

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held in the board room of the Town Hall building on Wednesday, September 5, 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

Linda Jones, Cortland County Legislator
Nick Graziano, reporter, Cortland Standard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 15th special meeting, the August 20th bid opening, and the August 27th special meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented for audit by the Board were:

1. The Supervisor's report of all receipts & disbursements for July.
2. The Town Clerk's report of all receipts & disbursements for August.
3. The Code Enforcement Officer's report of all building permits issued in August.
4. The Dog Control Officer's report of all activities for the month of August.
5. The Status of Funds report for the Community Development Grant as of August 29th.

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 #171 through #193 totaling \$60,185.47 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund vouchers #142 through #160 totaling \$294,559.99 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 vouchers #36 through #43 totaling \$41,723.84 are approved for payment.**

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Office Renovation Project – Supervisor Forbes informed Board members that Architect Randy Crawford will be meeting with the contractors for the project on Friday, September 7th, at 9:00 a.m. He said that all items sold to Significant Elements from Ithaca have been removed from the stage, thanks to help from Councilman Williams and Highway Superintendent Phelps. Forbes said that he has requested some financial assistance with the project from State Senator Seward.

Councilman Warren said that Marty Heath will be working on removing the projection booth in the balcony.

Proposed annexation – There was discussion about a request to have land on the hill east of the Village annexed to the Town. The land parcels had been split from the rest of the Village by the construction of Route 81 and do not receive services, such as water or sewer. Besides the Ripley family, property owners East River Acres and Jeremiah Williams are also asking that their Village parcels be annexed to the Town. Forbes said that the requests must be made to the Village. Attorney Snyder recommended a short environmental assessment form be completed regarding the requests. Further discussion on the matter was tabled until the October 3rd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Town Budget – Supervisor Forbes said that he will be working on the budget for next year. Budget requests are due on September 17th and the proposed budget will be presented at the October meeting.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony – There will be a memorial ceremony at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11th, at the Village 9/11 memorial, and a reception at the American Legion. All Board members were encouraged to attend.

Shared Services Agreement – On motion by Supervisor Forbes, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Councilman Park is authorized to attend the September 11th meeting of the CCTVS Committee and to vote “yes” to approve the proposed Shared Services Agreement with the County.**

ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

Attorney Pat Snyder reported that the latest court case concerning “junk” has been resolved with help from Code Officer John Daniels. The son of the property owner is cooperating to take care of the situation.

Snyder also said that the Town Planning Board is working on recommendations to the Town Board to change the current zoning law to allow for the keeping of chickens in areas zoned residential, and to allow the operation of small breweries, distilleries and/or wineries in the Town of Homer with a special permit. He said that Jason Kristof’s request for a use variance to operate a farm brewery was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals because it did not meet the criteria.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Legislator Linda Jones gave a report of the activities at the County over the past month. The position of County Auditor has been re-established and they are continuing to look for a County Administrator. She said that over \$3,000 has been donated to restore and repair the circus wagons, benches, and boat launch at Dwyer Park on Little York Lake.

Councilman Warren thanked Linda for her time and efforts to improve the park at Little York.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett
Town Clerk