

Special Meeting  
October 23, 2019

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, in the Town Hall board room was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 9:10 a.m. to discuss workers' compensation insurance.

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

Supervisor Forbes reported on information that he received at a meeting with the County and other municipalities on workers' compensation insurance. He said that it appears that the County is finally moving in the right direction regarding the County Self-Insurance Fund for workers' compensation. They have received a quote from PERMA for insurance coverage that is around \$400,000 less than they had been paying in the past. Forbes suggested that the Town obtain workers' compensation insurance from PERMA for a period of fourteen months, with the possibility, if the Town Board so decides, to fold their plan back into the County's plan in the future.

On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Park and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town of Homer agrees to purchase workers' compensation insurance from PERMA for \$23,909 with coverage to begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

There was much discussion about whether or not to go back with the County Self-Insurance Fund with Councilman Williams voicing strong opposition to the idea. Forbes said that returning to the County plan, if the County decides to go with PERMA, would be good for all municipalities in the County. The County would no longer be administering the plan and instead would benefit from the professional administration of the plan by PERMA.

Further discussion of the issue will take place at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

On motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Attorney Snyder be asked to prepare a letter to the County stating the Town of Homer's intention to pull out of the County Self-Insurance Plan as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

Supervisor Forbes also discussed the recent meeting with the Town Fire District, Village Board members, Fire Department representatives, and an attorney for the State who specializes in the creation of Fire Districts. The Village is strongly considering turning over the Village-run department to a newly-created Homer Fire District which would include the Towns of Summerhill and Scott. Councilman Williams said that he had concerns about this proposal and all Board members agreed that they need to see figures on the cost of operating the Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Anita W. Jebbett  
Town Clerk