

Year-End Meeting
December 30, 2011

The year-end meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held in the board room of the Town Hall Building on Friday, December 30th, 2011, was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes at 12:00 noon.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Supervisor
Barry E. Warren, Councilman
Dan A. Weddle, Councilman
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman
Brian D. Young, Councilman
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

ABSENT

Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town
John R. Phelps, Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT

John Daniels, Code Enforcement Officer
Gary Shiffer, Town Justice

Supervisor Forbes led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 7th, 2011 public hearing and regular meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Weddle, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board was:
The Code Enforcement Officer's report of building permits issued for December.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General vouchers #326 through #348 totaling \$12,372.24 be approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Weddle, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway vouchers #235 through #245 totaling \$1,946.22 be approved for payment.**

OLD BUSINESS

Village parking tickets – On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town Board hereby agrees to refund the Village \$6,550.00 in parking fines that were turned over to the Town Court in error from 2006 to the present.**

Justice Shiffer said that he had run several checks to be certain of the amount due.

Assessment lawsuits – On motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Attorney Patrick Snyder be reimbursed for the extra time he has spent and will be spending on defending the assessment lawsuits that have been filed.**

Fireworks permit – On motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town Board hereby agrees to waive the \$50 fee for a fireworks permit, with the approval of the Homer Fire Department, for the Homer Winter Fest fireworks show, as requested by Winter Fest Chair Jeremy Boylan.**

Town Code of Ethics – Attorney Snyder has been asked to review the Town's current Code of Ethics. Supervisor Forbes received a request by the State Attorney General's Office that each municipality adopt a Code of Ethics. Snyder will make recommendations concerning this at the next Town Board meeting. Forbes asked Board members for suggestions as to whom to appoint to a Town Ethics Panel.

Board of Assessment Review – There was discussion about the makeup of the Board of Assessment Review due to receipt of a letter from a constituent suggesting that there should be a female member of that Board. None of the three-person board is currently up for re-appointment.

Extra Highway Department payroll – Supervisor Forbes explained that due to the way the payroll dates fell this year and budget considerations, he had approved a year-end payroll for the Highway Department.

County Landfill concerns – The Town Board agreed to attach to the minutes some comments made by Town Attorney Snyder concerning proposed changes to the Landfill.

Wind tower law – Attorney Snyder is reviewing a Town of Solon proposed local law regulating the location of wind towers to see if the Town of Homer would be willing to adopt a similar law. This matter will be discussed at the January 4th meeting.

Supervisor Forbes said that it is his understanding that the company proposing the wind farm has revised the number of wind towers to be located in the Town of Homer from three to nine towers.

Town Hall Exterior Rehabilitation - Supervisor Forbes said that Jon Carnes of Crawford & Stearns would be doing a final inspection within the next couple of weeks.

New Visions broadband – There was discussion about the need for more signatures of people interested in the option of an alternative TV/Phone/Internet provider to Time Warner cable or satellite.

Updating electrical system in Senior Center - Supervisor Forbes suggested that the Board discuss the proposal by Lew Heath to add a 100 amp service at the January meeting.

Supervisor Forbes thanked all Town Board members and employees for a good job done over the past year. Board members said that they were very pleased that Supervisor Forbes had chosen to run for re-election and looked forward to working with him in the New Year.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk