

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, in the board room of the Town Hall building was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 6:30 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
John R. Phelps, Highway Superintendent
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Don Barber, Executive Director, Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium
Kelly Preston, Cortland County Legislator
Nick Graziano, reporter, Cortland Standard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7th regular meeting and the March 21st special meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board were:

1. The Town Clerk's monthly report of all receipts & disbursements for the month of March.
2. The Dog Control Officer's monthly report of all activities for March.
3. The Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report of all building permits issued for March.
4. The status of funds report on the Homer Town Rehabilitation Program for March.

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 #51 through #74 totaling \$21,256.57 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund vouchers #42 through #56 totaling \$9,755.92 are approved for payment.**

Community Development bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Community Development Fund vouchers #17 through #21 totaling \$15,876.14 are approved for payment.**

GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM

Don Barber introduced himself as the former Supervisor of the Town of Caroline and the current Executive Director of the Consortium. He gave a presentation on the background of the Consortium, which has gone from 13 members to now 31 members, including the Town of Homer. Barber discussed the advantages of the Consortium for small employers, and explained how it is organized and gave a summary of its financial status. Councilman Williams commended Barber for the good job that he is doing as the Executive Director. Williams is the Town's representative to the Consortium. The Town Board thanked Barber for his presentation.

TOWN PROCUREMENT POLICY

Attorney Snyder explained that he is proposing some minor additions to the Town's Procurement Policy in response to a suggestion by Thoma Development Consultants that some changes be made to comply with the New York State Office of Community Renewal, a funding agency for the Community Development Block Grant program, suggesting that exceptions to the lowest bidder should be considered, when appropriate, and the current policy does not allow for these exceptions. Snyder has proposed adding under Section I, Paragraph B., item 11, and Section XI to the current procurement policy (see attached).

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

RESOLVED: that the Town's Procurement Policy is amended by the addition of Section I, Paragraph B, item 11, and Section XI to allow for certain exceptions (i.e. MWBE's, Section 3 Business Participation, and Labor Surplus Area Business Participation) when bidding projects associated with Community Development Block Grants.

NEW BUSINESS

CDBG Housing Rehab – On motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the Board's approval of two new applicants for the Housing Rehab Grant as follows: 5401 Townline Road for \$22,178.00, and 32 Burgett Drive for \$18,350.00.**

Computer/laptop for Supervisor – On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously, **the budget for the purchase of a laptop & software for the Supervisor is increased by \$39.97 to \$839.97.**

Bridge NY application – Supervisor Forbes reported that the preliminary application for a grant to replace the Wall Street Bridge under the Bridge NY grant program has been filed with the State DOT, along with letters of support from State Senator James Seward, Village Mayor Hal McCabe, and Homer Fire Chief Mahlon Irish.

Town Hall Office Renovation – Forbes reported that Architect Randy Crawford has been working on the specifications for bidding the proposed project and had visited the Town Hall a few times over the past month.

Bank transition – Forbes said that he is still in the process of moving the Town's funds from Key Bank to the First National Bank of Dryden. He plans to invest some of the Town's savings with Treasury.gov after the funds have been moved.

Homer Business Association – On motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously, **it was resolved that the Town would pay dues to the Homer Business Association for 2018 in the amount of \$55.00.**

"What's Hot" Magazine – Supervisor Forbes said that he is working on an article for the magazine but is not able to reveal the subject matter at this time.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent John Phelps reported on his department's activities over the past month which included hiring a sweeper to sweep the winter residue of sand and salt off the roads, the purchase of sand from Kinsella and from Suit-Kote for next season, and his war on beavers.

Phelps said that he plans to put up the new guide rail at the intersection of Hunter Lane and Sweeney Road, which was postponed by winter weather, within the next week or two. In response to a question from Councilman Park, Phelps said that he would check with Spectrum to see whether or not they plan to come back and repair the shoulders of the roads where they recently installed cable.

ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Attorney Snyder said that there may be a dangerous dog hearing on April 11th at the Town Court. It is being brought by a resident of the Pine Hill Mobile Park.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Recently-elected County Legislator Kelly Preston reported on the activities of the County Legislature over the past month, including their research into comparative county governments, and the possible appointment of a new County Treasurer. She said that she and Legislator Linda Jones will be writing a column for "The Homer News" on a quarterly basis to inform the residents about the activities of their County government.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk