

The year-end meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Friday, December 28, 2018, in the Town Hall Senior Center was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 11:45 a.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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

**The minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> public hearings and regular meeting were approved as presented, on motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously.**

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Park and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General Fund vouchers #275 through #305 totaling \$53,301.26 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund vouchers #227 through #238 totaling \$9,144.09 are approved for payment.**

Community Development Fund bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Community Development Fund vouchers #60 through #62 totaling \$38,393.16 are approved for payment.**

OLD BUSINESS

Office renovation project – Supervisor Forbes updated the Board on the progress of the project. He said that power poles were being priced for the new Assessor's Office.

Senior Center contract – On motion by Councilman Park, seconded by Councilman Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Supervisor Forbes is authorized to sign the new 2-year contract with the County for their use of the basement level of the Town Hall for a Senior Center.**

Local law regarding breweries – Attorney Pat Snyder reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form that he completed on the proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning Law to allow farm breweries and wineries and similar operations in certain zoning districts if a special permit is issued by the Town Planning Board. The EAF states that the zoning change does not result in any adverse environmental impacts.

Snyder also said the County Planning Board has reviewed the law and has recommended that the Town Board clarify the wording in the law to make it clear that a special permit will be required in the agricultural district, and that it will not be an allowed use by right. That revision to the wording has been made and distributed to Town Board members. The County Planning Board also recommended that the Town consider amending their noise ordinance. However, Snyder said that the Town does not have a noise ordinance at this time. He suggested that adoption of the Local Law be considered at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, and that when adopted it will become Local Law #1 of 2019.

On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Park and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the Town Board accepts the Environmental Assessment Form completed by Attorney Snyder regarding Local Law #1 of 2019 (formerly 2018) and that a negative declaration be made as there would be no significant adverse impacts resulting from the proposed changes to the Town Zoning Law.**

Renovation of balcony area – Supervisor Forbes reported on the current status of the project to turn the former balcony into useable space. Councilman Park suggested that the Board obtain separate quotes for spray-foam insulation and fiber-glass insulation to be reviewed at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Forbes also suggested that they discuss how the area will be used in the future, whether as storage and/or office space.

Senior Center carpet – Councilman Warren reported that there were some discrepancies between the two bids received for new carpet for the Senior Center. He will be asking for revised bids for better comparison.

Village bridges – Councilman Park said that he will be meeting with the engineer regarding the Pine and Wall Street bridges in the near future.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Highway employee raises – On motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jones and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway employees receiving health benefits will receive a \$.35 per hour raise in 2019, while two employees not receiving benefits will receive a \$.50 raise and another a \$.60 raise.**

Supervisor Forbes gave credit to the Town Clerk & Deputy Clerk for their cooperation in moving their offices up to the future Historian's Office on the renovated stage. He also noted the cooperation of the Village staff in the process. Board members praised Supervisor Forbes for all his efforts in coordinating the move.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett  
Town Clerk