

Regular Meeting of Trustees
July 11, 2022
7:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, Mike Johnson, and Jim White, Joe Bear not present, Village Mayor/Board President, Jeremy Richards, Village Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Zoning, Dave Hermes, Attorney, Marc Miller, guests, Don Happ, Ethan Stanfield, and Herb Lacey.

Public Comment: Herb Lacey commended the July 3rd and 4th Celebration. Hope next years will be as good and with fireworks. He also asked if the Village still paid for concrete if resident installed city sidewalk in front of their home. No board member remembers this happening.

Don Happ commented that he was very hurt that the board chose to allow the Police Department to have car washed at a Champaign car wash instead of the local car wash in Homer. He also asked for an apology. He was asked if would ever have an annual pass that the Village could purchase. He hopes to have one in the future.

Mike Johnson felt he was wrong on his yes vote on the use of another car wash. The Mayor also agreed and says that we should purchase a pass for our local car wash.

Mr. Happ also requested a meeting with the water committee.

Board Comment: Mike Johnson thanked Village Clerk Sharon for her work on July 3rd and 4th. Mayor Richards also thanked all of those involved with the Celebration.

July 4th recap: Clerk Jeffers thought the festival went well. The festival was self-sustaining, with a profit that will go towards next years festival. She thanked all those that helped. More volunteers will be needed for next year's festival. We will need more fundraisers in order to have fireworks. A meeting will be held next week to finalize this years and begin next years.

Minutes: Mike Johnson made the motion to approve regular and Library minutes, Ray Ryerson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

Reports: Jim White made the motion to approve reports as presented, Skip James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- Treasurer reminded the board that Goad are not to used for other organizations.
- Maintenance reported that the bad tile on W Second near Kay Dr. is the County's tile.

Purchase of water bugs for Village Hall: Guy James made the motion to purchase waterbugs for Village Hall furnace rooms in the amount of \$1500.00 from Matco Fire Protection, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Fire inspection: Mike Johnson made the motion to enter into agreement with Matco Fire Protection for annual inspection in the amount of \$750.00, Guy James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Appropriations: Guy James made the motion to pass Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$1,989,250.00, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Tree bids: Tabled until next meeting. Need more bids

Curb bids: Tabled until next meeting. Will see about doing this in house.

Dollar General Sidewalk: Still no contact from proper people at Dollar General. The board would like to continue as planned. May stop sidewalk at North end of Fire Station if we do not hear back from Dollar General.

Janitor Pay: Mike Johnson made the motion to bump Janitor salary to \$500 monthly now that probation period is over, Ray Ryerson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Zoning hearing: Tabled until August. Research on the financial impact of changing zoning.

Water billing module: Jim White made the motion to purchase auto pay module for water/sewer billing in the amount of \$750.00, and \$120 annually, Mike Johnson second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Clerk Computer: Mike Johnson made the motion to purchase new computer for Village Office not to exceed \$1,000.00, Skip James, second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Sewer Tools: Jim White made the motion to allow sewer department to purchase necessary tools, not to exceed \$500.00 and to be kept at sewer plant, Skip James second the motion, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Guy James, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and Jim White, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Skip James second the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 8:13pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Water Committee Meeting
July 14, 2022
5:30pm

Those present: Water Committee members, Ray Ryerson, Jim White, and Guy James, Water Operator, Ryan Byerley, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, and Engineers Kevin Hannel, and Shane Niedzwecki.

A preliminary drawing of water plant was presented by the Engineers. More filters need to be added for anion exchange filtration for organic removal.

The committee would like to see a plan that includes a ground storage tank.

Finances were discussed and the impact on residents. Preliminary numbers could raise average water bill by approximately \$23 a month, this is just preliminary and is based on 600 users.

The engineer would like to get numbers for operating costs for current plant.

Will be searching for grants to help with the project.

Need to start talking to state, local, and federal government officials in regards to this project.

At this time approximate cost of water line replacement is \$125 -\$150 per linear foot.

Engineers will work with Clerk Sharon Jeffers regarding financing, and Water Operator Ryan Byerley regarding water mains and plant.

Adjourn 6:30pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Special Meeting
July 18, 2022
6:00pm

Those Present: Village Trustees: Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Guy James, Mike Johnson, Joe Bear, and Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Maintenance, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Chief of Police, John Rouse, Attorney, Marc Miller, guests: Tom Wakefield, Don Happ, Marilyn White, Herb Lacey, Kevin Knott, Jared Bear, Roy Woodmansee, Ray Cunningham, Christine Cunningham, and Copass Family.

Public Comment:

Herb Lacey stated that being Mayor is not an easy job, he agrees that all service that can be done in town should be done in town, he did not think this was the big deal it was made out to be, and Mr. Happ is an asset to the Village.

Ray Cunningham stated that he approves of Jim White as Mayor, and asks that the board be fiscally responsible.

Kevin Knott stated that small governments affect people's lives a lot, it is a very difficult job, you must be objective and responsible with taxpayer dollars. You have to take the personal connections out of it.

Resignation of Mayor Jeremy Richards was read.

Mike Johnson made the motion to appoint James White as Mayor through April 30, 2023, Guy 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.

James White was sworn into office.

Mayor White thanked everyone for their support.

Guy James made the motion to adjourn, Ray Ryerson second the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn: 6:18pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Recreation Committee
July 21, 2022
7:00pm

Those present: Sharon Jeffers, Christine Cunningham, Kim Dalle, Rachel Denmark, and Casey Phillips.

Discussion of this year's festival:

- More signage on 49
- More signage for 50/50
- Concessions at beer tent on the 3rd with water/sodas
- Portable Dance floor
- Work on an up and coming Nashville act
- Add a new local vendor for alcohol
- Adjust the drink menu
- Bands to use our sound system so there are no down times for music
- Add another tent for shade
- More family friendly activities
 - Lazer tag
 - Different and more inflatables
 - Climbing wall (check with local recruiter)
 - Putt putt
 - Bubbles
 - Fire Station Activities
 - Indoor bingo
 - Water games for kids

Wrestling was good. Need to have back next year.

Craft vendors did well. Kim will help recruit more for next year.

Need to book tents now.

Need to organize fundraisers for next year and fireworks.

- Possible raffle
- Jail

Electing Officers at next meeting.

Need to get Thank yous out ASAP

Will be meeting monthly

Adjourn

Posted: Sharon Jeffers

Meeting Subject: Village of Homer Water Improvements – Project Plan Work Session 3

Meeting Date/Time: July 14th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Meeting Location: Village Hall, 500 E Second St., Homer, IL 61849

Attendance:

Guy James, Village Trustee / Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk / Jim White, Village Trustee / Ray Ryerson, Village Trustee / Ryan Byerley, Water Operator / Kevin Hannel, FGI / Shane Niedzwecki, FGI

Meeting Notes:

The following is a brief summary of the items discussed during this meeting and any actions items or follow up coordination items needed.

TREATMENT PLANT

1. Future site location – property options and size

A Preliminary Site (primary site) was confirmed by the Village to be next to (just west of) the existing water treatment plant and elevated tank site with the intention to purchase a parcel of land in this location. This site is approximately 0.5 acres in size (see attached exhibit shared at meeting) but does not include anion exchange or ground storage tank options (see items 3 & 5 below). Appropriate size of site location to include AEX and GST will be further evaluated. The Village does own property nearby existing WTP as a secondary site option, but not the preferred location. FGI to continue with primary option for the water study report.

2. Finished water quality goals and treatment

TOC's and the formation of DBP's are a concern by the Village (Ryan Byerley) and treatment options discussed (see item 3 below), especially when they have to operate in a free chlorine chemistry for disinfection (free chlorine "burn" for flushing periodically => typically twice a year).

3. Treatment alternatives

Discussed option to include anion exchange (AEX) for the removal of organics to reduce the formation of DBP's. Village confirmed AEX (along with aeration, detention, & filtration) will be included in the report as a separate alternative.

4. Projected use plan for old water tower

Discussed options for use of old water tower but the Village determined any use of it to be unlikely and demolition of tower to be assumed for the water study report.

5. Possibility of ground storage tank option

Ground storage tank (GST) option discussed, and Village confirmed ground storage tank at new WTP site to be pursued for the water study report.

LOAN ANALYSIS AND PROJECTED USER COSTS

1. 20 and 30-year loan payment and user cost projection

Loan payments and monthly user cost projections discussed. Current cost estimate of new WTP with conventional iron & manganese removal by aeration, detention, filtration (anion exchange treatment and ground storage tank not included yet) at approximately \$2.6 million.

2. Remaining funds for water distribution improvements – assume \$125 - \$150 per LF

Specific locations of water distribution improvements were not discussed. Village to gather additional financial data and OM&R costs and FGI to revise cost estimates inclusive of AEX and GST options before analyzing water distribution improvement options.

3. Other concerns?

Increased monthly user costs from new WTP of concern however the Village stated that the current SRF loan for the sewer system is expected to be paid off in about 6 or 7 years (2028 or 2029) and will help balance out overall monthly user costs.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1. Review of distribution map and identification of replacement/looping opportunities

Not discussed (see item 2 above under Loan Analysis and Projected User Costs)

2. Typical pipe material? Age ranges of water mains? Water main break history/data?

Cast iron typical. Unknown age but very old. Village confirmed that 2014-2015 had increased water main breaks from new sewer construction hitting and breaking the water main numerous times plus breaks due to trench settlement of new sewers installed.

OWNER FURNISHED DATA AS AVAILABLE Village to provide remaining data to FGI

1. Existing well capacities, locations, and years constructed
 - a. Current status and/or issues?
 - b. Power supply/emergency backup supply or connection?
2. Current condition and/or issues of the following WTP/distribution components along with any potential rehab needed: (This will allow for discussion of rehab vs new WTP)
 - a. Aerator
 - b. Reaction tank
 - c. Building
 - d. Pumps/valves/piping
 - e. Chem feed
 - f. Filters
 - g. Elevated tanks

3. Year existing WTP was constructed and capacity; also any past major modifications.
4. Current annual OM&R costs of existing treatment plant.
5. Regarding both elevated tanks:
 - a. Year constructed
 - b. Capacity
 - c. HWL & LWL (height and elevation), and/or typical operating height range and psi
6. Water Usage Data Questions (we have data from 2014-2021):
 - a. 2014 data is an outlier – almost double usage – why? 2015 is high too – should we omit 2014 & 2015 data?
 - b. Several Peak data outliers:
 - i. July 2021
 - ii. January & February 2019
 - iii. January & December 2016
 - iv. February 2015
 - v. All of 2014

Bldg and Grds meeting July 8th 2022

Called meeting to order at 6:02PM

Members present Guy James, Ray Ryerson, Skip James, Joe Bear, and attended by Ryan Byerley

Discussed trying to get additional power out to the west side of the garage. Need more power for festivals.

Discussed the possibility of planting a hay crop at the sewer plant, the 3 acres at the cemetery, and the field west of village hall. This would allow the field to be mowed before the 4 of July so it could be used for additional parking.

Joe will start to get pricing and bids.

Adjourned meeting at 6:34 PM

Sharon
Village of Homer

Homer Community Library Board Minutes

July 12, 2022

Present: Jill Weathers, Alice Kirby, assistant librarian, Becci Powers, Troy Schiff, Chantelle Thompson, Mary Kay Anderson, Joey Rice, Cindy Happ, Friends of the Library.

President Jill Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Friends of the Library: The Friends helped with the last summer reading program on July 5, with "Teddy Bear Picnic," had teddy bear cookies for snack, and played the Teddy Bear picnic song. The Fourth of July was "Pick-a-pin" and they made \$240. Sept. 10 is the Broadlands Homecoming Festival and will do "Pick-a-pin" again. They are planning a Flower arranging class featuring arranging grocery store flowers or garden flowers by Chantelle Thompson. Mason jars will be provided. Ideas for the future include: budgeting for teens; parents monitoring media for their kids; cupcakes; and the Ladies' Tea Party in Aug.

Minutes: Becci moved to approve the minutes as read, Troy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The total balance is \$125,996.13.

Joey moved to pay the Visa Debit Charges of \$213.30, Troy seconded. Motion carried.

Troy moved to pay RAILS \$380.00, Chantelle seconded. Motion carried.

Chantelle moved to pay Minuteman Press \$1,194.92 for business magnet printing. Joey seconded, Motion carried.

Joey moved to pay Champaign County Forest Preserve District \$35.00 for programming. Chantelle seconded. Motion carried.

Troy moved to pay Baker and Taylor \$363.18, \$34.81 from the Krukewitt find. Joey seconded, Motion Carried.

Bills to note: Illinois Department of Revenue \$93.95.

Librarian's Report: For the "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" summer reading program, a total of 44 children were registered. Ed Clem came and played campfire songs on his guitar and sang, Katie Powers did a presentation of a Responsible Camper. Donations of toys for prizes came from Dollar General. Friends of the Library did the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Christine reported over 600 people came into the library in July.

June substituted a week in June.

Becci is doing a video for the Methodist church VBS, and they are donating books and money.

The weekly Wednesday Coffee and Conversation is going well.

The Illinois Emergency Relief Grant was turned in and also the Dollar General Grant. The results will be communicated in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recognition Plaque: A committee was formed to decide the parameters for who will receive honor on the plaque, which will be a printed and framed document. The committee is Joey Rice, Chantelle Thompson, and Christine Cunningham.

School Registration: We were given the okay to be included.

Coming up: we will be looking at the policies for review, and the Broadlands Festival.

Joey moved to adjourn at 7:37 pm and Becci seconded. Motion carried.