

Supervisor's Monthly Update

Town of Homer

February 2026

Dear Residents,

February has been a full and productive month for the Town of Homer. I want to take a few moments to highlight the most important developments and what they mean for our community.

Annexation on Wolf Road Approved

Following a properly noticed combined Town and Village public hearing, the Town Board unanimously approved the annexation of a 25.55-acre parcel on Wolf Road that had been unintentionally omitted during a prior boundary adjustment.

The Village of Homer expressed no opposition, and the property does not receive village services. All environmental review requirements under SEQR were completed, and the Board issued a negative declaration.

This action corrects technical oversight and ensures continuity of jurisdiction moving forward.

Town Hall Lower-Level Renovation — Moving Forward

Work continues on the lower-level renovation at Town Hall. While we encountered several issues due to omissions in earlier architectural and engineering specifications, we are addressing them carefully and professionally.

The Board approved an additional \$100,000 contingency to responsibly manage unforeseen items and complete the project to modern standards — including insulation, fire alarm integration, generator connections, accessible services, and updated ceiling and lighting systems.

Our goal remains early April completion. Once finished, we will schedule an open house so residents can see the improvements firsthand.

NYS DOT Intersection Proposals

The New York State Department of Transportation presented draft concepts for improvements at:

- NY 41 & 281
- NY 90 & 281

Roundabouts are currently the State's preferred alternative, though left-turn lanes remain under consideration.

This project is still in the draft phase. A public meeting is expected in August 2026. I strongly encourage residents and business owners to participate when that opportunity arises.

Procurement Policies Updated

The Town adopted updated procurement policies for both general operations and the Highway Department. These updates clarify thresholds, tighten language, and add appropriate emergency provisions consistent with General Municipal Law.

Good policy protects taxpayers — and we take that responsibility seriously.

Clerk's Office & Tax Collection

Tax season is in full swing. To better serve residents during this busy period, we extended tax collection through May 31, 2026, as permitted by law. This extension also benefits the Town through additional interest earnings.

We appreciate the Clerk's staff for managing a very heavy workload during this season.

Seasonal Road Policy Review

The Board and Town Counsel are reviewing a draft local law to formalize how seasonal road maintenance requests are handled, particularly when new construction occurs on roads historically maintained only part of the year.

The intent is simple: ensure fairness to property owners while protecting taxpayers from unintended long-term maintenance obligations.

More discussion will occur at the March meeting.

Solar Project Developments

Escrow accounts continue to cover legal and engineering costs related to solar development proposals. The AES project has retained new engineering representation, and we are monitoring developments closely.

We are also reviewing long-term PILOT and tax revenue strategies to ensure any approved projects provide meaningful and responsible benefit to the Town.

In Closing

Our focus remains steady:

- Responsible budgeting
- Infrastructure improvement
- Transparency
- Protection of taxpayer interests
- And long-term planning for Homer's future

As always, I welcome your questions and input. Please feel free to attend meetings, reach out to Town Hall, or connect with any Board member.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

Respectfully,

Michael Park

Town Supervisor

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