

Organizational Meeting
January 8, 2014

The organizational meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the board room of the Town Hall building was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes at 6:40 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
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Victoria Monty, Attorney for the Wind Energy Committee
Victor Siegle, Wind Energy Committee, 75 S. Main Street, Homer
Janet Steck, 113 Clinton Street, Homer
Newell Willcox, 5448 Route 291, Homer
Mark & Rowan Travis, 5404 Route 41, Homer
Randy Young, 3185 E. River Road, Truxton
Michael Barylski, 2616 Ames Road, Cortlandville
Eric Mulvihill, reporter, WXHC
Tyrone Heppard, reporter, Cortland Standard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board were:

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

ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board were:

1. The Town Clerk's annual report of all receipts and disbursements for 2013.

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 #323 through #335 for 2013 and vouchers #1 through #8 for 2014 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 #228 through #235 for 2013 and vouchers #1 through #2 for 2014 be approved for payment.**

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of legislator – Supervisor Forbes read a letter from the Cortland County Clerk informing him of the resignation of the Town of Homer Legislator from District #9, Michael Park, on January 6th, 2014. On behalf of the Town Board, Forbes noted the hard work and service of former County Chairman Park. He read a letter from the Town Republican Committee supporting the appointment of Newell Willcox, former County Legislator who lost his seat due to re-districting, to the open seat.

On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously:

RESOLVED: Whereas, a vacancy occurred in the Office of County Legislator, Legislative District #9, Town of Homer, and

Whereas, the Cortland County Board of Elections has determined that the Homer Town Board is responsible for fulfilling the vacancy,

Now Be it Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Newell L. Willcox, Jr., of 5448 State Route 281 in the Town of Homer to fill that vacancy through December 31, 2014, to be effective immediately.

Newell Willcox stated that he has been representing the district for the last ten years and that he agrees with Mr. Park on 99.9% of the issues. He will do his best to continue with his endeavors.

Annual appointments and resolutions – On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the following annual appointments and resolutions for 2014 are hereby adopted:**

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| 1. Deputy Supervisor | Dan A. Weddle |
| 2. Town Meeting Dates after | Monthly; 1st Wednesday the 1st 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 | Lindsay Andersen |
| 13. Code Enforcement Officer | John R. Daniels |
| 14. Deputy Code Enforcement Officer | Kevin McMahan |
| 15. Fire Inspector | John R. Daniels |
| 16. Deputy Fire Inspector | Kevin McMahan |
| 17. Board of Appeals member | Gerald Neuman |
| Appointments | |
| 18. Planning Board member Appointments | Betsy Gray
Stuart Young |
| 19. PB/AB/ZRB chairman rate per meeting | \$50/meeting |
| 20. PB/AB/ZRB member rate per meeting | \$30/meeting |
| 21. Mileage allowance for Town Officials | per Fed govt. allowance |
| 22. Approval to invest surplus funds | Frederick J. Forbes |
| 23. Hourly rate for Highway employees adopted | as per budget |
| 24. Bid price for abrasive/salt | NYS bid price |
| 25. Bid price for fuel | Cortland County |
| 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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Attorney Snyder noted the receipt of a copy of a zoning change made by the Preble Town Board. He said that it appears to be a fairly routine matter and that if any of the Town Board members had any concerns they could make comments at the scheduled public hearing in Preble.

There was discussion about an on-going zoning issue on Slade Drive.

Supervisor Forbes asked the Board members to consider refining the Town's personnel policy. He said that he would obtain copies of policies from other Towns for review and discussion at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk