

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held in the board room of the Town Hall Building on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Supervisor  
Barry E. Warren, Councilman  
Dan A. Weddle, Councilman  
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman  
Brian D. Young, Councilman  
Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town  
John R. Phelps, Highway Superintendent  
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

MINUTES

**The minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting and the January 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting were approved as corrected**, on motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Weddle and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board were:

1. The Town Clerk's monthly report of all receipts and disbursements for January.
2. The Supervisor's monthly reports of all monies received and disbursed for the month of December.
3. The Code Enforcement Officer's report of all building permits issued for the month of January.
4. The Dog Control Officer's monthly report of all activities for January.

LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2010- FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION LAW

On motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that a Short Environmental Assessment Form for the Flood Damage Prevention Law has been completed and that a negative declaration under SEQRA is hereby declared.**

On motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Flood Damage Prevention Law (attached) hereby be adopted as Local Law #1 for 2010.**

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Weddle and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General vouchers #6 through #37 totaling \$18,494.40 be approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway vouchers #2 through #20 totaling \$33,401.90 be approved for payment.**

## NEW BUSINESS

Senior Center kitchen vent – Supervisor Forbes said that the Homer Senior Center manager has requested that the Town find a way to vent the stove in the Senior Center kitchen. They had hoped this could be tied in with the proposed Exterior Rehabilitation Project slated for late spring.

Councilman Warren offered to take a look at the problem to see if he could come up with a solution. He will be reporting on this at the March meeting. Warren also agreed to look at a heating problem in the new addition.

After-Fire Inspector – Attorney for the Town Patrick Snyder said that despite repeated attempts he had not gotten an answer from the Village Attorney about liability coverage for using the after-fire inspector hired by the Village. Snyder hoped to have an answer by the March meeting.

Cinema Preservation Group – Town Clerk Jebbett said that she and Town Historian Martin Sweeney had catalogued the items in the projection room on the third level of the Town Hall Building. Members of the Cinema Preservation Group had been scheduled to stop by the Town Hall to look over and possibly make an offer to purchase items left by the theater company that had used the Town Hall for a movie theater. Due to heavy snow they decided not to visit on that day, but they may stop next time they are in the area.

Window Putty asbestos - Lakeland Environmental had the low bid for sampling and testing the window putty on the Town Hall windows for asbestos. Lakeland has taken all the samples but the results are not yet available.

Homer-Scott consolidation – Supervisor Forbes discussed plans for the Homer Village Board, the Town of Homer Board and the Town of Scott Board to meet to discuss consolidation. He said that it will be difficult to find one date that all could attend. Forbes said that the two major concerns of Scott residents appear to be losing their Senior Center and losing amnesty day. He is checking with the County which would make any decisions about the Senior Center. It was the consensus of the Board that holding a trash amnesty day is problematical and they would prefer not to get involved. The Board discussed possible dates to meet in either February or March.

Multi-Vista - Roy Susskind called to ask if the Town would be interested in having his company, Multi-Vista, visually record the upcoming construction project from start to finish. There was some discussion. Councilman Warren said that he would have to abstain from a decision because of his business partnership with Mike Niswender, a part-owner of Multi-Vista. Supervisor Forbes and the other Board members felt that it would not be necessary to hire Multi-Vista.

Town Hall Renovation Grant – Councilman Kevin Williams reported that he had contacted State Senator James Seward's office regarding the \$100,000 grant that has been awarded to the Town for the repair of the Town Hall Building. They said that the Town is still on track to receive the money but suggested the Town apply as soon as they are able to do so.

## ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Attorney Patrick Snyder presented the Board with copies of his draft road protection local law. He asked the Board to review the draft law and bring any questions or comments they might have to the next Town Board meeting. He explained that the draft law utilizes the same thresholds on weight and dimensions that the State applies to its system of highways. The new law would require those operating an oversized or overweight vehicle on a Town road to obtain a permit. A permit would also be required in order for someone to dig up a Town road. Snyder says he would like to hold a public hearing on the proposed local law in a couple of months.

## BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The Board reviewed the proposed budget adjustments for 2009. On motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the 2009 Town budget be modified as per the attached budget summary.**

## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Phelps reported that because the weather has been so variable, the Highway Department crew has been able to do maintenance on some Town vehicles and will be trimming trees damaged by the winter weather.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett  
Town Clerk