

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
June 9, 2025
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, Tammy Boen, and John Dodd, Mayor/Board President Roger Faulkner, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/Water Ryan Byerley, Sewer Tom Parrish, Zoning/Ordinance Officer Charles Montgomery, Farnsworth Engineer Dennis Cummins, and guest, Angela Faulkner and Debbie VanMeter.

No public comment

Board Comments: Roger Faulkner announced that we have received an IEPA loan forgiveness of approximately \$840,000 for the water main replacement project. He also announced that the annual Champaign County Animal Control fee, and 105 E White St property purchase agreement are both included in the bills we will be paying tonight.

Clerk Sharon Jeffers got a roll call of all that will be helping Saturday on dumpster day and reported someone had a concern with a tree. Maintenance and Mayor Faulkner will look into it.

Minutes: Mike Johnson motioned to approve all monthly minutes as presented, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved.

Village Bills: Mike Johnson motioned to pay all Village bills as presented, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Reports: Tammy Boen motioned to approve all reports as presented, seconded by Ray Ryerson, all in favor, motion approved.

- Will be utilizing the old tower for cleaning out of the new tower. There will be low water pressure in the Village starting June 18th for 10 days to two weeks.
- Storm drain was repaired in three places on W First St
- Need to start a sidewalk plan for the year

Stump grinder rental: Mike Johnson motioned to rent a stump grinder in the amount of \$790.13, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Purchase pump and equipment: Ray Ryerson motioned to purchase pump from Homer Fire Protection Department in the amount of \$1,000.00 and hoses not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the sewer department, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray

Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, abstain, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Village Hall parking lot: Mike Johnson motioned to accept bid from Bi-state in the amount of \$13,898.25 to resurface and restripe the Village Hall parking lot, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Planning Commission, Skip James motioned to combine the Planning Commission with the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Ray Ryerson, all in favor, motion approved.

County Sheriff/ Freedom and Music Festival: Ray Ryerson motioned to approve contract with Champaign County Sheriff's Department for festival security, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Downtown Sidewalk: Mike Johnson motioned to approve Farnsworth Group to put the West side downtown sidewalk project out for bid not to exceed \$3,000.00 in engineering fees, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Audit: Skip James motioned to accept the audit Management letter and to continue with Laughterbach & Amen for future audits, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Codification changes: Mike Johnson motioned to approve codification changes to be sent to Illinois codification for approval and amending, seconded by Tammy Boen, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Personnel committee meeting to discuss Treasurers position and return work policy will be held Thursday, June 12th at 6pm

Adjourn: Mike Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn: 7:49pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Personnel Committee Meeting
June 12, 2025
6:00pm

Those present: Mayor Roger Faulkner, Personnel Committee, Ray Ryerson, John Dodd, and Mike Johnson and Treasurer Cindy Pruitt.

Cindy Pruitt informed the committee that she will not be able to work remotely.

Discussed creating a job description for the treasurer position

Wage to be between \$13,000 and \$15,000 with an average of 10 hours weekly

Mike Johnson suggested to post position as available immediately.

The job will be posted by June 17th on the Village website and possible other options

Discussed the return to work policy. We will make sure that the codification company is aware. Will address the return to work policy at the planning meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Roger Faulkner, posted by Clerk Sharon Jeffers

Village of Homer
Ordinance Committee Meeting
June 24, 2025
6:00pm

Those present: Mayor Roger Faulkner, Committee Members: Ray Ryerson, Tammy Boen, and Skip James.

The committee reviewed more of the proposed code.

Questions #82-109 were discussed. Please see attached.

Next meeting will be held July 29th at 6pm

No residency required 21-2-4

Bassett

#82

Install everything regarding grant requirements

Class Manufactured? w
Definitions

#91

More about existing

93 What can we stop

24-2-1 No Police

Handicap Parking @ businesses/churches

Truck weight truck signs
Detour sign.

Snow route -
Whose responsible for removing snow

#109 Signs

July 29nd @ 6:00
Point out next section

Village of Homer
Special Meeting
June 25, 2025
6:00pm

Those Present: Trustees: Mike Johnson, Tammy Boen, John Dodd, Skip James, and Ray Ryerson, Mayor/Board President, Roger Faulkner, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Attorney, Marc Miller, Engineer Kevin Hannel, and Librarian Christine Cunningham.

Kevin Hannel from Farnsworth Group discussed the progress of the Water Treatment plant and the RO pilot study. They have negotiated with Harn that the Village would only pay a quarter of the monthly charge for the remaining two months, \$2,000. They have also credited back some time. We will be getting a cost estimate on running the RO system from Harn once all the data comes in. Farnsworth will then update the four options including the RO System for the new water treatment plant. The engineers will make their recommendation, and the Village Board will then vote.

Bid opening for the sidewalk project will be July 8th

Will post looking for insured mowers to be on a list for mowing yards that are in violation.

Contractor to come with price

Can not mow inside fenced areas, can not remove or move debris, Village not responsible for incidentals. No weed eating, just mowing.

Garbage and junk can only be removed with a court order.

109 N Main St, the owner wants to just give the building to the Village.

Marc Miller will look into title insurance, then all back taxes and title insurance would have to be paid. There would need to be a formal contract.

The board would like to get permission to go into building and be able to get quotes on demolition before accepting the building.

Library PPRT: Mike Johnson motioned to approve repayment of Library's portion of PPRT tax of \$10,000.00 in increments of \$2,500.00 over 4 years along with each current years portion, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, Tammy Boen, yes and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Put the 1% Grocery tax on the July monthly meeting

Adjourn: Mike Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Boen, all in favor, motion approved. Adjourn 7:36pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Personnel Committee meeting
June 30, 2025
6:00pm

Those present: Mayor Roger Faulkner, Committee members, John Dodd, Ray Ryerson, and Tammy Boen.

Applications for the Treasurer position were reviewed.

Four applicants were chosen for interviews. Mayor Faulkner will contact these individuals to set up interviews for July 2nd.

Adjourn

Village of Homer
Personnel Committee Meeting
July 2, 2025
6:00pm

Those present: Mayor Roger Faulkner, Committee members, John Dodd, Ray Ryerson, and Tammy Boen.

Interviews were held with four applicants.

Two were chosen to be interviewed by the current Treasurer. Who would let the Mayor know her choice to present to the board.

Adjourn