

Year-End Meeting

December 30, 2021

The Year-End meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Homer held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, in the Town Hall Board Room was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 12:03 p.m. Social Distancing was observed due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., Supervisor  
Michael R. Park, Deputy Supervisor  
Larry R. Jones, Councilmember  
Barry E. Warren, Councilmember  
Kevin M. Williams, Councilmember  
Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town  
Heather M. Hill, Town Clerk  
Brooke L. Poli, Deputy Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BILLS TO BE PAID

General bills were approved as audited on motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Warren and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that General Fund vouchers #240 through #267 totaling \$10,357.70 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited on motion by Deputy Supervisor Park, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that Highway Fund vouchers #197 through #212 totaling \$28,721.17 are approved for payment.**

WALL STREET BRIDGE

Supervisor Forbes informed the Town Board that he received a letter from Bridge New York that the grant purposed for the Wall Street Bridge was turned down.

Municipal Cooperative Agreement

Supervisor Forbes told the Town Board that they need a resolution for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium for the annual reappointment, regarding the Town's membership.

On motion by Councilmember Warren, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Park and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: that the town of Homer approves and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the 2021-2022 Amendments to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium.**

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE POSTAGE MACHINE

Supervisor Forbes told the Board that the postage meter in the clerk's office was overrun yesterday.

On motion by Supervisor Fredrick J. Forbes, Sr., seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried unanimously: **RESOLVED: to add \$500.00 to the town of Homer Clerk's office postage machine with the December bills.**

## DUTIES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

Supervisor Forbes told the Board that as of January 2022 is he moving the Town Board Agenda duties over to the Town Clerks. The information can become a record and stays on Town computers. This takes the duties away from Forbes's wife that has been helping in years past.

## SOLAR UPDATE

Supervisor Forbes informed the board that he is not prepared to go forward with a motion to adopt the proposed local law to opt out of Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law. He would like Mike Park, Kevin Williams, attorney Pat Snyder, and assessor Brian Williams to be prepared to go forward with a resolution to adopt the local law at the January 5, 2022, meeting. Council member Williams asked if another public hearing is required. Pat Snyder replied that there had already been 2 public hearing on the local law, and it was not necessary to hold another one unless the board felt it was needed.

## PLAN FIRST TECHNOLOGIES MONTHLY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Supervisor Forbes supplied the Board with the Plan First Technologies Monthly Management fees quote (attached). This quote includes both systems in the clerk's office and the laptop. The monthly management agreement is cheaper than their hourly rates which is going up as of January 1, 2022, to \$150 dollars per hour to come into the Town Hall for issues that arise.

On motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried unanimously:  
**RESOLVED: approve to pay the \$129.00 month to month Management Agreement from Plan First Technologies for the three systems that the clerk's utilize.**

## TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

Supervisor Forbes asked the Board about the 2022 Town Board Meeting schedule (time & date). In 2021 the Homer Town Board met the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of each month. This schedule was made to be able to receive the monthly reports. Deputy Supervisor Park suggested to keep the schedule the same as it is working and to also conduct the meetings in the Town of Homer Board room. Councilmember Jones commented that if they have a reason for more people to attend the meeting and needed more space, they could move those specific meetings down into the senior center basement of the Town Hall. All agreed to have Supervisor Forbes make the call if the place of the Board meetings need to change.

## PERMA

Supervisor Forbes read an email that came in from PERMA regarding the breakdown of the year with two million dollars in surplus back into the Town and City budgets. Supervisor Forbes stated based on our percentage of the total, which isn't a lot, that will come through ACH or check in January.

## OTHER

### RESIDENT CONCERN – SNOWMOBILE TRAIL RE-ROUTED

Councilmember Warren brought to the attention of the Board that he was approached by a concerned resident on the snowmobile trail that comes down Foster Road that goes directly into Homer Hops. The resident was concerned about the noise, speed, late night, and the fact that they did not give anyone fair warning about using the town road like that. Councilmember Warren asked the Board if the local snowmobile club is supposed to get permission from anyone when utilizing the town roads as their trail. Councilmember Warren said that he would relay back to his neighbor that the Homer Town Board is looking into it. Councilmember Jones made mention that each individual snowmobile operator must have their own liability insurance and the snowmobile registered through the DMV, so they can excess roads. Councilmember Warren made mention that maybe the alternative would be for the snowmobile clubs to get permission from the landowners to route the trail through the field or yards rather than down the road. Supervisor Forbes suggested to get in touch with the local snowmobile clubs and see how they went about rerouting the trail over to Homer Hops. For example, what steps were taking,

permission, etc. Deputy Supervisor Park made mention that it might be over seen by the state rather than a local entity say.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Heather M. Hill

Town Clerk