

Special Meeting  
March 21, 2018

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer to discuss the proposed renovation of the office space in the Town Hall held on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, in the board room was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., Supervisor  
Larry R. Jones, Councilman  
Michael R. Park, Councilman  
Barry E. Warren, Councilman  
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman  
Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town  
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Crawford, Architect, Crawford & Stearns, Architects and Preservation Planners  
Patrick Clune, Trustee, Village of Homer  
Nick Graziano, reporter, Cortland Standard

Randy Crawford presented updated drawings of the proposed project to add a center hallway and renovate the stage and office spaces to accommodate the Village Offices and the combined Assessor Offices. He noted that the ceilings in each of the current spaces are each a different height, with the Town Clerk's current offices being the lowest. He said that as part of the project, the entire ceiling will need to be taken down and reconfigured.

There was much discussion about ceiling heights and the renovation project. Councilman Warren expressed concern about the cost of re-doing ceiling work that was completed only a few years ago when the current Assessor Office space was updated. Supervisor Forbes said that in his opinion, all ceilings should be the same height.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that as part of the office renovation project all ceilings in the proposed Village and Town Offices be at 8'10 ½" and that the hiring of a separate contractor to remove and re-install the ceiling tiles be considered.**

There was also much discussion about keeping the two corner offices the same as they are now. Crawford has suggested that splitting the corner offices in two and adding separate entrances be an option for potential bidders.

Crawford said that old doors will be re-used to cover over electrical panels on the stage, and tiles taken down in the balcony will be re-used in reconfiguring a new center hallway. He said that they are also considering re-using set pieces and a theater curtain that have remained on the stage now for decades.

Supervisor Forbes suggested widening the sidewalk in the front of the Town Hall to better accommodate the sidewalk plow being used during the winter months. Currently a muddy mess results that has to be repaired and re-seeded each year on either side of the sidewalk.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. and those present were invited to tour the balcony area where the tiles that were installed to cover over all the windows and enable it to be a movie theater from the 1930's to the 1950's, have been removed.

Anita W. Jebbett  
Town Clerk