

The Regular Meeting of the Homer Town Board was held at the Town Hall located in the Village of Homer, on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the town board room, with Supervisor Park presiding.

Members Present:

Supervisor, Michael R. Park,  
Deputy Supervisor, Barry E. Warren  
Councilmember, Sarah E. Head  
Councilmember, Caleb J. Leach  
Councilmember, Kevin M. Williams

Others Present: Town Clerk, Heather M. Hill, Deputy Town Clerk, Brooke L. Poli; Village Mayor, Patrick Clune; Highway Superintendent, Kyle Bean; Attorney to the Town, Dan Ellis; Legislator, Reed Cleland; Village Fire Chief, Jay Riley; Residents: Tim Malchak, Michael Broughton, Karen Dudgeon, and Emmanuel Pothos,

Supervisor Park called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

#### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Supervisor Warren made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Head, to approve the Draft Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve the Draft Regular Town Board Meeting minutes of January 8, 2024.**

#### MONTHLY BILL PAY

General bills were approved as audited by Councilmember Williams, motioned by Councilmember Williams, to approve the general fund vouchers for payment, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Warren; All voting aye, the motion carried: **RESOLVED: That General Fund, abstract #2, vouchers #9 through #36 totaling \$21,904.48 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited by Councilmember Leach, motioned by Councilmember Leach, to approve the highway fund vouchers for payment, seconded by Councilmember Williams; All voting aye, the motion carried: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund, abstract #2, vouchers #4 through #22, totaling \$26,605.07 are approved for payment.**

#### WRITTEN DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Head made a motion, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to receive and file the following December/January monthly reports as presented:

1. The Code Enforcement Officer- January 2025
2. Town Clerk- January 2025
3. Fire Chief- January 2025
4. Supervisor- December 2024 and January 2025
5. Dog Control Officer- December 2024 and January 2025

All voting aye, the motion carried.

Supervisor Park made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Leach, to approve the 2025 town budget adjustments. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve the budget adjustments as proposed where classifications were changed but overall budget remained the same.**

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Village Trustee Patrick Clune informed the town board that they swore in a new trustee, Ed Porter, as a new village trustee to replace Patrick Clune position. Mayor Clune also stated the village is considering combining two fire trucks into one.

Fire Chief, Jay Riley, expounded on combining two fire trucks into one to create a more versatile truck for rural areas. Quotes are being considered and requested the town consider any funding for the purchase of a truck. Supervisor Park stated the town is very fortunate to have such a great fire department and appreciates all they do for the town.

County Legislator Reed Cleland discussed several county items including an upcoming meeting with State Senator Webb, no county meetings in July, several changes the county made to their rules and bylaws, and expanding fiber optic lines to provide several miles of broadband service in our area. Supervisor Park requested that supervisors and mayors be invited to the sales tax discussions.

Highway Superintendent Kyle Bean provided an update for the highway garage, including plowing more in January this year than they did all last year. He appreciates all the help and support.

Discussion occurred on providing the highway superintendent with a credit card with a \$1,000.00 limit for purchasing items such as gas and other items for highway trucks.

Councilmember Leach made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve obtaining a credit card for the highway department. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: To obtain a credit card for the highway superintendent to purchase necessary items with a maximum limit of \$1,000.00.**

There was discussion on declaring a 2017 RAM truck and a 2012 Dodge truck as surplus and plans to go to auction. Superintendent Bean has contacted eight different dealers to obtain quotes for a new truck and should have more information next month.

Supervisor Park made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to declare the 2017 RAM truck and 2012 Dodge truck as surplus and to authorize both for sales. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: declare the 2017 RAM truck and 2022 Dodge truck as surplus and to authorize both for auction.**

Discussion occurred on the retirement of Dave McEvoy, effective March 28<sup>th</sup>, after 29 years of service between the town and village. Supervisor Park stated that the town appreciated his years of dedicated service.

Councilmember Leach made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Head, to accept and file David McEvoy's resignation, effective March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to accept and file Dave McEvoy's resignation from the highway department, effective March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Town Clerk Hill updated the clerk's office has collected 82% of the town's taxes and January was extremely busy month. She also updated that there were approximately 188 parcels that utilize the payment plan and the clerk's paid the town supervisor for the general fund, highway fund, and fire district tax.

Councilmember Head made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Leach, to approve the extension of time to collect taxes to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve the extension of time for the town to collect town and county taxes until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and to authorize the town supervisor to sign the extension.**

Supervisor Park said that after debriefing the state concerning the Comprehensive Plan, they will reapply for funding to revise the Comprehensive Plan. He plans to meet with Rich Cunningham on February 19<sup>th</sup> to review the cost of the revisions.

Supervisor Park said they had not received the blueprints for remodeling the basement for the village police department but are still hoping to receive them soon.

Supervisor Park reported that National Grid wants to change the town highway garage to a demand meter. Discussion occurred on increased electricity usage and demand charges. Investigation into the cause and potential solutions is ongoing.

Attorney Ellis said that he talked with Kevin McMahon concerning expired variances and would like to discuss further with the planning board on the next steps.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke L. Poli  
Deputy Town Clerk

