

The year-end meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Monday, December 30, 2019, in the board room of the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 12:00 p.m.

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

Victor Siegle, Village resident
Martin Sweeney, Town Historian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 4th regular meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board:

1. The Supervisor's report of all cash receipts and disbursements for November.
2. The Dog Control Officer's report of all activities for the month of November.
3. The Code Enforcement Officer's report of all building permits issued in December.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Park and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General Fund vouchers #304 through #334 totaling \$60,913.06 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund vouchers #223 through #236 totaling \$12,738.63 are approved for payment.**

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition of retiring board members - Certificates of Appreciation were signed by all Board members for Hugh Riehlman, a long-serving member of the Board of Assessment Review who retired from the Board as of the end of 2018; Stuart Young, a long-serving member of the Town Planning Board who retired from the Board as of the end of 2018; and Eugene Wright, a long-time Chair and member of the Town Planning Board who is retiring from the Board as of the end of 2019.

Tax Collection - Certificates of Insurance for the upcoming tax collection were signed by Board members for the Cortland County Treasurer's Office and the County Clerk.

Update on solar energy projects – Victor Siegle read a report to the Town Board outlining his concerns about large commercial solar energy projects, and, in particular, EDF Renewables, which plans to build a large solar array in the Towns of Homer, Solon, and Cortlandville. He encouraged the Town Board to try to get as much money from the solar companies as possible, either by opting out of Real Property Tax Law Section 487, or by working to obtain a PILOT agreement that benefits the Town as much as possible. He also handed out a spread sheet with estimates on PILOT plans and tax levies as they pertain to EDF Renewables. There was discussion about these issues. Siegle urged Board members to contact him with any questions. The Town Board thanked him for his informative presentation.

Swearing in of re-elected Town Officials – Town Clerk Jebbett swore in Town Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., and Board members Larry R. Jones and Michael R. Park, who were all re-elected in November to serve four-year terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk