

Special Meeting  
August 27, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer to award the bids for the proposed Alterations to the Town Hall project held in the board room of the Town Hall building on Monday, August 27, 2018, 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  
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick Clune, Trustee, Village of Homer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

**The minutes of the August 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved as presented,** on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Park and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Forbes thanked Councilman Williams for the wonderful job he did representing the Town at the recent honoring of Michael and Peter McMahon's dairy farm, E-Z Acres, located on the West Scott Road, for their receipt of the 2018 National Outstanding Dairy Farm Sustainability Award. Councilman Warren agreed that Williams had put a lot of thought and time into his speech on behalf of the Town Board, and that overall the entire event went well.

Stage items – Councilman Williams reported on the receipt of one bid for the remaining items on the stage of the Town Hall that have no use or value to the Town. The bid was opened by Town Clerk Jebbett at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, as witnessed by Deputy Town Clerk Karen Livingston. On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously:  
**RESOLVED: that the bid be awarded to Significant Elements Architectural Salvage Store, Ithaca, for the amount of \$75 for the items described as "Homer Town Hall Building Components and Surplus Office Furniture", located on the stage of the Town Hall.**

Cortland Regional Medical Center letter of support – Supervisor Forbes said that he had received a request from Attorney Matt Neuman, a trustee on the Board of the Cortland Regional Medical Center (CRMC), for a letter of support for their proposed affiliation with The Guthrie Clinic. There was much discussion about this request.

On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously:  
**RESOLVED: That, after careful consideration, the Homer Town Board hereby offers their full support for the proposed affiliation of CRMC with The Guthrie Clinic, which will serve to maintain and improve Cortland's community hospital, and urges the New York State Department of Health to approve CRMC's application.**

Alterations to the Town Hall bids – Supervisor Forbes presented a summary of the three lowest bids for the general contracting, as well as the costs of all the alternates. He said that Architect Randy Crawford had recommended accepting all of the alternate options.

There was much discussion about what each alternate entailed and the overall cost and funding of the proposed project. Supervisor Forbes said that he is hoping to receive some grant money from the State to help the Town with the cost of the project.

Councilman Warren questioned one of the alternates- furring, insulating and finishing the exterior walls of the Village and Town office space- and suggested that it might be more cost-effective to insulate the ceiling.

After much discussion, the Board agreed that it was the right time to proceed with the entire project as proposed. On motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town Board hereby agrees to accept the low bids for the Alterations to the Town Hall project of W. L. Kline, Binghamton, for the general contracting for \$411,483; K & B Plumbing and Heating, Cortland, for the HVAC for \$77,750, and for the plumbing for \$27,400; and Beard Electric, Cortland, for the electrical for \$61,095, plus an allowance of \$8,000 for fixtures; for a total cost of \$585,728.**

Balcony area renovations – Councilman Warren reported on his meeting with contractor Marty Heath to get an idea of what it might cost to renovate the balcony area to make it into useable space for storage or an office. Supervisor Forbes had proposed taking out the old movie projection booth and removing the risers built to accommodate the tiered seating that had been in the balcony. The long and steep stairway would be re-built and modernized to the new, lower level of the area.

On motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Park and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that contractor Marty Heath be asked to submit a proposal for work on tearing apart the balcony and projection booth for a cost up to \$3,000.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett  
Town Clerk