

Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2013

The organizational meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held in the board room of the Town Hall Building on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, 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

Gary Smith, director, MICAH
Christopher Sammond, member, Zoning Advisory Committee
Morgan Phelps
Nick Gordon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board:

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

ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board:

1. The Town Clerk's annual report of all receipts and disbursements for 2012.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General Fund vouchers #341 through #350 for 2012 totaling \$2,026.13, and vouchers #1 through #4 totaling \$1,334.00 for 2013 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 Fund vouchers #214 through #218 for 2012 totaling \$5,518.48, and voucher #1 for 2013 totaling \$595.00 be approved for payment.**

2013 APPOINTMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

On motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the following appointments and resolutions for 2013 are hereby approved:**

1. Deputy Supervisor
2. Town Meeting Dates
3. Official Newspaper

Dan A. Weddle
Monthly; 1st Wednesday
after the 1st Tuesday
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	n/a
9. Deputy Town Clerk/Collector	n/a
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	Gary Lawrence
Appointments	Zachary Young
	Gary Sweeney
16. Planning Board member appointments	Chad Butts
	Bruce Crandall
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	Cortland County
25. Appointments to Board of Assessment	
Review	Stuart Young
	Hugh Riehlman (temp)
26. Board of Assessment Review rate	\$100/day
27. Appointment of delegate to Association	None
of Towns meeting	
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

Supervisor Forbes explained that Ron Boyden has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals because he is no longer a resident of the Town of Homer. Due to the resignation of Robert Perry from the Zoning Advisory Committee, Christopher Sammond and Gary Smith had requested that Gail Bundy be appointed as his replacement. There was discussion about appointing someone to fill the place of John Daniels on the committee while he is away.

On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Gail Bundy be appointed to the Town's Zoning Advisory Committee to replace Robert Perry, and that Kevin McMahan, as temporary Code Officer, be appointed to stand in for John Daniels on the Committee.**

NEW BUSINESS

Request for support of Softball Program - Supervisor Forbes said that Matt & Megan Neuman have asked the Town to consider offering financial support for the renovation of the softball fields. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that while it was a worthy cause, they did not feel it was an appropriate use of Town funds. It was suggested that the Neuman's ask for private donations.

Cable Commission – Supervisor Forbes read a letter from the Cortland Cable Commission informing the Town Board that there will be a public comment session regarding Time-Warner Cable Television on January 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cortland City Hall. Anyone interested is asked to attend.

Zoning Advisory Committee – On behalf of MICAH, Director Gary Smith asked Supervisor Forbes to reconsider his resignation from the Committee. Smith said that he did not condone the disruptions that occurred during the first meetings of the Committee

organized to consider the issue of hydro-fracking and that he had personally spoken to many of those who had caused the problems. He said that MICAH leaders hoped that Forbes would reconsider. Supervisor Forbes said that he would consider the suggestion.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Phelps said that the deadline for bids to be received on the two Town trucks – the 2000 Oshkosh and the 1979 Walters - posted on an internet auction site was January 7th. Supervisor Forbes asked Phelps to consult with Councilmen Weddle and Young about the bids received and that a special meeting would be scheduled to make a final decision.

ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Attorney Snyder reported that he expects more activity on the Barber Funeral Home assessment case in 2013. He suggested that the Town of Homer enter into an agreement with the County of Cortland and the Homer School District to review the cost of litigation in comparison to the benefit to be gained and to share the expense of any further litigation. He suggested that the School District become more involved and utilize their own law firm of Harris-Beach in Syracuse as they would have the most to gain – 50% as compared to 40% for the County and only 10% for the Town. Snyder suggested that this be the format for any future assessment cases.

On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town proceed on any assessment litigation as recommended by Counsel, with the Homer School District to be the lead agency.**

Attorney Snyder reviewed with the Town Board the current status of the proposed TCI wind farm project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk