

**HOMER TOWNSHIP PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
November 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Trustee Doyle called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:**

In attendance were Trustees Doyle and Colabelli, Chief Locacius, Deputy Chief Bricker, Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard via Zoom, Carlo Caprio, Captain Brian Jamrok, FF Terry Brown, FF Frank Chojnacki and Carrie Wojcik

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Trustee Doyle led the pledge to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Trustee Doyle made a motion to open the 2021 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget Hearing.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Colabelli made a motion to close the 2021 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget Hearing.

Trustee Doyle 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

The Board acknowledged the resignation letter from Trustee Anderson.

Trustee Colabelli made a motion to appoint Carlo Caprio as successor until April 2021.

Trustee Doyle 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Attorney John Motylinski presented to Oath of Office to Carlo Caprio.

Trustee Caprio Made a motion to elect officers.

Trustee Colabelli 2nd

President: Kevin Doyle

Roll Call: Trustee Caprio: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Doyle: Aye

Treasurer: Carlo Caprio

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Secretary: Vince Colabelli

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 21, 2020 as presented.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Motion Carried

**TREASURE'S REPORT:**

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve the October treasurer's report as presented by James Howard.

Trustee Caprio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Motion Carried

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Resignation Letter from Trustee Anderson, thank you letter from family of Ron Boehm, thank you letter from Plainfield Fire for response to a structure fire.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Attorney John Motylinski mentioned the Veto session was cancelled and he has not heard anything on the Pension Litigation.

**REPORTS:**

The Board acknowledged receiving the Chiefs reports as presented.

Chief Locacius asked the Board to review the packet of options for a training tower. He mentioned that Captain Uthe has been working on this for the past 1 ½ years. Trustee Doyle recommended having a conversation with the surrounding schools. Deputy Chief Bricker will get with the schools. Chief also explained they only burn hay and use fake smoke.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$151,631.92.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-18-20-1 for the 2021 Balanced Budget Appropriation.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to consider and adopt Ordinance 11-18-20-2 for the Levying and Assessing of Taxes for 2020.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to consider and adopt Ordinance 11-18-20-3 abating the tax levied for 2020.

Trustee Caprio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to consider and approve the IPRF Workers Compensation Proposal for 2021.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to consider and approve the 2020 Employee Health Insurance Package.

Trustee Caprio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: Trustee Doyle: Aye, Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Caprio: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to consider and approved the HMO Health Insurance Plan P506PSN as the plan for PSEBA benefits.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve the 2021 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Schedule.

Trustee Caprio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution 11182020 concerning engagement of Brycer LLC.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve the agreement with Brycer LLC.

Trustee Caprio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Colabelli made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Challans 3-year term (6/1/20 – 5/31/23)

Trustee Doyle 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Caprio made a motion to appoint Stephanie Mitchell (term ending 5/31/21) and Keith Gray (term ending 5/31/22) as Commissioners to fill the vacancies for Colabelli and Caprio pending background checks. (Colabelli – term ends 5/31/2021 and Caprio – term ends 5/31/2022)

Trustee Doyle 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve the 3 year Contract for Chief Locacius.

Trustee Caprio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Doyle made a motion to approve the 3 year Contract for Deputy Chief Bricker.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Trustee Doyle made a motion to go into closed session at 5:47 p.m.

Trustee Colabelli 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

No action taken.

Trustee Doyle made a motion to come out of closed session at 6:15 p.m.

Trustee Caprio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Trustee Doyle made a motion to adjourn at 6:16 p.m.

Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Vincent Colabelli, Secretary/Trustee