

Special Meeting
March 30, 2017

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Thursday, March 30th, 2017, in the board room of the Town Hall building to discuss office space in the Town Hall building with members of the Village of Homer Board of Trustees, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., Supervisor
Larry R. Jones, Councilman
Michael R. Park, Councilman
Barry E. Warren, Councilman
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Hal McCabe, Mayor-elect, Village of Homer
Patrick Clune, Village Trustee
Kevin Slack, Village Trustee
Kevin McMahan, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
JoAnne Dukelow, Village resident
Suzanne Riley, Village resident
Donald Ferris, reporter, The Homer News
Nick Graziano, reporter, Cortland Standard
Brad Smith, reporter, WXHC

Supervisor Forbes said that the Village Trustees had reached out to the Town to discuss the possibility of moving the Village offices back to the Town Hall. He said that while he had wanted all of his Town Board members in on the discussion, no decisions would be made at the special meeting. He reminded those present that the Town had previously offered to charge the Village \$600/month to rent space in the Town Hall and would pay \$15,000 towards renovating the space.

Councilman Warren presented his ideas for renovating the current office space - keeping the Town offices where they are currently, moving the Village offices back to the space they formerly occupied, and moving the Assessor's offices into the current board room space. He described how the undeveloped space on the stage could be made into a storage area for the Village. The Senior Center could be utilized for the meetings of both boards.

Supervisor Forbes reminded those present that the building is now accessible for handicapped persons at all levels. He suggested that the Town Board look into adding automatic door openers for easier access.

Trustee Clune suggested that they may need to hire an architect to help them plan the best use of the space. He also said the Village will need to address their long-term storage needs.

Town Clerk Jebbett asked both Boards to consider all possibilities for utilizing the space available on the stage level.

There was much discussion about how best to proceed. Forbes agreed that they should involve an architect and the various clerks to come up with the final plan, and McCabe agreed that everyone needs to be comfortable with the space. Code Enforcement Officer McMahan suggested that the Town and Village also need to agree on the amount of money to be spent on the renovations.

The Village representatives thanked the Town Board for being so patient and keeping the door open for them.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk