

Village of Homer  
Water Committee Meeting  
January 28, 2022  
4:30pm

Those Present: Committee members, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, and Jim White, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Water/Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, and Engineer Kevin Hannel.

The water quality report was reviewed.

The next step will be deciding what we want to address with our new plant.

Looked at plants that Farnsworth has done.

What size of footprint is needed? How big? How far from residents? Plant and or system?

Next steps needed: Finish water quality goals. Sight options

Recommending to board to mirror the Lexington plant minus Chlorine Gases.

Concentrate of removal of Iron, Manganese, Ammonia, and Total organic carbons

Design phase will be additional engineering fees.

Meeting adjourned 6:09pm

Village of Homer  
Budget Meeting 4  
February 14, 2022  
6:00pm

Those Present: Trustees: Guy James, Mike Johnson, Jim White, Joe Bear, Skip James, and Ray Ryerson, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, and Maintenance/water, Ryan Byerley.

Cemetery Budget:

Add income from columbarium/niches separately

51101 Building repairs lower to \$5,000.00

52101 Grounds and Maintenance raise from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for landscaping around columbariums

65501 Fuel raise to \$2,000.00

91101 Public relations raise to \$1500.00 for seasonal port a pot

93201 Heavy Equipment rental raise to \$1,000.00

94201 Leave equipment at \$5,000.00 look into hole auger

95201 Projects fund raise to \$3,000.00

Goad Budget:

Switch amounts of charitable trust law and investment distribution

Drop Cemetery line item to \$1,000.00

General Fund:

Items for budget discussion, furnace/air for Village Office, new rugs, and windows and doors resealed.

51801 raise to \$2,000.00 for mulch.

To resume at February 28<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

Adjourn: 6:50pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
Regular meeting of Trustees  
February 14, 2022  
7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Guy James, Ray Ryerson, Skip James, Jim White, Joe Bear, and Mike Johnson, Village Mayor/Board President, Jeremy Richards, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, and Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, also present, Don Happ, Ivy Corson, Tom Parrish, and Engineer Dennis Cummins.

Community Input: A resident asked who is responsible if they scoop Village sidewalk at their residence and someone falls on the ice, the Village or the resident. Clerk will research this.

Board Comment: The board liked the new bill voucher system. Thanks was given to the Maintenance Dept for snow removal. The board was recommended to call their state reps and let them know we are against new proposed TIF Legislation.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve all minutes as presented, Skip James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Village Bills: Guy James made the motion to pay Village bills as presented, Mike Johnson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Transfer of funds: Joe Bear made the motion to transfer entire amount of TIF eligible Police Equipment from TIF to Police not to exceed \$17,000.00, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, recuse, Guy James, present, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Straw poll vote: Should we repair generator at sewer plant, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes.

Monthly reports: Joe Bear made the motion to approve monthly reports as presented, Ray Ryerson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Water loss larger this month, trying to locate the problem
- New maintenance calendar works well
- Maintenance and Mayor will meet monthly to keep updated on maintenance department
- Generator at sewer plant needs repaired
- Need to look into a fence in the alley

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Jim White made the motion to host a music fest in place of the fireworks due to supply chain issues, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 021422A: Mike Johnson made the motion to pass Ordinance 021422A, entering into Intergovernmental TIF Agreement with South Homer Township in the amount of \$15,000.00, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, abstain, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Guy James, recuse, Jeremy Richards, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 021422B: Mike Johnson made the motion to pass Ordinance 021422B, entering into Intergovernmental TIF agreement with Heritage Schools in the amount of \$26,000.00, Skip James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Guy James, recuse, Jeremy Richards, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 021422C: Joe Bear made the motion to enter into intergovernmental TIF Agreement with Homer Fire Protection District in the amount of \$15,000.00, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Guy James, recuse, Mike Johnson, abstain, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 021422D: Joe Bear made the motion to enter into TIF Agreement with Dyke and Ivy Corson in the amount of \$6,182.51, Jim White second the motion, roll call: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Guy James, recuse, Jeremy Richards, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 021422E: Joe Bear made the motion to enter into TIF Agreement with Happ-Y Daze Shine LLC in the amount of \$311,473.00, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, abstain, Guy James, recuse, Jeremy Richards, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Water/sewer agreement tabled until March meeting

Equipment rental: Guy James made the motion to rent a plug aerator in the amount of \$690.00 for a week, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, no, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, no, motion approved.

- Make sure there are provisions for rain
- Look into purchase of aerator

Purchase of 18" backhoe bucket tabled until March meeting

Rock at sewer plant: use the black top grindings

Backwash meter: Mike Johnson made the motion to purchase a backwash meter for water plant in the amount of \$1382.42, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, no, Jim White, no, Jeremy Richards, yes, motion approved.

Inurnment pricing tabled until March meeting

Farnsworth Sidewalk engineering agreement table until more information is gathered.

- Will Dollar General pay for the portion on their property?
- Will Dollar General and Fire Department grant easements?
- How much will sidewalk cost?
- Where will funding come from?
- Will have a streets and Alleys Committee meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

Water Committee Recommendations: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve Water Committees recommendation For water plant design to mirror Lexington plant minus chlorine gas, and to concentrate on reducing iron, manganese, ammonia, and organic carbons, and to request engineering design cost, Ray Ryerson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Personnel recommendations: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve employee pay rate increases as follows: Sharon Jeffers, and Cindy Pruitt 4%, John Rouse 3%, Ryan Byerley, 2%, Dale Katterhenry \$1.00 an hour, Dave Ellis \$.50 an hour, and Zoning administrator to receive permit fees collected, Skip James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn 8:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

## Homer Community Library Board Minutes

February 8, 2022

**Present:** Jill Weathers, Joe Rice, Becci Powers, Troy Schiff, Chris Thompson, Chantelle Thompson, Mary Kay Anderson, Christine Cunningham Library Director.

No public

Jill called the meeting or order at 7:03 pm.

**Friends of the Library Report:** 51 books were purchased for the library from fundraising last year. Some were geared for Junior High. The Winter Bookmark contest is ongoing.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes for the Employee Evaluations were read and Becci moved to approve them as read. Chantelle seconded. Motion carried.

January minutes were read, there were some corrections. Chantelle moved to accept the minutes as amended, Troy seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance is \$34,065.85, Other Funds balance is \$96,344.14.

**Bills:** Joey moved to pay Visa Debit charges of \$292.68. Chantelle seconded, Motion carried.

Becci moved to pay Baker and Taylor \$213.43. Joey seconded, Motion carried.

Bill to note: Illinois Department of Revenue \$96.83.

**Librarian's Report:** The library was closed 2 days due to weather.

\*iRead Summer Reading materials are ordered. Using the Illinois Humanities Covid-19 Relief Grant.

\*Fluorescent lights will be switched to LED.

\*FOIA-Village received documents. We found that each village entity is to document who was the FOIA officer and their term from the year 2000 to present.

\* Discuss in the future about out-of-state library loans and making a policy because we're getting a lot of requests.

OLD BUSINESS

**Business Directory Magnet:** A new proof will be sent soon.

**Investments:** Chesser Financial will be meeting with Jill, Christine and Becci, soon via Zoom.

**Monical's:** The Board suggested not a board meeting night, and possibly in May, not July. Maybe August. Mary Kay will set up a date online.

**Budget:** Christine presented a projected budget.

Village of Homer  
GAR Cemetery Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
5:00pm

Those present: Committee Members, Joe Bear, Billy Mitchell, Ray Cunningham, Jeremy Richards, and Clerk Sharon Jeffers

Inurnment costs for niches was discussed.

Recommendation for the full board is as follows:

- \$50.00 weekday
- \$75.00 weekend
- \$150.00 holiday
- Veteran discounts to be applied

Maintenance pay for weekend inurnment \$50.00 for weekend and \$100.00 for holiday's. Will call Committee first to see if a member can volunteer time for the weekend/holiday inurnments.

Next meeting March 22, 2022.

Adjourn 5:25pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Clerk

Village of Homer  
Streets and Alleys Committee  
February 28, 2022  
5:00pm

Those present: Committee members: Jim White, Joe Bear, Skip James, Mayor Jeremy Richards, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, and trustee Ray Ryerson.

Placement of sidewalk to Dollar General was discussed. Need to contact Dollar General to see what they would allow.

How to fund the project was discussed. It could cost anywhere between \$75,000.00 and \$100,000.00.

It was discussed to whether or not our in house Maintenance department could do the sidewalk with engineer specs.

The Committee recommends to the board to hire Farnsworth to engineer sidewalk and to pay engineering fees with Goad funds. Then install sidewalk when funds are available.

Possibly do a survey to see if residents would prefer a sidewalk to Dollar General or new sidewalks downtown.

Adjourn 5:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer  
Budget 5  
February 28, 2022, 6:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Joe Bear, Guy James, Mike Johnson, Jim White, Skip James, and Ray Ryerson, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, and Maintenance/water, Ryan Byerley.

General fund budget was reviewed:

Straw Poll vote was taken to make Janitor position a monthly salary of \$500, all in favor.

Raise line item 42501 Janitors salary from 5,500 to 6,500

Lower line item 51901 Storm sewer drainage from 15,000 to 5,000 (arpa funds to be used)

Lower line item 52101 Village Maintenance/improvements from 7,500 to 6,000

- Need to repair net on equipment at park
- Confined space equipment was discussed

Raise line item 55201 telephone from 5,000 to 5,500

Lower line item 57001 Street light (utilities) from 8,000 to 7,000

Raise line item 57301 siren utilities from 1,200 to 1,700

Lower line item 59101 insurance liability from 18,000 to 15,000

Raise line item 59201 Insurance workman's comp from 12,000 to 16,000

Raise 65101 Office supplies from 3,500 to 3,800

Raise line item 65501 Fuel from 4,500 to 10,000

Raise line item 65601 farmland from 3,000 to 4,000 (discuss future of farmland)

Lower 91101 Public relations from 11,500 to 7,000

Next meeting we will review all accounts including Arpa and projects funds

Adjourn: 6:56pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk



Village of Homer  
Personnel Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 2022  
5:30pm

Those Present: Personnel Committee members: Skip James, Mike Johnson, and Jim White, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Board Members, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, and Joe Bear.

Applications for Janitor position were reviewed.

The committee would like to recommend Stephanie Rice to be hired as janitor. Pay would start at \$450 a month for three months, if going well pay will be increased to \$500 a month.

- If any other apps are receiving they will be reviewed
- Job description will be amended to state must work alone, no outside help, family, children, friends, etc.

Applications were reviewed for Waste Water Operator. It was agreed to wait for more applications and review again.

Meeting adjourned 5:48pm

Village of Homer  
Budget Meeting  
March 7, 2022  
6:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Mike Johnson, Guy James, Jim White, Joe Bear, Skip James, and Ray Ryerson, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, and Maintenance Ryan Byerley.

Projects funds were reviewed

Budgets were reviewed

Changes made to TIF

Lower 51101 Village Hall from 10,000 to 5,000  
Lower 51401 Maint Building repairs from 25,000 to 5,000  
Lower 52101 Village Improvements from 20,000 to 10,000  
Lower 53201 Engineering from 60,000 to 50,000  
Lower 70001 Water tower Mint program from 40,000 to 39,000  
Remove 74001 well rehab  
Lower 75001 well maintenance from 20,000 to 5,000  
Lower tree removal/planting from 15,000 to 5,000  
Remove 82101 purchase property  
Lower 86101 Streets and Sidewalks from 20,000 to 10,000  
Lower 89001 Downtown development from 15,000 to 5,000

Meeting adjourned