

Village of Homer
500 E Second St, Homer, IL
Regular Meeting of Trustees
April 11, 2022
7:00pm

Those Present: Trustees: Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, Mike Johnson, Joe Bear, and Jim White, Mayor/Board President, Jeremy Richards, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer/Zoning, Dave Hermes, Dennis Cummins, Farnsworth, and guest, Michael Learned.

Public Comment: Michael Learned, property owner of 605 E First St, tore down old house and is building a new. The porch is past line of other houses. He is asking for a variance. The porch is actually in farther then the porch removed.

Straw poll: Would you grant a variance for the front porch at 605 E First St to match the old porch, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, no, Guy James, no, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, Jim White, yes, and Jeremy Richards, yes.

Board Comment: Dollar General land owner has not responded to our inquiries on an easement. Cemetery Clean up went well. Boy Scouts would like to dress up the town for a merit badge.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve minutes as presented, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Village Bills: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve payment of bills as presented, Skip James, 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.

Reports: Ray Ryerson made the motion to approve reports as presented, Jim White seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Road Agreement with Prairie Solar: Ray Ryerson made the motion to enter into agreement with Prairie solar with added verbiage that their engineer will work with Farnsworth to make any repairs necessary to the roads when they have finished using roads, Jim White seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, no, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Village Hall repairs: Joe Bear made the motion to approve repairs to Village Hall windows and doors in the amount of \$845.00 by Commercial Builders, Inc, 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.

Liquor License: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve temporary liquor festival license for July 3rd and July 4th, Guy James seconded 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.

Equipment purchase: Mike Johnson made the motion to purchase chainsaw, hedge trimmer, blower combo from home depot in the amount of \$629.00 to be paid with proceeds from scrap metal, Skip James 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.

MFT Budget: Jim White made the motion to pass 2022 MFT Resolution 04112022R in the amount of \$64,000.00, MFT General Maintenance Costs, Engineering agreement with Farnsworth, authorize creation of bid documents and move forward accepting bids, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

TIF Committee recommendation from minutes read and accepted.

Cemetery Columbarium's tabled until next meeting.

Cemetery Roads: Guy James made the motion purchase 30 ton of $\frac{3}{4}$ white rock for Main roads, not to exceed \$800, (drop off at shop) 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.

Dumpster day: Guy James made the motion to schedule Dumpster Day for June 11, 2022 with 5 dumpsters, Jim White seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Downtown flowers: Skip James made the motion to purchase flowers for downtown, not to exceed \$500, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, ye, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Joe Bear, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Summer help: we will bring back one from last year and advertise at school for a second part time summer help. A personnel meeting will be scheduled to discuss summer help and sewer operator.

Mike Johnson brought to the boards attention that there is a home in town that has 10-11 dogs. The Ordinance states that only up to four pets of any combination are allowed per household. The board asked Chief John Rouse to present ordinance to homeowner.

Adjourn: Jim White made the motion adjourn, Ray Ryerson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:10pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Personnel Committee Meeting
April 18, 2022
6:00pm

Those present: Committee members: Skip James, and Mike Johnson, also present, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, Trustees, Joe Bear and Ray Ryerson, and Dave Hermes.

Discussed the wastewater operator position. Applications were reviewed. Going to set up interviews for April 25, 2022 at 6:30pm. Will contact Ed Shirley to discuss his license.

Guidelines were given to Dave Hermes to follow for all future zoning permits.

Adjourn: 6:45pm

Village of Homer
GAR Cemetery Meeting
April 21, 2022
5:00pm

Those present: Committee members: Joe Bear, Bill Mitchell, Mike Johnson, Ray Cunningham, and Jeremy Richards.

Mowing has started, new mower works great.

Burial Sunday went well.

Flag was taken down and will be replaced. Lights need to be mounted on the pole. Need to ask Dave Hermes, or Village Maintenance to mount on the pole.

Woman complained that garland was missing. Was told about cleanup in advance. But she said Cemetery looked great.

Need to put 3" rock at \$22 a ton on the road back to the dirt pile. \$880-\$820 for the project. Hauling from Kevin Dodd. Need to put on agenda for Village board approval.

Country Arbors recommended that we not plant anything, including trees near or around the columbarium's because it is too close to the field, and field chemicals. Also the tree near the columbarium's needs to be taken down.

Supplies were purchased for Jim Rhoton for taking care of headstones. The Historical Society donated \$200 to help with supplies.

The board should be up soon. Waiting for glass.

Next meeting will be May 16th and will set flags on May 28th.

Adjourn 5:45pm

Village of Homer
Recreation Committee Meeting
April 14, 2022
6:00pm

Those present: Sharon Jeffers, Casey Phillips, Rachel Denmark, and Jeremy Richards, Tammy Boen,

Legion Auxiliary may host a breakfast 7-9. Should know after their May meeting.

