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**VILLAGE OF HOMER
PUBLIC HEARING
June 25, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARING #1:

The hearing is held for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Village's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2024 funding year. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make funds available to eligible local governments for housing; economic development; including microenterprise assistance for businesses with five or fewer individuals including the owner(s); public facilities; public infrastructure; and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons. The Village of Homer is applying for \$2,000,000 in CDBG funds to improve public water infrastructure in the Village. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of 24 CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

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**VILLAGE OF HOMER
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
June 25, 2024**

1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees called to order by Mayor McCabe
2. Consent Agenda Approval
3. Approve Minutes – 06/11/2024
4. Authorize Payment of Bills
 - F & G Funds – Vouchers # 154-185 \$22,176.11
 - A Fund – Vouchers # 521-592 \$132,316.72
 - T&A Fund- Vouchers # 18-24 \$9,9939.56
5. Privilege of the Floor
6. Old Business
 - A. Grants Update
7. New Business
 - A. Discuss LED Local Law Timeline
 - B. Discuss Possible Sale of Municipal Owned Property on Durwood Drive Tax Map #66.50-03-25.200
 - C. Approve Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for Dam Project not to exceed 8K
 - D. Recreation Refund Summer Basketball Registrants 7-8 Group
 - E. Approve One Resolution:

Approval of the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer (municipality) is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the (municipality) is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the (municipality) approves at a meeting of the governing body held on 6/25/2024 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (Effective 1.1.24) of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

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8. Comments by Board Members

9. Executive Session – Per NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105

10. Adjournment

Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting
June 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Homer Board of Trustees was held remotely via zoom and in person at the Homer Town Hall at 31 North Main St. with Mayor McCabe presiding.

Members present:

Mayor, Hal McCabe
Trustee, Patrick Clune
Trustee, Edward Finkbeiner
Trustee, Kevin Slack
Trustee, Elizabeth McGrath

Also, present were Village Clerk Dan Egnor, Francis Casullo Village Attorney, Jay Riley Village of Homer Fire Chief, Bob Pitman Village of Homer Police Chief, Andrew Pierce Recreation Director, Mike Park Town of Homer Superintendent, Whitney Hargett Senator Webb's Office, Margaret Mellott Cortland Standard, Jack Eves Homer Radio X10, Kevin Smith Homer Voice, Tim Maxson.

VILLAGE OF HOMER
CONSENT AGENDA
June 11, 2024

1. Waive rental fee for Senior Center reservation at Durkee Park 8/14/24.
2. Approve pool credit at 4 Homer properties as submitted.
3. Accept monthly Department reports as written.
4. Approve former Treasurer's donation of 275 hours of sick time.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, to approve the Consent Agenda of June 11, 2024, Seconded by Trustee McGrath— **all ayes.**

Minutes: Trustee Clune made a **Motion** to approve minutes of May 28, 2024, as written, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner- **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, Seconded by Trustee Slack, to pay the following bills for 2024-2025 – **all ayes.**

➤ F & G Funds – Vouchers	# 127-153	\$20,641.52
➤ A Fund – Vouchers	# 424-520	\$79,642.96
➤ TA -Vouchers	#16-17	\$1,882.11

Privilege of the Floor: Mike Park painting of the Town Hall will start this week. The renovation is still moving forward and some plans to move storage from the basement need to be finalized. The billboard signs will be discussed at the next meeting. Andrew asked if there were any questions. Trustee Clune heard from the Seniors that the trip to the CRT was great. Trustee Slack asked that to help the Seniors exit the bus there should be a stool.

Old Business: None at this time

New Business:

The Beautification Committee is still looking for volunteers. Trustee Slack has pointed out the great work former Committee members did in the past. If there are any residents that have ideas contact Kevin.

Trustee Clune wanted to follow up on CFA applications with Trustee Finkbeiner and prioritize the River Trail over the ice rink. The Recreation Committee agrees to postpone the ice rink purchase due to the commitment the Village is putting into the DRI. On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, to move forward on the River Trail, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner – **all ayes**. On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, to move forward on the Ice Rink, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner– **3-nays (Clune, McGrath, Slack), 1-aye**. On **Motion** by Trustee Finkbeiner, to move forward with the Event Center, Seconded by Mayor McCabe– **3-nays (Clune, McGrath, Slack), 1-aye**. The Mayor asked that Trustee Finkbeiner get funds for the Dog Park. Trustee Clune reminded the board of the 15 projects on the addenda for the Board and Village Trustees.

On **Motion** by Trustee McGrath, notice a public hearing for two CBDG applications, Newton water sewer pumps and Newton water tank, Seconded by Trustee Clune – **all ayes**.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, accept the \$325,000.00 Bond anticipation note for the sewer project from Green County Commercial Bank, Seconded by Trustee Slack – **all ayes**.

Resolution of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer to establish a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighters of the Homer Fire Department

Section 1 The Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum to eligible voters within the Village of Homer to be held on, November 5, 2024, to determine whether such Service Award Program shall be established effective January 1, 2025.

Section 2 In accordance with Article 11-A of the General Municipal Law, the Village of Homer shall be the Service Award Program Sponsor.

Section 3 The type of program shall be a defined contribution plan as described in Section 218 of Article 11-A. All active volunteer firefighter members of the Homer Fire Department who are at least 18 years old shall be eligible to become Service Award Program Participants. Unless participation is waived, an eligible volunteer shall become a Participant on December 31 of the first calendar year after calendar year 2023 during which he or she earns a year of Service Award Program service credit (see Section 4 of this resolution).

Section 4 Active volunteer firefighters shall have the opportunity to earn pension-like benefits, as well as pre-Entitlement Age death and disability benefits, under the Service Award Program. For each year of Service Award Program service credit earned not more than 50 years, a \$750 contribution shall be credited to a Participant's Service Award Program account. Investment income earned on, and investment/administrative expenses paid from the Service Award Program trust fund assets shall be allocated to each Participant's Service Award Program account. The Participant's Service Award Program account balance at any time shall be the Participant's "Service Award" earned as of that time.

A Participant may apply for payment of his or her Service Award upon attainment of age 63, the "Entitlement Age". No Service Award shall effectively be paid to any Participant before January 1, 2025. A Participant shall be paid his or her Service Award in the form of a lump-sum payment or in any other equivalent forms of payment selected by the Participant as may be permitted under the terms and conditions of the program document.

The pre-Entitlement Age death benefit shall be a lump-sum payable to the Participant's designated beneficiary equal to the Participant's Service Award. No death benefit shall be payable unless the Participant had acquired a non-forfeitable right to a Service Award (see Section 6 of this resolution).

A Participant shall be eligible to be paid a pre-Entitlement Age disability benefit payment under the Service Award Program if such Participant is granted a total and permanent disability by the Social Security Administration, or by any entity which pays benefits under the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law, or by any other authority approved by the Program Administrator. Such disability benefit shall be a lump-sum payment equal to the Participant's Service Award.

Section 5 A year of Service Award Program service credit shall be earned by an eligible volunteer for each calendar year after 2023 during which the eligible volunteer earns at least 50 "points" for participating in volunteer firefighter activities as set forth by the Board of Fire Commissioners in the Service Award Program Point System, as authorized by Section 217 of Article 11-A of the General Municipal Law, and during which the volunteer agrees to participate in the Service Award Program. The Board of Trustees may amend the Point System from time to time, provided such amendments are adopted in accordance with and are allowable under all applicable statutes, rules and regulations. In the event the Point System is amended by the Board of Trustees, a written explanation of the changes shall be distributed to active volunteer firefighter members within six months of the later of the date such changes are adopted or effective.

Section 6 Up to five years of Service Credit may be earned under the Point System by eligible Participants for service prior to January 1, 2024, and after December 31, 2018, with the Homer Fire Department. To be eligible to earn credit for such service, an eligible volunteer of the Homer Fire Department must earn a year of Service Credit in a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2024, or 2025.

Section 7 Persons who become or continue to be eligible volunteers after attaining the Entitlement Age shall continue to have the opportunity to earn service credit under the Point System even if they have been paid a Service Award. Any \$750 annual post Entitlement Age contribution earned by a Participant shall be credited to the Participant's program account and subsequently paid to the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary in accordance with the applicable provisions set forth in the program document.

Section 8 A Participant's Service Award shall become fully vested (i.e. a Participant shall obtain a non-forfeitable right to his or her Service Award) after the Participant: earns at least five (5) years of Service Award Program service credit; attains age 63 or any subsequent age while an eligible volunteer; or is awarded a Service Award Program total and permanent disability benefit payment.

Section 9 As of December 31 of the year a non-vested Participant ceases to be an eligible volunteer, such non-vested Participant's Service Award and earned Service Credit shall be forfeited. The forfeited earned Service Credit and Service Award shall be restored if such individual again becomes an active volunteer firefighter member of the Homer Fire Department within five years and subsequently earns at least one year of Service Credit under the Point System.

Section 10 The total cost of funding the Village of Homer Service Award Program for 5 prior service years for current volunteers is estimated to be as much as \$144,200. The estimated annual cost to administer the program is about \$4,000. The total annual cost of funding the Village of Homer Service Award Program benefits for current volunteers is estimated to be as much as \$32,250 or about \$750 per active volunteer firefighter member.

Section 11 The Village of Homer Service Award Program benefit payments shall commence to Participants after December 31, 2024, when they and/or their beneficiaries qualify for payment.

Section 12 All other provisions of the Village of Homer Service Award Program shall be in accordance with Article 11-A of the General Municipal Law as amended from time to time and all related rules and regulations issued by the New York State Comptroller as well as any federal statutes and regulations applicable to Service Award Programs.

The appropriate trustees of the Village Board of Homer are authorized to and shall take the necessary actions to carry out this resolution.

On Motion by Trustee Clune, adopt the LOSAP program Resolution to establish a service award program for the Village of Homer Fire Department active members, Seconded by Trustee McGrath – **all ayes.**

Attorney: no comment at this time.

Comments by Board Members:

Trustee Finkbeiner nothing at this time.

Trustee McGrath spoke to the owners of the local store that was vandalized and they want to thank Chief Pitman and Officers for all the help.

Trustee Slack is revisiting the entry signs to the Village, and they need repair. Would like to know how to get supplies to do some projects around the Village, will the DPW help. The conversation moved to The Mayor added that he has someone painting a mural on the storage bins then Trustee Finkbeiner has opened a competition to paint the bins. The Beatification Committee still needs residents to help.

Trustee Clune there may be a problem in the drains next month at the Fire Department. The DRI has set up protocol and steps to distribute the funds.

Questions from the Media:

Tim Maxson wants to thank all that have helped get the word out about the Field Days.

Margaret confirmed that CFA is Consolidated Funding Application.

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, the Board entered Executive session, in accordance with NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105, section f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, Seconded by Trustee Finkbeiner at 6:45 P.M.- **All ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, to authorize the Mayor to retain a realtor to establish a fair market value of Village property on Durwood Dr., tax map 66.50-30-25.200, Seconded by Trustee McGrath – **all ayes.**

On **Motion** by Trustee Clune, accept the new Treasurer Samantha Smith at the discussed salary, Seconded by Trustee Slack – **all ayes.**


On Motion to adjourn by Trustee Clune Seconded by Trustee Slack at 7:07 PM-**All ayes.**

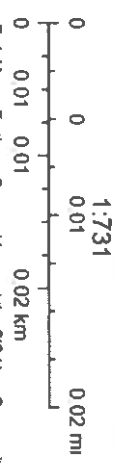
Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Hoy, Account Clerk

Cortland County Parcels



6/21/2024, 11:50:55 AM

 Parcels



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Village of Homer Clerk

From: John Saraceno Jr. <jjsaraceno@keyscomp.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 10:28 AM
To: Patrick Clune; Village of Homer Clerk
Cc: Mayor Hal McCabe; Pat Clune; Fran Casullo; Phil Stockton; John Saraceno
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Homer Dam Project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Gentlemen,

We had an internal meeting regarding this project yesterday afternoon. The design documents will be submitted for QA/QC tomorrow and should be available shortly thereafter. The DEC wording on the LOMR is a bit ambiguous. They say "may be required" several times. It will cost \$7,500 - \$8,000 to do a floor map revision study. We can either submit the design documents without the LOMR and see if they ask for it, or do it now and submit it all together. The downside of submitting without it is that if they do require it we probably won't hit the low water construction period this year.

This dredged material should be used as fill somewhere that will subsequently be covered, like grading for a new parking lot as opposed to dressing for the ballpark.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

John Saraceno Jr.

From: Patrick Clune <patrick.m.clune@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:46:08 AM
To: Village of Homer Clerk <clerk@homerny.org>
Cc: John Saraceno Jr. <jjsaraceno@keyscomp.com>; Mayor Hal McCabe <mayor@homerny.org>; Pat Clune <pclune@homerny.org>; Fran Casullo <fcasullo@cortlandattorneys.com>; Phil Stockton <pstockton@homerny.org>
Subject: [External] Re: Homer Dam Project

Are there any limits on uses for dredge material?

On Wed, Jun 12, 2024, 10:42 AM Village of Homer Clerk <clerk@homerny.org> wrote:

John.

Send a LOMR proposal and have cc to Phil Stockton to mull over the best use for the dredge material. Would be ideal if we can get this project done by August.

Thanks,

Dan Egnor

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From: John Saraceno Jr. <jsaraceno@keyscomp.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:37 AM

To: Village of Homer Clerk <clerk@homerny.org>

Cc: John Saraceno <jsaraceno@keyscomp.com>

Subject: Homer Dam Project

Hi Dan,

Wanted to touch base regarding the dam removal project. By the end of this week the most recent DEC design requests should be completed. We'll get the Village hard copy and digital copy as soon as they are. In the DEC most recent request they are asking for the Village to provide a study outlining any changes to the floodplain surrounding the project. This is done by completing a Letter Of Map Revision (LOMR). This study and the subsequent LOMR were not part of our original scope of work, however it is a service that Keystone can provide. Please let me know if you would like us to prepare a proposal for the LOMR as soon as possible. We're hoping to get approval to complete the project this season.

Also to date, we have told the DEC that dredged materials would be stockpiled at the DPW site in the Village. The DEC is now requiring that we determine the end use for the dredge materials as part of the approval. Please discuss this with DPW staffing and let us know their thoughts.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks again,

Village of Homer Clerk

From: Asia Stauber
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 3:22 PM
To: Village of Homer Clerk
Subject: FW: Refund Request
Attachments: BoysSummerLeagueRoster78.xls

Did this refund get put on the agenda?

Thank you 😊

Asia Stauber
Account Clerk
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From: Homer Rec Director <HomerRecDirector@homerny.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 8:06 PM
To: Asia Stauber <astauber@homerny.org>; Village of Homer Clerk <clerk@homerny.org>
Subject: Refund Request

Good Evening,

Unfortunately, we need to process a refund request for (14) registrants for the boys 7/8 Summer Basketball Team.

We did not get enough teams for that division of the summer league.

Thank you.
Andrew

Andrew Pierce
Homer Recreation Director
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