

Village of Homer
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
May 5, 2022
5:00pm

Those present: Committee members: Joe Bear, and Ray Ryerson, and Mayor, Jeremy Richards.

Fire Alarm panel at Village Hall has went bad.

Initial bid, new board, \$1,795.00 and new system, \$17,295.

Could use money from insurance line item to help offset cost.

System/panel is 25 years old, sensors were updated in 2012

Need to find out if there is money in insurance line item to help with project.

Talk to treasurer to see how we can fund this.

Trying to get more bids for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm

Village of Homer
Zoning Hearing
May 9, 2022
6:00 PM

Those present: Village Trustees: Guy James, Skip James, Jim White, Ray Ryerson, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Dave Hermes, Zoning Administrator, Village residents, Garry Rushing, Michael Learned, Laura Bear, Craig Crays, and Darlene James.

Meeting in regarding variance request for 605 E First St porch placement, Micheal Learned.

Public Comment: Garry Rushing has no problem with granting a variance.

Laura Bear stated that it looks bigger then before and it doesn't flow with the rest of the homes.

Michael Learned confirmed that it is not an apartment complex, it will be a single family dwelling, and he trying to be within reason with the neighborhood.

Board Comment: Jim White commented that if we approve it makes the build legal, if we don't the project might end.

Ray Ryerson stated that there are many buildings that were put in prior to the zoning ordinance that are not in compliance with current ordinance.

Guy James questioned why the original application was for a remodel and then home was torn down.

Jim White made the motion to recommend to the full board to approve variance for 605 E First St porch placement, Joe Bear second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, no, Guy James, no, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Jim White made the motion to adjourn, Skip James seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 6:17pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
May 9, 2022
7:00 PM

Those present: Village Trustees: Guy James, Skip James, Jim White, Ray Ryerson, and Mike Johnson, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerly, Zoning/Sewer, Dave Hermes, Attorney, Marc Miller, Farnsworth Engineer, Dennis Cummins, Village residents, Michael Learned, Tom Parrish, Mike Kingston and Darlene James.

No Public Comment.

Board Comment: Jim White stated that he has gotten the correct property owner of the Dollar General and is still waiting for them to reply.

Fourth Street survey has been completed. Will have sale of easement on the next agenda.

Mike Johnson stated that he is embarrassed of many properties in town. Tall grass is an issue, and homes with a lot of garbage. Chief John Rouse was instructed to start dealing with these issues.

Minutes: Joe Bear made the motion to approve all minutes as presented with Buildings and Grounds minutes being withheld until next meeting, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

Village Reports: Guy James made a motion to approve monthly reports as presented, Mike Johnson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Well 3 still having issues, will present and discuss repair costs at next meeting.
- Treasurer is working on submitting expense report for ARPA
- Maintenance would like to remove grills at park, board agrees
- Clerk has been discussing ground maintenance issues with Little League and Prairie Fire Soccer
- Bollards should be placed along the road of the Village Hall playground area

Prairie Solar Agreement tabled until finished contract arrives

Variance: Jim White made the motion to approve Variance for Michael Learned, 605 E First St, front porch, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, no, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

MFT: Joe Bear made the motion to award Illiana MFT oil and chip project in the amount of \$45,532.50, Jim White second 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.

Summer Help: Mike Johnson made the motion to have Michael James return this year as summer help at \$12.50 an hour, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, abstain, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Wastewater Operator: Mike Johnson made the motion to hire Tom Parrish at \$17,500.00 annually as Wastewater operator, to work with Ed Shirley (\$500 monthly) until he receives his appropriate license, starting immediately, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Amended Appropriations Ordinance: Guy James made the motion to pass Ordinance 050922, Amending 2021-2022 Appropriations, Jim White second 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.

Storm Drain jetting: Skip James made the motion to hire Dodd Contracting to jet storm drains for one day at \$1800.00, Ray Ryerson second 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.

Sewer plant road: Ray Ryerson made the motion to not purchase rock base for back road at sewer plant, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, abstain, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Seeding: Due to mislabeled chemicals, Village properties grass has died. ASC will be taking care of new grass. Mike Johnson made the motion to hire out planting and not do it in house, and to have Mayor Richards take over negotiations with ASC, Jim White second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Restroom door handles: Mike Johnson made the motion to purchase door handles and dead bolts for public park restrooms, not to exceed \$1000.00, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, no, motion approved.

