

The Regular Meeting of the Homer Town Board was held at the Town Hall located in the Village of Homer, on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in the town board room, with Supervisor Park presiding.

Members Present:

Supervisor, Michael R. Park,
Deputy Supervisor, Barry E. Warren
Councilmember, Sarah E. Head
Councilmember, Caleb J. Leach
Councilmember, Kevin M. Williams

Others Present: Town Attorney, Daniel J. Ellis II; Town Clerk, Heather M. Hill; Deputy Town Clerk, Brooke L. Poli; Village Trustee, Patrick Clune; Residents: Tim Malchak; Gary Lawrence; Greg Leach; Michael Broughton; Maria Barredo; Bridget Soini; David Sorini; Ruain Dudgeon; Karen Dudgeon; and Rob Barredo.

Supervisor Park called the Abbreviated Meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Councilmember Leach made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Head, to approve the Draft Town Board Minutes of June 12, 2024. All voting aye, the motion was carried.

MONTHLY BILL PAY

General bills were approved as audited by Councilmember Leach, motioned by Councilmember Leach to approve the general fund vouchers for payment, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Warren; All voting aye, the motion was carried: **RESOLVED: That General Fund vouchers #132 through #171 totaling \$25,125.76 are approved for payment.**

Highway bills were approved as audited by Councilmember Williams, motioned by Councilmember Williams, to approve the highway fund vouchers for payment, seconded by Councilmember Leach; All voting aye, the motion was carried: **RESOLVED: That Highway Fund vouchers #78 through #93 totaling \$165,382.45 are approved for payment.**

AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Park stated the meeting would be an abbreviated board meeting due to the current storm and weather conditions.

RESOLUTION #7 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AND TO APPROVE THE 2024 AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM.

Motioned by: Councilmember Williams

Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Warren

VOTES: AYE- Park, Warren, Williams, Leach, Head; NAY- 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the Town of Homer approves at a meeting of the governing body held on July 10, 2024, and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (Effective 1.1.24) of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION #8 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AND TO APPROVE THE SMART GROWTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RESOLUTION.

Motioned by: Councilmember Williams

Seconded by: Councilmember Leach

VOTES: AYE- Park, Warren, Williams, Leach, Head; NAY- 0

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has made grant funds available in 2024 through the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Smart Growth Program for Community Planning and Zoning, which provides grant funds on a competitive basis to eligible villages, towns, cities, counties, regional planning entities, and non-profit organizations, to advance the preparation of municipal comprehensive plans to establish land use policies which support smart growth and clean energy principles for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer is proposing to undertake a comprehensive planning process that will update the community's existing Comprehensive Plan, in order to assess current land use policies and establish new policies that more accurately reflect the community's current conditions, opportunities and goals for smart growth development and clean energy principles; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer intends to submit a grant application to request funding through the 2024 EPF Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant Program, with a ten percent (10%) local match requirement, to the NYS Department of State EPF Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Homer Town Board hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application on behalf of the Town of Homer, including provision of the 10% local match requirement, to request State funding for the purposes of hiring a consultant to coordinate a community-based planning process and prepare an update to the Homer Comprehensive Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded, the Town Supervisor of the Town of Homer is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents relating to the NYS Department of State 2024 EPF Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant Program application.

Councilmember Williams made motion to move the remaining agenda items to the rescheduled special meeting for July 17, 2024, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Warren; All voting aye, the motion was carried: **RESOLVED: To bring the remaining agenda items to the rescheduled regular town board meeting as a special meeting on July 17, 2024.**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke L. Poli
Deputy Town Clerk

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