

The regular meeting of the Homer Town Board was held at the town hall located in the Village of Homer, on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in the town conference room, with Supervisor Park presiding.

Members Present:

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

Others Present: Town Clerk, Brooke L. Poli; Deputy Town Clerk, Lindsey VanHubert; Highway Superintendent, Kyle Bean; Attorney to the Town, Dan Ellis II; Village Mayor, Patrick Clune; Reed Cleland, County Legislator. Attendees: Tim Malchak, Michael Broughton, Steve Cinquanti, Don Ferris, John DelVecchio, and Gerry Ruggiero.

Supervisor Park called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Leach, to approve the Draft Regular Town Board Meeting minutes of July 8, 2026, with the addition of Councilmember Williams' request for future clarity on procedure for auditing invoices from Homer Iron Works was added to the minutes. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve the Draft Regular Town Board Meeting minutes of July 8, 2026 with the requested revision.**

MONTHLY BILL PAY

General bills were approved as audited by Deputy Supervisor Leach, motioned by Deputy Supervisor Leach, to approve the general fund vouchers for payment, seconded by Councilmember Head. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: That General Fund, abstract #8 of 2026, vouchers #247 through #281 totaling \$27,612.54 were approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited by Councilmember Williams, motioned by Councilmember Williams, to approve highway fund vouchers for payment, seconded by Councilmember Brown. All voting aye, the motion carried: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund, abstract #8 of 2026, vouchers #93 through #105 all totaling \$66,317.96 were approved for payment.**

Councilmember Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve and pay Harter Secrest, LLP, voucher #7 in the amount of \$500.00. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve and pay Harter Secrest, LLP, voucher #7 in the amount of \$500.00.**

WRITTEN DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Head made a motion, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Leach, to receive and file the following monthly July reports as presented:

1. Town Clerk- July 2026
2. Highway Superintendent- July 2026
3. Fire Chief- June 2026
4. Supervisor's- June and July 2026

All voting Aye, the motion carried.

The Supervisor reviewed the town's financial position as of July 31, 2026, and the general operating expenditures were described as running below budget and the highway funds were also reported as stable and within budget expectations.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Legislator Reed Cleland updated that a proposed new privilege of the floor policy for the county was being considered, an action plan considered related to Juul settlement funds, with \$180 million referenced, and other updates given.

Mayor Patrick Clune reported that NYS DOT dropped the roundabout alternative for Route 281/Route 90, and the 41 project. A stakeholder meeting is planned for August 19, 2026, at 10:00 am and a public hearing is expected sometime in October. Other updates were reviewed.

Resident Steve Cinquanti raised concern about snow removal at the end of Limerick Lane and that the town plow operations damaged his driveway while using it to turn around in. The resident was seeking financial relief from the town for the portion of the driveway that was damaged. The board agreed to review the issue before a decision is made.

A resident inquired how formulating committee members to review local laws was made, and the supervisor explained a few town board members were asked to review the draft law on seasonal road conversion and had not circulated it broadly yet, was informational only and would be more discussion.

AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Bean reported that the facility and grounds were in good condition, a new furnace was installed and operating, two miles of pavement on Haight's Gulf Road had been completed, pothole and road work completed, town hall improvements, attended a CHIPS meeting, traffic speed sign had been set up, and are actively looking for another full-time motor vehicle operator.

Town Clerk Poli and Deputy Town Clerk VanHubert reviewed and updated on the research of a credit card terminal and presented the board with a spreadsheet comparing the options and cost. It was also reported Karen Snyder continues to assist with organizing records and reviewing retention schedule and a standard workday and reporting resolution for elected and appointed officials was reviewed. Discussion also occurred on hiring CNY Webs to work on the website to become ADA complaint.

On motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Leach, to accept and approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to accept and approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.**

On motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve the purchase of a credit card terminal from Square in the amount of \$299.00. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve the purchase of a credit card terminal from square in the amount of \$299.00.**

On motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Head, to approve funding up to \$2,000.00 for CNY Webs to work on the town's website to become ADA compliant. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve funding up to \$2,000.00 for CNY Webs to work on the town's website to become ADA compliant.**

On motion by Deputy Supervisor Leach, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to accept and file Ryan Dubois' resignation letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to accept and file Ryan Dubois' resignation letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

The town board reviewed a proposed delinquent grass ordinance the code enforcement officer brought forward for review. Discussion occurred and the town board agreed to review it further and review it next month. If advanced, a public hearing would need to occur before any decisions could be made.