Radio Reads: Guy James made the motion to purchase radio reads, not to exceed \$13,500.00, Mike Johnson second 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.

Downtown flags: Due to cost no motion was made to purchase additional flags

- Memorial Police flags were purchased by Police Department for the Cemetery

Health Insurance Contract: Guy James made the motion to continue contract for employee Health Insurance with State of Illinois Local Government Health Plan, Ray Ryerson second 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.

Cemetery Rock: Joe Bear made the motion to purchase 30 ton of three inch rock for back Cemetery road not to exceed \$850.00, Mike Johnson second 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.

Hole Sponsorship: Mike Johnson made the motion to sponsor a hole for the Homer Fire Protection District Golf Outing in the amount of \$100.00, Jim White second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Village Hall Fire System: Tabled until more bids are obtained.

2022/23 Meeting Dates: Joe Bear made the motion to approve 2022/2023 meeting dates as presented, Guy James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

The Village has a collapsed storm tile in a farmers field, the farmer is asking to fix it and send Village a bill. The board wants a price before approving. Will put on special meeting agenda.

Adjourn: Mike Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Skip James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn 8:47pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Recreation Board
May 12, 2022
6:00pm

Those present: Committee members, Sharon Jeffers, Jeremy Richards, Casey Phillips, Rachel Denmark, Michelle Shanks, and Valerie

A financial report was given.

We were not able to get putt putt. We will look into other ideas to take its place. Possibly Laser tag, or a climbing wall.

Still in need of food trucks. Continuing to work on that.

The tent has been ordered. Still need band stands. We are trying to get fencing for beer tent donated, would only have to pay delivery fee.

Porta pots have been ordered and paid for.

Dunk tank has been reserved.

Need to work on sponsorship signs. Would like to get signs that say Homer Freedom and Music Festival Sponsor then blank underneath to put logos on and reuse annually.

Need to organize house decorating contest.

Legion Auxiliary will be having a breakfast July 4th morning at Village Hall.

Creative Dramatics Workshop will be performing a short play, if they get enough actors.

Next meeting Sunday, May 22, 2022, 5:00pm.

Posted: Sharon Jeffers

Homer Community Library Minutes

April 12, 2022

Present: Becci Powers, Jillian Weathers, Chris Thompson, Chantelle Thompson, Mary Kay Anderson, Cindy Happ Friends of the Library rep., Alice Kirby Assistant Librarian, Christine Cunningham Library Director, Joe Rice.

Absent: Troy Schiff.

Call to order: President Jillian called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

There was no public.

Friends: The Friends of the Library had a board meeting March 30, 2022. The winter bookmark winner was Nicole Davis. Flower sales have begun. The teacher visit to the library has been set up for April 22. During the library's Summer Reading Program, the Friends are planning a Teddy Bear Picnic. The Friends are thinking of helping with new furniture. Christine thinks it may just need shampooing. The board shall look at it during our walkthrough.

Minutes: Becci moved we accept the March minutes as read. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account has a balance of \$30,918.17. Other Funds has a balance of \$96,377.24. Income was \$654.18. We were therefore short \$1,763.93.

Bills: Visa Debit Charges \$675.31. Chantelle moved to pay the Visa Debit Charges, Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Joe moved to pay the Baker and Taylor bill of \$218.33 and the Village of Homer for postage \$89.40. Becci seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to note: Illinois Department of Revenue was paid \$79.85.

Librarian's Report: She renewed the E books which is estimated at \$380.

Christine sent an article to the newspaper.

RIFF is April 20.

Spring book sale and flower sale is coming soon.

A computer was fixed by Chris and found that 3 computers are definitely needed while the one was out.

Started a Wednesday Coffee and Conversation program in which the first event was attended by 11 patrons.

We had 4 Easter Crafts and an Easter Egg hunt (paper).

OLD BUSINESS:

Closure Policy: Christine presented new wording for the policies for closure policy and staff payment for closures.

Book Sale: We will put up tables for the book sale after the Teacher's visit. We will need help.