

Village of Homer
Water Committee Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
6:00pm

Those Present: Committee members, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Board members, Skip James, and Joe Bear, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, and resident, Christine Cunningham.

It was discussed to place a new meter on First St resident to determine if it is a bad meter or resident has a leak.

Well 3 is down until further notice. The part is under warranty but the labor will cost \$10,000 to \$12,000.

The Aerator at the water plant is very thin, a hole was patched solved the problem the best they could. It is a significant issue. A new aerator cost \$75,000.00.

Ryan will continue to research and monitor the situation and keep Mayor Richards, and Ray Ryerson informed.

Meeting adjourned 6:20pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
6:30pm

Those Present: Board members, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, Skip James, and Joe Bear, and Mike Johnson, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/water, Ryan Byerley, Chief of Police, John Rouse, and resident, Christine Cunningham.

Recreation budget was discussed.

Line items Sponsorships and donations will be added to July 4th income

Fireworks line item will be dropped to 8,000

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
Monday, March 14, 2022
7:00pm

Those Present: Trustees: Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, Mike Johnson, and Joe Bear, Jim White, not present, also present, Mayor/Board President, Jeremy Richards, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, Attorney, Marc Miller, Farnsworth, Dennis Cummings, and residents, Christine Cunningham, Herb Lacey, Billy Mitchell, and Ethan Stanfield.

Community input: Herb Lacey commented on the water/sewer agreement with Happ-Y Daze Car Wash. He means no ill will to Mr. Happ. He said the TIF agreement that was approved is an insult to the tax payers, there is no benefit to them, no sales, and no employees. Reducing the price for water and sewer is against the people that are already paying a lot. People are suffering.

Christine Cunningham spoke for HCIA, the Circus will be coming back to town. She has spoken with Prairie fire soccer and there is no conflict. They will be here in August.

Board Comment: Clerk Sharon Jeffers presented a new TIF agreement. She will schedule a TIF Committee meeting to review.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve all minutes as presented, Guy 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, but out of protest of the water survey bill to Farnsworth, Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

*Clerk was instructed to present all bills even if they were billed in error.

Nitrate Monitoring tool: Mike Johnson made the motion to purchase a Nitrate Monitoring tool for the water department, in the amount of \$3,900.00, to come from line item 52301, tools, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

*Note funds from this year to pay, so transfer that to FY23 budget

Table Rock for alley's

Cold patch: Guy James made the motion to purchase 5 ton of cold patch at \$95 a ton, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Tower fence removal: Should be left up for insurance reasons. Was tabled until board can look at a solution.

Grate for Sewer Dept. tabled until more pricing is obtained.

Street Broom repair: Mike Jonson made the motion to purchase parts to repair street broom not to exceed \$1800.00, to be paid from line item 94201, Skip James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Ryan Byerley was asked to write an annual generator maintenance plan and present to board next meeting.

Reports: Joe Bear made the motion to approve reports as present, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

July 4th: Mike Johnson made the motion to allow Recreation board \$4000.00 for July 4th music festival, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Happ-Y Daze Car Wash Agreement: Guy James made the motion to table, no second.

Guy James made the motion for Happ-Y Daze Car Wash to pay full water/sewer bill, no second

Mike Johnson made the motion to table and set up a Special meeting to discuss with Mr. Happ, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

*Special meeting, Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00pm

GAR Niches inurnment pricing: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve pricing of Niche inurnment at \$50, \$75 weekend, \$150.00 holidays, weekend employee pay for inurnment, \$50 weekend, and \$100.00 Holidays, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Farnsworth agreement: Joe Bear made the motion to enter into agreement with Farnsworth to design sidewalk to Dollar General in the amount of \$16,770.00 to be paid from projects fund, Skip James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, no, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Farnsworth Survey: Mike Johnson made the motion to enter into agreement with Farnsworth to survey W Fourth St at Waverly to determine easement in the amount of \$ \$3,950.00, to be paid from line item 52101, Village improvements, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Prairie Solar Agreement: the board would like to have our own engineer, Farnsworth to review roads prior to usage at the Solar Companies expense. Mayor Richards will talk to Prairie Solar and bring back to April meeting.

FY23 Budget: Guy James made the motion to approve FY23 budget with water amendment, Mike Johnson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 031422A: Guy James made the motion to pass Ordinance 031422A, amending water rates, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, no, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 031422B: Ray Ryerson made the motion to pass Ordinance 031422B amending sewer rates, Guy James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Part time Officer pay: Guy James made the motion to increase hourly wage for part time Police Officers buy \$1.00 per hour, Mike Johnson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Janitor: Mike Johnson made the motion to hire Stephanie Rice as Village Hall janitor at a salary of \$450 a month and to be raised to \$500 a month after three month probation period, to be determined and approved by board, Guy James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Joe Bear, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Joe Bear made the motion to adjourn, Mike Johnson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn: 8:51pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
TIF Committee Meeting
March 21, 2022
5:30pm

Those present: Mayor, Jeremy Richards, TIF Committee members, Joe Bear, and Jim White, and Clerk Sharon Jeffers

TIF Application from Dons Auto was reviewed.

They propose to the board that it not be granted because, TIF funds are too low, and we need to be frugal, and that a generator is not a permanent fixture.

Committee chose to waive trustee pay for this meeting.

Adjourn: 5:35pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

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

Those present: Committee members: Joe Bear, Billy Mitchell, Jeremy Richards, and Clerk Sharon Jeffers

We will be changing meetings to Monday's

We will present to the board to purchase 30 ton of 3/4" white rock for roads to be hauled by Dodd not to exceed \$800

Jim Rhoton has asked if we could purchase grass seed and clear spray paint for the repairs and maintenance he has been doing. Joe Bear will pick items up for him.

Clean up day will be April 9th at 9am

Thursday, April 7th at 7pm will be the mowing kick off meeting.

Concrete slabs will be done when the ground firms up

Need to schedule outhouse for first of April (south of mower shed on rocked area)

Need to get lights installed on the flag pole

Need to get ideas and pricing for landscaping columbariums

Next meeting April 25th at 5pm

Meeting adjourned, 5:30pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Recreation Board
March 2, 2022
6:00pm

Those Present: Sharon Jeffers, Christine Cunningham, Skip James, Ross Robinson, and Rachel Denmark.

The first meeting to plan July 4th music festival

It was decided to be a one day event

We would like to have food trucks, vendors, and some type of activities.

Ross Robinson would like to bring live wrestling to the festival. He will look into that. He would like to also try and have a short play indoors by the Creative Dramatics Workshop.

Sharon Jeffers will organize a car show.

Need to have a beer tent with the bands.

Talk of having a Patriotic house decorating contest, and maybe golf carts also.

We will need to officially name the event.

Will meet again in two weeks, March 16th at 6:00pm

Adjourn 7:30pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers

Village of Homer
Recreation Board
March 16, 2022
6:00pm

Those Present: Sharon Jeffers, Christine Cunningham, Skip James, Ross Robinson, Rachel Denmark, Jeremy Richards, Casey Phillips, Natasha Clem, and Michelle Shanks.

Name of Festival will be Homer's 1st annual Freedom and Music Festival

We will seek sponsorships for specific items.

We have already gotten a sponsor for inflatables and wrestling.

Food Trucks will be limited to 10-12. Pricing will be first year pricing of \$50 per truck. We will get fliers made up very soon to hand out to local food trucks. Sign up deadline will be May 15th. We will accept sign ups from May 16 – June 1 with a \$70 fee.

Craft and vendor spaces will be 10'X10' and \$25 per space. We will also get vendor apps and fliers out to solicit. Sign up deadline will be May 15th. We will accept sign ups from May 16 – June 1 with a \$45 fee.

Going to charge a \$5 for a band to play on inflatables

Going to look into renting a dunk tank and seeing if we can get an organization to run it and split the profits.

Going to organize a touch a truck

Car show will not have an entry fee or trophies. We will get door prizes for the participants.

Casey Phillips will work on tent prices.

Hours of festival will be 10am -7pm

Casey Phillips will organize a kick off parade that will start at the School then South on Ellen, East on Wabash, North on Main, then East on Second to Village Hall. The parade will start at 10am. She would like to charge a \$5 entry fee.

We will bring band names, genres, and pricing to the next meeting.

Next meeting will be March 30th at 6:00pm

Adjourn 7:00pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers

Village of Homer
Recreation Board
March 30, 2022
6:00pm

Those present: Sharon Jeffers, Jeremy Richards, Christine Cunningham, Michelle Shanks, Rachel Denmark, and Casey Phillips.

July 3rd kick off party, 6-11pm, beer tent, with Rock Posy and X Crush. Need to get at least one food truck.

Bands chosen for July 4: Lou Dibello, Zach Dable Experience, Colton Taylor, Nickle and Dimes, Poisoned Rationality and the Filthy Janes.

Need to get with Harriot's to discuss beer tent.

Starting a 50/50 drawing now, to be drawn the evening of the 4th.

Need to make signs with Venmo and Zelle information for digital donations

Need to research portable ATM

See about tent with beer distributor and possible wine from a winery

Wrestling will be from 4-5

Need to see if school will allow use of parking lot for start of parade

Look into bubble display

Discuss a gun raffle for 2023 fundraising. Drawing to be held at end of Christmas in Homer

Will start mapping at April 30th Meeting.

Next meeting will be April 14 at 6pm

Adjourn 7:40pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk