

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
March 9, 2026
7:00 pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Larry Oneal, Matt Carlton, Skip James, Tammy Boen, John Dodd, and Dalton Bailey, Village Mayor/Board President Ray Ryerson, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Brody Cole, Maintenance/Water Ryan Byerley, Sewer Tom Parrish, Zoning/Ordinance Charles Montgomery, Attorney Gavin Gunter, Farnsworth Dennis Cummins, and guests Gentry Hawkins, and Patrick Boylan.

Public Comment: Gentry Hawkins discuss HaTCH (Homer and Township Community Helpers) a non for-profit organization that is going to help residents with home repairs, mowing, etc. They are inquiring about the Village property located at 105 White St. They would like to purchase or lease the property from the Village. It would have to be put up for bid to purchase. He also gave the board information regarding retirement for Village employees.

Patrick Boylan spoke representing the Farmer's Market. He stated that Gazebo needs repairs.

Board Comment: The Mayor reported that the RFP for subdividing the field has been pulled because of concerns about selling homes next to solar panels. He also stated that the Farmers Market will be planting and maintaining flowers at Caboose Park.

The Cemetery needs voluntary lawn mowers, and Spring clean up will be held March 21st at 9am.

Larry Oneal stated he would like to see the property at 105 White St sold and not leased.

TIF Annual meeting will be held at Village Hall on March 31st at 11am.

Minutes: Larry Oneal motioned to approve regular and recreation board minutes as presented, seconded by Dalton Bailey, all in favor, motion approved.

Village Bills: Tammy Boen motioned to pay all Village bills as presented, seconded by Dalton Bailey, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Champaign County Highway repayment of road work: Dalton Bailey motioned to enter into agreement with Champaign County Highway to repay Village portion of 2025 road and sidewalk project in the amount of \$255,609.19 in five-year increments, interest free, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.

Reports: Tammy Boen motioned to accept all monthly reports as given, seconded by Larry Oneal, all in favor, motion approved.

- The water tower has a leak in a weld, still working on procedure to repair.
- 2027 the EPA is mandating lead service line inventory for connections at mains
- Treasurer reported that we will be able to stay with quick books for a little bit longer
- Rec board reported on Freedom Music Festival, Family Bingo, and rummage sale

Lead Line Service Grant: Dalton Bailey motioned to hire Farnsworth Group to apply for the Lead Line Service Survey grant for the Village, seconded by John Dodd, all in favor, motion approved.

Dennis Cummins reported on the progress of the Water Treatment Plant. He that they hope to start designing the plant in May or June. Kevin Hannel will attend next meeting to discuss RO pilot results.

Recreation Board project: Larry Oneal motioned to allow recreation board to start saving for a permanent recreational project for the Village and to match their efforts with Goad Funds, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.

109 N Main St: It was discussed that the back taxes would be approximately \$17,012.12 plus 2025 taxes, the board poll was to proceed with acquiring.

Demolition of 105 White St: Dalton Bailey motioned to accept Fenter's bid in the amount of \$12,400.00 to demo the house and keep the garage at 105 White St, seconded by Larry Oneal, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Tree removal: Dalton Bailey motioned to accept bid from Baxter Utility to remove tree at the corner of W Mary and S West St in the amount of \$3,292.00, to be split with GF and TIF, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, recuse, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Bucket Truck Repairs: Larry Oneal motioned to repair bucket truck not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by John Dodd, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, yes, Skip James, abstain, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Grass seed: No motion was made to purchase pallet of grass seed in the amount of \$6,000.00

Ordinance 03092026A: Dalton Baily motioned to approve Ordinance 03092026A approving intergovernmental agreement with South Homer Township to reimburse TIF funds in the amount of \$7,500.00, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, recuse, Matt Carlton, recuse, Skip James, recuse, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, no, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 03092026B: Tammy Boen motioned to approve Ordinance 03092026B approving intergovernmental agreement with Homer Fire Protection District to reimburse TIF funds in the amount of \$7,500.00, seconded by Dalton Bailey, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, recuse, Matt Carlton, recuse, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 03092026C: Tammy Boen motioned to approve Ordinance 03092026C approving intergovernmental agreement with Heritage School District to reimburse TIF funds in the amount of \$15,000.00, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Larry Oneal, yes, Matt Carlton, recuse, Skip James, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, John Dodd, yes, and Dalton Bailey, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Tammy Boen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Skip James, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn: 8:00pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Recreation Board Meeting
March 31, 2026
7:00pm

Those present: Recreation Board members: Sharon Jeffers, Casey Phillips, Angel Dable, Perry Dable, and Elizabeth Jewel.

We had a quick review of bands, finances, sponsors, and kids activities for the Freedom and Music Festival. We are going to need to re book our 5-7 band. Perry will be working on that.

We are also going to try and book a speaker for the Festival, for an adult indoor activity.

More plans were made for family bingo. We have plenty of kid prizes. We also have a family prize for the blackout round. Going to try and get another one in case more than one person wins. Whatever we have left, we will use for kid bingo during the festival, and our Community Picnic. We will be gathering some small local prizes for the adults. Elizabeth is working on fun things for specific numbers for the kids to do.

We are gathering items for the rummage sale.

Bingo this Saturday.

Meeting Adjourn 8:30pm

Posted by Sharon Jeffers

Village of Homer
Budget Meeting
March 16, 2026
6:00pm

Those present: Village Trustees: Larry Oneal, Skip James, Matt Carlton, Tammy Boen, John Dodd, and Dalton Bailey, Mayor/Board President Ray Ryerson, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Brody Cole, and Maintenance/water Ryan Byerley.

The FY 27 budget was discussed.

General Fund was discussed first. Small normal increases were made on regular budget line items in income and expenditures, such as taxes, salaries, electricity, and insurance.

It was discussed to raise rental fees for Community Center for nonresidents, it has not been raised in 19 years. This will be put on the agenda in April.

Sidewalk repairs are needed. Going to hire out the job once sidewalks are determined.

Attorney fees were raised for vacant properties, and Ordinance violations.

Items for Village Hall: repair doors, new rugs and start replacing Community Center tables.

Discussion of engineering for safe to school sidewalk grant, budget line increased

New Maintenance Building, new doors and cameras

Storm sewer raised for aging system

Landscaping and trees increased for tree removal and grass seed

Water and Sewer. Small increases made to regular budget items.

Increase to building and grounds in sewer in case we need more for the new cover over what insurance is covering.

Water (and General) include purchase of new truck and items to outfit the truck, most will come from project funds, from sale of Police car.

Hydrant repairs increase

A tablet for water chores at water treatment plant in admin expenses

Recreation stayed the same except for a small addition to income under taxes

TIF was discussed next. Would like to repair door handles in the Village Hall, lowered TIF Consultant line item, and raised Maintenance building for doors.

GAR Cemetery raised small equipment to \$10,000.00 for possible new mower and to purchase battery operated weed eaters and blower.

Public Safety added a line item for vehicle repair and maintenance in the amount of \$2,500.00

All other department budgets stayed the same.

Tammy Boen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dalton Bailey, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn 7:16pm

Posted by: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk