

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, in the board room of the Town Hall building was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 7:30 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
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Jones, County Legislator
Gordon Wheelock, County Legislator
Larry Jones, resident
Tyrene Heppard, reporter, Cortland Standard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 5th regular meeting and the August 10th special meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Weddle and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board were:

1. The Town Clerk's monthly report of all receipts and disbursements for August.
2. The Code Enforcement Officer's report of all building permits issued in August.

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General vouchers #204 through #222 totaling \$16,152.18 be approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway vouchers #133 through #150 totaling \$67,295.05 be approved for payment.**

NEW BUSINESS

Community Development Grant application - On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Homer is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for fiscal year 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Supervisor of the Town of Homer is hereby authorized and directed to sign said application on behalf of the Town, and upon approval of said request, he, or his successor, to enter into and execute a grant agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town for the Town of Homer Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Assessor - Supervisor Forbes reported that Assessor Clerk Colleen Brown has requested a day off in order to take a test for an on-line training course she is taking through the NYS Office of Real Property Administration.

Forbes said that the committee of representatives from the City of Cortland and Towns of Virgil and Homer would be meeting again in the near future to discuss the upcoming budget for the combined Assessor's Office.

Re-keying of Town Hall – There was discussion about two quotes received for the re-keying of the Town Hall building. The first quote was from B.R. Johnson of Syracuse for \$2,530.39. The second quote was from Ace Security of Ithaca for \$664.00 plus \$2.70 for each extra key.

On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Weddle and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the quote from Ace Security Control, Inc. of Ithaca to re-key and master key the Town Hall building for \$664.00 plus \$2.70 per key for each extra key is accepted for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.**

Town budget – Supervisor Forbes said that he has begun working on a tentative budget for 2016 and will have it ready for the October 7th meeting.

Court audit – Forbes said that an audit of the Town Court will be conducted on Monday, September 28th, by Councilmen Williams and Young.

COUNTY LEGISLATORS

County Legislators Linda Jones and Gordon Wheelock reviewed activities at the County Office Building over the past month, including the appointment of a County Airport Citizens' Advisory Committee, and the dropping of tipping fees at the landfill in coordination with the annual clean-up of the Tioughnioga River. There was discussion about the need for either adding onto the current County Jail or the construction of a new County Jail at another location. Currently the County is having to pay to board inmates at other area facilities at great expense. Jones said that Corrections Officer Budd Rigg would like to make a presentation to the Town Board at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously, it was resolved to enter into an executive session regarding the employment and medical history of an individual employee at 8:00 p.m.

On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Young and carried unanimously, the executive session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk