

**Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
March 1, 2016**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Suits at 5:42 PM. Present were Trustees Paul Gower, Kevin Slack, Eugene Smith and Andrew Brush Clerk-Treasurer Lou Anne Randall and Attorney Casullo. Also present Don Ferris, Pat Clune, Craig Umbehauer, Tim Maxson, Fire Chief Robert Johnson, Police Chief Robert Pitman, and Peter Blanchard from The Cortland Voice.

Minutes from February 2, 2016 were approved as submitted, motion Trustee Brush-all aye.

Motion Trustee Brush, - **All ayes** to pay the following bills:

General Fund	Vouchers 816-951	\$	118,987.58
Water Fund	Vouchers 321-380	\$	13,274.05
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 321-375	\$	90,460.38
Capital Projects Fund	-----		-----
Comm. Dev. Fund	-----		-----

ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF WRITTEN REPORTS:

CEMETERY - no report was received as submitted - closed-.

CODES – report was received as submitted, **motion** to accept by Trustee Smith - all ayes

POLICE – report was received as submitted, **motion** by Trustee Slack- all ayes.

DOGS – no report was received as submitted, motion by Trustee Smith - all ayes

RECREATION – report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Brush- all ayes.

WATER/SEWER/STREETS– report was received as submitted, **motion** Trustee Slack- all ayes. Lawrence Barber reported on the issues that need to be addressed for our sewer. The sewer lines that need to be repaired are Maple, Elm and Center Street. The Pump station on Clinton Street needs to be repaired.

FIRE CHIEF’S - report was received as submitted, motion Trustee Brush - all ayes

Kudos on the fire on Wall Street

Attorney Casullo stated Section 1 -102 village laws; the village board approves any training that is taking place on any property that is not owned by the Village of Homer.

There was much discussion about how to proceed. Attorney Casullo will work with the Fire Department to obtain the correct information for this training exercise to proceed.

Chief Johnson wanted to thank Paul Gower for all his help during his time as Trustee Gower these past 6 years. Mayor Suits also elaborated on thanking Paul Gower for all his efforts as Trustee.

The clock is here waiting for DOT approval, before the DPW can construct the clock.

Mayor Suits proclaim that April will Fair Housing month.

“WHEREAS, in accordance with the Title VIII Fair Housing Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and,
WHEREAS, the month of April 2016 has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Homer hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing month in the Village of Homer.

Attorney Casullo stated we have completed the vacant property list; 4 out of 16 properties are not vacant. Code Officer Craig Umbehauer will meet with the vacant property owners. Once the list is completed a copy will be given to Mahlon Irish for the 911 center.

Trustee Paul Gower would like a “Town Hall” meeting with the public to set the facts straight about the “Fact sheet dated November 7”. This will help clear any miscommunications that are being said regarding the Village Office. The Meeting will be March 7th at 7 pm. This will be advertised on website and Cortland Standard.

On motion move into executive session at 6:10 pm by Trustee Smith - all ayes

On motion adjourn executive session at 6:11 pm by Mayor Suits - all ayes

On motion by Trustee Gower, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm – all ayes.

Mayor Genevieve Suits
Lou Anne Randall, Village Clerk-Treasurer