

## **Supervisors Town of Homer Update**

November 12, 2025 Board Meeting

### **A Warm Hello, Homer Neighbors!**

As we move further into the fall season and prepare for winter, we have been working hard to keep the town running smoothly. Here is what's happening around our community.

### **2026 Town Budget Adopted**

The Town Board officially adopted the 2026 budget at our town board meeting on November 12, 2025. While rising costs affect everyone, the town board worked hard to keep expenses responsible and maintain essential services for all residents.

### **Solar Moratorium Passed**

The Town approved a temporary 6-month pause on new solar farm and energy-storage projects. This gives us time to update zoning laws, review how to protect farmland, and work with county planners on developing a plan. Homeowners will not be affected for home Use systems, Any current commercial solar projects started are NOT affected.

### **Spectrum Franchise Renewal**

The Board decided to renew the town's cable franchise with Spectrum, which the town has had for the past 15 years. This ensures continued service and steady franchise revenue for the town.

### **Highway Department Update**

Our highway crew is winter-ready! Plows are tuned, salt mixtures are improved, and roadside trimming is nearly completed. The town is also working to replace aging equipment trailers to keep operations running safely.

### **Town Hall Renovation**

Renovations of the lower level of Town Hall continues. Old vaults have been removed, asbestos issues have been addressed, and new utilities are being prepared. Contractors are working to keep the project on track.

### **New Town Website**

We are excited to report that the new Town of Homer website is now live! There will be more updates to come and a full move to the .gov domain will take place by the new year.

### **Additional Updates**

- Cemetery Report: Strong financial year with about 100 burial plots remaining.
- County Tipping Fees: A proposed increase from \$90 to \$105 per ton is under review.
- Employee Benefits Change: Starting after 2026, part-time employees will no longer receive town-funded health insurance due to rising costs.

**Thank You, Homer!**

We appreciate all our residents who attend meetings, volunteer, ask questions, and support our community. Your involvement makes the Town of Homer a wonderful place to call home.

Michael Park -Supervisor