

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in the newly renovated board room of the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick Clune, Trustee, Village of Homer
Linda Jones, Cortland County Legislator
Shenandoah Briere, reporter, Cortland Standard
Don Ferris, reporter, The Homer News

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 8th regular meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board were:

1. The Town Clerk's monthly report of all receipts & disbursements for May.
2. The Code Enforcement Officer's report of all building permits issued for May.
3. The Dog Control Officer's report of all activities for May.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General Fund vouchers #113 through #140 totaling \$68,889.25 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund vouchers #96 through #114 totaling \$102,240.59 are approved for payment.**

Trust & Agency bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Trust & Agency voucher #20 for \$300 from the Little York Garden Club Fund for flowers & their maintenance at Dwyer Park, and voucher #21 for \$1,100 from the Pomeroy Foundation for the historical marker at the Glenwood Cemetery are approved for payment.**

OLD BUSINESS

Worker's Compensation insurance – Supervisor Forbes said that he is in the process of obtaining quotes through Bailey Place Insurance for workers compensation. He will inform the Board when those are available and a special meeting may need to be scheduled.

Town Hall balcony – There was discussion about the original light fixture to be hung in front of the large front window over the front doors. The Board agreed that Beard Electric should go ahead with having the light refurbished and that they would decide where it should be hung at a later date.

Architect Randy Crawford had cautioned against making decisions about the use of the balcony until after everyone moves back into their own office spaces. However, Supervisor Forbes said that he would like to see the west wall studded out, spray-foamed and sheet-rocked before winter.

Town Hall Office Renovation Project – Forbes said that good progress was being made with the project. The front two offices are currently being renovated – new insulation, electrical & data outlets, and heating are being installed. He expects that everyone will be in their new office spaces by July 1st, if not sooner.

Forbes discussed moving any heavy files and the old safe in the near future using various types of equipment, such as pallet jacks. The moving of the safe through the brute strength of a hired moving crew had resulted in a wall being damaged. He also suggested placing the cabinets on a thin piece of plywood to protect the carpet and to make moving them easier.

Marty Heath will be building a new counter in the Town Clerk's Office as soon as the cabinets are in.

Senior Center – New carpet tiles are to be installed in the Senior Center on June 20th & 21st, replacing the worn carpet. With help from County Legislator Linda Jones, funding has been secured for the project.

Pine Street Bridge – Supervisor Forbes reported that much progress has been made already on repairing the Pine Street Bridge and that he expects that all work will be done by July 1st.

Tax collection – Town Clerk Jebbett reported that 94.42% of all Town & County taxes have been paid - a new record. Any unpaid taxes will be returned to the County Treasurer on June 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

Sexual harassment policy training – Supervisor Forbes said that comprehensive training to prevent sexual harassment, a form of workplace discrimination, is now required for all employers under a new State law. He asked Attorney Snyder to look into what is required for the Town to be in compliance. Village Trustee Clune suggested that to save on any expense involved, the Town & Village cooperate on the training.

Automatic door openers warranty – There was discussion about an offer made by Stanley Door for an extended warranty on the three automatic door openers installed last year in the Town Hall. Board members agreed that repairs be made on an as-needed basis and no extended warranty was necessary.

Memorial Day Parade – Board members noted their appreciation of Cazenovia Equipment for their loan of a tractor, and of Homer Iron Works and Mike Park for their loan of a wagon on which all Town and Village officials attending the parade had ridden. They also thanked Aaron Forbes accompanied by his daughter Gracie who took the time to drive the tractor.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

County Legislator Linda Jones reported on activities at the County Legislature over the past month. She handed out information on the Healthy Cortland IRT (Innovative Readiness Training) which is a Department of Defense training exercise providing certain health care and veterinary care to Cortland County residents taking place on July 12th through July 20th. Jones also urged Board members to read the Vera report on whether or not more jail cells are needed in the County, and reported on all the progress being made to update Dwyer Park, much of it through donated time and materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk