

Year-End Meeting  
December 30, 2014

The year-end meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in the board room of the Town Hall building was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J Forbes, Sr, at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Frederick J Forbes, Sr, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

**The minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> public hearing and regular meeting were approved as presented,** on motion by Councilman Weddle, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Weddle, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General Fund vouchers #280 through #320 totaling \$18,516.11 be approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund vouchers #191 through #205 totaling \$121,063.30 be approved for payment.**

NEW BUSINESS

Postage meter refill – On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously, **the Town Clerk was authorized to add \$1,000 in postage to the postage meter in order to mail out the 2015 Town & County tax bills.**

Snow blower – There was discussion about a used tractor-mounted snow blower that was being offered for sale by Patrick Gabriel. Highway Superintendent Phelps said that the original value of the snow blower was around \$25,000 and that this bid was the best price for that piece of equipment.

On motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town accepts the bid of \$6,500 for an Erskine 1080FM snow blower from Patrick Gabriel.**

Truck bid – There was discussion about the bids opened on December 29<sup>th</sup> for a new diesel 4x4 truck. Highway Superintendent Phelps said that he had compared the specs and the bids submitted and that the two trucks bid were identical.

On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town accepts the low bid of \$43,347.00 from Maguire Chevrolet of Ithaca for a new 2015 Chevrolet 3500 diesel truck with a 9-foot dump box, dual wheels, an exhaust brake and a plow prep package, and that payment for the truck be added to the Highway Fund bills to be paid (voucher #206).**

NYSEG subpoena - There was discussion regarding a subpoena for documents related to litigation concerning the NYSEG former manufactured gas plant south of the Town line. NYSEG is looking to recover costs for the clean-up of the former manufactured gas plant on Route 11 from their insurance company. The former MPG plant is outside of the Town of Homer and no information is available on that matter.

Procurement policy - Attorney Snyder provided a draft of possible revisions to the procurement policy, as requested at the last meeting. This revised policy would increase the thresholds for formal bidding, as allowed by amendments to General Municipal Law section 103. It would also revise other aspects of the procurement procedures. The board agreed to review these proposed revisions and discuss them at the next meeting. The State Comptroller's Office has indicated that procurement policies must be reviewed on a regular basis.

Supervisor Forbes reminded Board members that the January 7<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Anita W Jebbett  
Town Clerk