

Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2012

The annual organizational meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held in the board room of the Town Hall Building on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes at 6:30 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Burhans, Dog Control Officer (at 7:30 p.m.)

Supervisor Forbes led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 30th, 2011, year-end meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board was:

1. The Town Clerk's monthly report of all receipts and disbursements for December.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board was:

1. The Town Clerk's annual report of all receipts and disbursements for 2011.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Weddle and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General vouchers #349 through #352 for 2011 bills totaling \$793.50 be approved for payment, and vouchers #1 through #5 for 2012 bills totaling \$1,180.00 be approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Weddle and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway vouchers #246 through #252 for 2011 totaling \$2,733.44 be approved for payment, and vouchers #1 through #2 for 2012 totaling \$625.00 be approved for payment.**

2012 APPOINTMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

On motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Weddle and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the following appointments and resolutions for the year 2012 are hereby approved:**

1. Deputy Supervisor	Dan A. Weddle
2. Town Meeting Dates after	Monthly; 1 st Wednesday the 1 st Tuesday
3. Official Newspaper	Cortland Standard
4. Official Depository for Town Funds	Key Bank
5. Attorney for the Town	Patrick M. Snyder
6. Budget Officer	Frederick J. Forbes
7. Deputy Highway Superintendent	Dale K. Everts
8. Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Anita W. Jebbett
9. Deputy Town Clerk/Collector	Karen J. Livingston
10. Registrar of Vital Statistics	Anita W. Jebbett
11. Deputy Registrar	Karen J. Livingston
12. Dog Control Officer	Paul C. Burhans
13. Code Enforcement Officer	John R. Daniels
14. Fire Inspector	John R. Daniels
15. Board of Appeals member appointments	-none-
16. Planning Board member appointments	-none
17. PB/AB/ZRB chairman rate per meeting	\$50/meeting
18. PB/AB/ZRB member rate per meeting	\$30/meeting
19. Mileage allowance for Town Officials	per Fed govt. allowance
21. Approval to invest surplus funds	Frederick J. Forbes
22. Hourly rate for Highway employees	as per budget adopted
23. Bid price for abrasive/salt	Cortland County
24. Bid price for fuel	Village of Homer
25. Appointments to Board of Assessment Review – Temporary member – 1 year	-none -
26. Board of Assessment Review rate	\$100/day
27. Appointment of delegate to Association of Towns meeting	none
28. Town Historian appointment	Martin Sweeney
29. Resolution-salaries as stated in budget	yes
30. Town Board members salaries paid monthly	yes
31. Resolution-utility bills to be paid upon receipt	yes

ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Town Code of Ethics – Attorney Snyder said that the current Code of Ethics included in the Town Code is sufficient and that the Town Supervisor needs to appoint an Ethics Board with the approval of the Town Board.

On motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the following persons be appointed to the Town of Homer Board of Ethics, subject to their agreement to serve: Jeremy Boylan, Richard Crane, Matthew Neuman, Judith Riehlman, and Gary Shiffer, with the alternate to be Stephen Leet.**

Assessment lawsuits - Attorney Snyder reported on the status of two assessment lawsuits. A pre-trial conference has been held on the Barry Ryan lawsuit and the trial date for the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home lawsuit has been set for April.

Wind tower law – There was some discussion about the setbacks included in the Town of Solon wind tower law. The Town Board asked Supervisor Forbes to work with the Supervisors of Solon, Cortlandville and Truxton to establish setbacks.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent John Phelps informed the Board that he is considering trading in one or two older trucks and purchasing a new or used truck in 2012. There was discussion about what would be the most cost effective course to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Updating electrical system in the Senior Center – On motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town Board hereby accepts the proposal by Heath Electric to update the electrical system in the Senior Center as soon as possible by installing a new 100 amp service for a cost of \$3,486.54.**

Town Hall Renovations - There was much discussion about how best to fully utilize the Town Hall Building. It was the consensus of the Town Board to try to rent out the space vacated by the Village and to hold off on any interior renovations for the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk