drainage and Farnsworth Group for Water Main Project, Skip James second, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

East Side Downtown Sidewalk: Dalton Bailey motioned to hold off on East side Main St sidewalk project in the estimated amount of \$529,000.00 until discussion at next fiscal budget talks, Tammy Boen seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

New Water Treatment Plant: Skip James motioned to go with the Softening water treatment plant option, Tammy Boen seconded, roll call: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Garage extension for new treatment plant: Dalton Bailey motioned to not add extension for garage to new water treatment plant, Matt Carlton seconded, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 2026-O-07132026A: Tammy Boen motioned to pass Ordinance authorizing the sale by bidding process of 105 S White St, Dalton Bailey, seconded, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 2026-07132026B: Dalton Bailey motioned to pass Annual Appropriation Ordinance for 2026-2027, Skip James seconded, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Purchase Vac Trailer: Dalton Bailey motioned to approve purchase of Vermeer vacuum excavator trailer in the amount of \$155,600.00, which includes freight, warranty service, title and license fees, Skip James seconded, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Playground Mulch: Dalton Bailey motioned to purchase playground mulch for Village Hall playground in the amount of \$2700.00, John Dodd seconded, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

IMRF: Dalton Bailey motioned to enter into the IMRF retirement program, Skip James second the motion, roll call vote: Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Personnel meeting has been scheduled for 6pm Thursday, July 16th

Executive Session: Skip James motioned to enter into executive session for the limited purchase of discussing the purchase of real property for the use of the Village pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5).", Dalton Bailey seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Enter into executive session 7:50pm

Continue regular meeting 8:02pm

Dalton Bailey motioned to authorize the Mayor to bid on property located at 109 N Main St at the Trustee Auction, Skip James seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn: Tammy Boen motioned to adjourn, Skip James second, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 8:05pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Personnel Committee Meeting
July 16, 2026
6:00pm

Those present: Committee members: Tammy Boen, John Dodd, and Matt Carlton, trustees Larry Oneal and Dalton Bailey, Mayor Ray Ryerson, Treasurer Brody Cole, Maintenance Ryan Byerley, and Clerk Sharon Jeffers

The committee discussed hiring a full-time employee for the maintenance department.

Below are the recommendations from the committee:

The personnel committee would like to recommend hiring a full-time Maintenance and Facilities worker. Starting pay begins at \$20 an hour, with possibly of higher rate dependent on experience, list of duties attached. There would be a 90-day probation period. The employee would receive health insurance with the Village contributing 75% and employee contribution of 25%, for employee only. Dependents can be added at full cost to employee. After 90-day probation period, the employee would be eligible for the IMRF and starting 1 week vacation, 5 personnel days, and 5 sick days.

We would like to begin accepting applications as soon as possible.

We also would like to discuss current employee pay to reflect new position.

Buy in for current two eligible IMRF employees. The committee recommends that the Village buy back the time for current employees, Clerk Sharon Jeffers and Ryan Byerley. Recommended buy back would be Ryan's catch-up amount divided by his years of service, multiply that rate per year to Sharon's years of service.

Matt Carlton motioned to adjourn, seconded by John Dodd, motion approved.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk



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Village of Homer Full Time Maintenance and Facilities Worker

Job Description

- Starting pay \$20 (Could increase with experience)
 - Full time 40 hours a week with possible overtime in emergency situations
 - 30 day probational period
 - Health Insurance for employee, Village pays 75%, employee 25% (Family can be added at full cost to employee)
 - Vacation, personnel days, and sick days annually after probation period
 - IMRF retirement after probation period
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- Must be able to work outdoors year-round. Some duties include stormwater, water, and sewer infrastructure repairs, plowing and shoveling snow, building repairs and maintenance, Brush pickup, street and sidewalk maintenance, meter reading, flushing hydrants, water treatment plant operations, mowing, Julie locates, and other duties as assigned.
 - Be able to operate heavy equipment
 - Will need to obtain spray license.
 - Be available for emergency situations (Storms, main breaks, etc.)

Village of Homer
Recreation Board
July 16, 2026
7pm

Those present: Sharon Jeffers, Doug Jeffers, Casey Phillips, Angel Dable, Perry Dable, and Elizabeth Jewel.

We reviewed this year's festival. Besides the weather being a factor, we felt it went very well. We would like to continue with a three day festival again next year. We would like to look into the foam play area for the kids.

Since Charlies can not do Aug 1st we will be doing a bingo session at the Village Hall on that day. We will have a second session at Charlies on Aug 15th.

Charlies has informed us that Aug 15th will be their last day. They have offered there building to continue bingo, but the board has decided to move it to the Village Hall permanently if the Village Board will allow bring your own beer and wine. We will have food trucks and possible "runners" to deliver food to the players.

We would like to thank the owners of Charlies for all they have done at the Aug 15th bingo session. We will be purchasing special honorary rec board shirts for them.

We will also be doing a fall and spring family bingo at the Village Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

Posted
Sharon Jeffers
Rec Board President

Village of Homer
Special Meeting of Village Trustees
July 27, 2026
6:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Larry Oneal, Matt Carlton, Skip James, Tammy Boen, John Dodd, and Dalton Bailey, Board President/Mayor Ray Ryerson, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Brody Cole, and Maintenance Ryan Byerley.

Full-Time Maintenance and Facilities Worker: Larry Oneal motioned to create a Full-time Maintenance and Facilities worker position, and the job description as presented, and start accepting applications, John Dodd seconded the motion, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

IMRF: Tammy Boen made the motion to buy in Ryan Byerley's retirement at estimated amount of \$29,857.00 and Sharon Jeffers at estimated amount of \$69,666.56, Dalton Bailey seconded the motion, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Employee pay: Tammy Boen motioned to raise Dave Ellis, part-time maintenance, to \$20.50 an hour, Skip James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Village Hall: Tammy Boen motioned to amend rules for Village Hall to allow bring your own beer and wine, John Dodd seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn: Larry Oneal motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 6:33pm

Posted:
Sharon Jeffers
Village of Homer Clerk

Library Board Meeting

May 19, 2026

7:00 pm

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

Absent: Joe Rice

Visitors: Cindy Happ representing Friends of the Library, Mary Anderson, and Tim Bender

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

President's Report: Christine was nominated by a resident for a special award, ~~and won~~. Banned book week is the first week in October and Christine is making displays for the themed-month. Library card sign up awareness is in ~~November~~. *September*. David has been working on the library's website to make it more accessible and will be reaching out to GoDaddy for help with the transition to the required formatting that is mandatory in April 2028.

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy Happ reported that the Friends brought in around \$720 from the flower fundraiser and have a few remaining baskets left to be sold. The booksale during town-wide garage sale brought in over \$200.

Secretary's Report: Kelli moved to approve May's meeting minutes as amended and Becci seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 12 months through the budget year and April closed out with account balances totaling \$113,083.07 with a net loss of \$6,155.45.

Budget Report: We have spent almost 82% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have received a total of 86.33% of our estimated working/predictable income for this fiscal year.

Income: April's bulk of the income came from fundraising/gifts and memberships & services.

Total income for the month was \$736.29 with Year to Date Income less expenses ending at \$2,580.10

Bills: Kelli moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$2,347.78 for Amazon orders, Scholastic RIFF, GoDaddy, Consumer Reports magazine renewal, and a new Dell computer.. Becci seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$109.77, Puzey & Wright \$955, IL Dept of Employment Security \$49.05, and US Treasury \$1,441.58.

Librarian's Report: See Christine's full report for further details. She has the ^{new} touch screen computer set up! The library received 2 sponsors to support the summer reading program and will be starting next month on Tuesday afternoons. We are looking for volunteers to man the library info table at the Wednesday Homer Farmer's Market. The treasurer's bond that we pay will be reduced to \$50 out of \$150 by renewing under the Village's resources beginning this year.

Old Business
None

New Business

Accept Marci Heiser's Resignation: Becci moved to accept Marci board resignation, Kelli seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Discuss & Appoint Tentative Trustees: Kelli moved to appoint Mary Kay Anderson and Tim Bender as HCL trustees. Becci seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Welcome Mary & Tim!

Appoint Secretary Audit Committee: Kelli and David will review the secretary binder for 2025-2026

Discuss & Approve Non-Resident Fee FY 2026-27: Kelli moved to slightly increase fee to \$50 yearly for non-residents beginning July 1. Becci seconded and motion passed Unanimously.

IPLAR Reminder: for Christine

Discuss Heritage Demographics Relating to RIFF: We will have a dedicated table to multicultural subjects that stays out for the whole program.

Grant Project Planning: Discussed how to explore where needs are not being met in the community that the library could help with. We plan to talk to Dr. Norton, consider advertising home delivery services (homebound outreach), and discuss the feasibility of a mentor program.

Adjourn: Mary moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, and Tim seconded with motion passing unanimously.

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

Approved as ammended.

Library Board Meeting

June 9, 2026

7:00 pm

Present: Kelli McQueen, Becci Powers, Director Christine Cunningham, David Steckel, Tim Bender, Mary Anderson, and Casey Phillips

Absent: Joe Rice

Visitors: Cindy Happ representing Friends of the Library

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

President's Report: David explained what the OMA, Sexual Harassment training, SEI forms, and trustee short takes videos were about and how to go about registering as a board member.

Friends of the Library Report: Cindy was present and gave an update on the annual tea party event. They had 28 guests that enjoyed various teas and a sampling of snacks along with learning about their recipes. The event brought in \$270.

Secretary's Report: Mary Kay moved to approve May's meeting minutes as amended and Kelli seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We are 1 month through the budget year and May closed out with account balances totaling \$111,493.99 with a net loss of \$1,589.08

Budget Report: We have spent almost 5% of the budget for this fiscal year. We have received a total of 1.97% of our estimated working/predictable income for this fiscal year and if we do not receive tax levy funds before July's quarterly taxes are due, we may need to break one of our CDs early to cover costs.

Income: May's bulk of the income came from gifts, membership dues & CD interest. Total income for the month was \$953.10 with Year to Date Income less expenses ending at \$1,589.08.

Bills: Kelli moved to approve Visa Debit charges totaling \$607.25 for Amazon orders and Summer Reading fee. Tim seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Kelli moved to approve \$187.50 payment to RAILS subscription. Becci seconded and motion passed unanimously. Mary Kay moved to approve the \$45 fee to the Champaign County Forest Preserve for the Summer Reading program. Kelli seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Other Bills to Note: IL Dept. of Revenue for \$110.51

Librarian's Report: See Christine's full report for further details. She is working on collecting data for completing this year's IPLAR. Summer Reading Program has started with 20

registrations and will end on July 7th with their last prize day. The Amazon Programming Wishlist was posted to Facebook and nearly \$200 in supplies was donated!

Old Business

None

New Business

Library Schedule during July 4th weekend: We will be closed only on Saturday July 4th, and due to the town festival, will keep only the side door to library unlocked during operating hours.

Library Participation in July 4th Parade: We have a few trustees that would like to work on a theme for the library float. Updates to the group will be forwarded.

IL Libraries Present Season 6: We agreed to renew our subscription for \$60.

Group Sexual Harassment Training: Present trustees watched a training video for this segment together before the end of the meeting.

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

Next scheduled monthly meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Casey Phillips, Secretary

approved as submitted.