On motion by Councilmember Head, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Leach, to approve the submitted Stark Tech service contract in the amount of \$1,367.50 for biannual service. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to approve the submitted Stark Tech service contract in the amount of 1,367.50 for biannual service.**

RESOLUTION #5 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS BILL OF RIGHTS

Motion by Councilmember Head

Seconded by Deputy Supervisor Leach

VOTES: AYE- Park, Brown, Williams, Leach, Head; NAY- 0

WHEREAS, town government provides services essential to the vitality of New York State, including but not limited to maintaining and repairing roads, protecting neighborhoods and businesses, guiding economic development, and serving as the first line of defense, communication, and safety for residents every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, the 933 towns of New York State are home to more than 9.1 million New Yorkers and are diverse in population, geography, and demographics, such that decisions affecting daily life are best made at the local level by the government that best understands each community's character, challenges, and needs; and

WHEREAS, the towns of New York are partners in shaping the State's future, and a true partnership between the State and its local governments will propel the New York State forward to the benefit of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the New York Association of Towns has adopted a *Bill of Rights* articulating the core principles that should govern the relationship between the State and its towns; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer shares and affirms those principles, namely:

1. **Protection and defense of municipal home rule**, recognizing that towns, as the level of government closest to the people, are best positioned to balance competing interests and make decisions that shape daily life;
2. **Local control of land use and zoning**, free from statewide zoning rules that override the voice of resident taxpayers and the officials they elect;
3. **Freedom from unfunded mandates**, so that local taxpayers are not made to bear the cost of orders imposed by State and federal authorities without the resources to carry them out;
4. **Modernized transparency, accessibility, and engagement**, including reform of outdated public-notice requirements that consume scarce municipal dollars on print notices often missed by the public; and
5. **A meaningful voice in State decisions** affecting the hometowns that towns govern, so that town government is treated as a true partner rather than an afterthought or a hurdle to clear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Homer hereby endorses and adopts the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights and affirms its commitment to the principles set forth therein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to respect and uphold these principles in the enactment of legislation and the administration of State programs affecting towns; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the State Senator(s) and Member(s) of the Assembly representing the Town of Homer, and the New York Association of Towns; and be it further.

Discussion occurred on proposed seasonal road law. The draft law would formalize how property owners could request road improvements when seeking to build on seasonal or less-developed roads. After much discussion, the board agreed to continue working on the law and stated before any decision could be made it would need to go to public hearing.

Supervisor Park reviewed drawings for an HVAC roof to provide a protective structure for the new HVAC condenser units installed outside the town hall. The structure would provide protection for the compressors from snow and damage. This would need to go out to bid, and a special meeting would be scheduled once at least three bids were received so the project could be approved before the winter.

The town board received an update on the comprehensive plan grant from the Department of State. The town must not spend or commit any funds before the grant is finalized, or the expenses may not be reimbursable. The project is moving forward, but slowly.

The Zoning Board of Appeals lawsuit is now in the court's hands, and all papers and response papers have been submitted, and the town is awaiting a decision. Councilmember Williams requested the documentation be emailed to the town board.

Attorney Ellis read an email from a resident concerning truck traffic complaints on Creech Road near the intersection on Route 90. The concerns focused on limited sight, large trucks utilizing Creech Road, safety factors, and other factors. The town board will review next month after further review.

Mayor Patrick Clune read the DOT email confirming the decisions to drop the roundabout option for the village and will move forward with left-turn lane additions on Route 281 at Route 90 and Route 41 and new traffic signals.

On motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Head, to authorize the supervisor to sign the annual liability insurance renewal through Bailey Place Insurance and issue payment to Bailey Place Insurance in the amount of \$46,193.78. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to authorize the supervisor to sign the annual liability insurance renewal through Bailey Place Insurance and issue payment to Bailey Place Insurance in the amount of \$46,193.78.**

On motion by Deputy Supervisor Leach, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to authorize the supervisor to sign the annual PERMA contract for the employee risk management policy. All voting aye, the motion carried. **RESOLVED: to authorize the supervisor to sign the annual PERMA contract for the employee risk management policy.**

The town board received updates on the Seaboard and AES solar projects which included the following: For Seaboard: the county and town staff are overseeing the inspections, issues with landowner's tree clearing may have crossed property lines but was quickly addressed. For AES: the project is moving forward, and final road agreements and work hours are still being worked out.

No further update was given by Attorney Ellis.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke L. Poli