We will hire out the Bubbles at \$600 for the day.

Will work on fliers for next meeting.

Jeremy Richards will organize an alumni softball game.

The event will be posted on Facebook.

See if Buds is available for July 3rd

Will advertise on visit Champaign County web page.

Posted on follow your food truck Facebook

Try to find a portable ATM

Start contacting beer Distributer, and Harriot's

Meeting Adjourn: 6:47pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers

Village of Homer
Personnel Committee Meeting
April 25, 2022
6:30pm

Those present: Committee: Skip James, and Mike Johnson, Mayor, Jeremy Richards, and Joe Bear.

The committee interviewed the two applicants for the Wastewater operator position.

The committee will recommend to the full board to hire Tom Parish at \$17,500 annual until he acquires his proper license. Ed Shirley will be temporary licensed operator until Tom is licensed.

Adjourn 7:45pm

Village of Homer
Recreation Committee
April 28, 2022
6:00pm

Those present: Sharon Jeffers, Natasha Clem, Jeremy Richards, Rachel Denmark, and Casey Phillips.

Will make some amendments on the flier and get them out.

Need food trucks. Will be working hard on that.

Set times for bands.

Adjourn: 6:45pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers

Homer Community Library Minutes

Mar. 8, 2022

Present: Mary Kay Anderson, Joe Rice acting President, Troy Schiff, Chris Thompson, Chantelle Thompson, Cindy Happ Friends of the Library Rep, Christine Cunningham Library Director, Alice Kirby Assistant Librarian.

Absent: Jill Weathers, Becci Powers

Joe called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

No Public

Becci Powers entered the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Friends of the Library: Cindy reported she attended Freshman orientation this evening and represented the library.

*Bookmark contest is closing today.

*Flowers for around Mother's Day is coming along, delivery will be Wed. or Thurs. May 3 or 4, 2022.

*Discussed about the teachers coming to the Library to see our resources, she may see if she can get it as part of a Teacher's Institute day.

Minutes: Chantelle moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Checking account balance is: \$32,714.84, other Funds is \$96,344.50

Bills: Visa Debit Charges \$90.99. Chantelle moved that we pay the Visa Debit charges of \$90.99. Troy seconded. Motion carried. Christine presented bills to Demco of \$114.59 and Baker & Taylor of \$169.45. Mary Kay moved to pay Demco \$114.59, Chantelle seconded. Motion carried. Mary Kay moved to pay Baker and Taylor \$169.45, Troy seconded. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: There was a display of new books from Friends of the Library for a few weeks. There were crafts and displays for Chinese New Year, and Black History Month. The Shamrock craft and Leprechaun hunt is ongoing, and Women's History month will be promoted.

*Seeds have been donated to be given away, which has brought in a few new people.

* Would like to have movies March 16th and 18th.

*The fluorescent lights have been switched to LED.

*Christine will be attending the Reaching Forward South conference. April 8th in Champaign.

OLD BUSINESS:

Business Magnets: Will be printed and mailed within the month.

Investments: We were advised to keep the CD's for now, and look again after 6 months.

Recognition Plaque: There was discussion about just having a certificate of sorts printed and framed. Also discussed about a committee to research who would be included in the recognition. Chantelle will make a mock-up and present next month.

Monical's Day: Mary Kay discovered we can sign up only a month ahead, so she will sign us up in April for a May date.

Danville Gardens: Mary Kay has had no luck contacting Riki, but will e-mail her for a date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closure Policy: Wording was discussed. The board decided to have the Librarian plus one board member make the decision whether to close. The rest of the wording is tabled until the next meeting.

Mask Policy: The Library is following the state mask mandate policies.

FOIA/OMA Training: Christine will e-mail the training to those who need the OMA training.

Budget: Christine presented the budget. The board amended the Total Marketing to \$650.00, and to change the income portion under 14 Non-Specified Use Gifts to \$500.00 from \$400.00.

Chantelle moved to go into Closed Session. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Closed Session 8:12 pm.

Present: Joe Rice acting President, Mary Kay Anderson, Becci Powers, Chris Thompson, Chantelle Thompson, Troy Schiff.

Becci moved to end closed session Chantelle seconded, Motion carried. Closed Session ended at 8:15 pm.

Employee Salaries: Becci moved to increase employee salaries to: Substitute \$13, Assistant ^{Librarian} ~~Director~~ \$14, and Library Director \$16 per hour for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Motion carried.

The budget reflects the salary increases with a new figure of \$25,273 for payroll, and budgeted cash reserves under Income \$12,218.53.

Becci moved to approve the budget as amended. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

Becci moved to adjourn at 8:19 pm, Troy seconded. Motion carried

Submitted by Mary Kay Anderson, secretary.