

**HOMER TOWNSHIP PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2023 at 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Colabelli called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

In attendance were Trustees Colabelli, Mitchell and Fijan, Chief Doyle, Deputy Chief Bricker, Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard, B/C McCormack, FF Terry Brown, FF Mike Collins and Carrie Wojcik

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Colabelli led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

4:00 p.m. – Public Hearing on 2024 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to open the Public Hearing Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Fijan made a motion to close the Public Hearing Meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

4:15 p.m. – Truth in Taxation Hearing Concerning the District’s 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance No. 11-15-23-2.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to open the Truth in Taxation Meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Fijan made a motion to close the Truth in Taxation Meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2023.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented by James Howard.
Trustee Fijan 2nd
Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye
Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney John Motylinski mentioned that the Illinois Supreme Court has the Pension Consolidation Court Hearing on the 21st.
Not a lot of movement on any other issues.

REPORTS:

The Board acknowledged receiving the Chiefs report as presented.
Chief Doyle discussed:

- Refurbished Fire Engine
- St. #2 Roof has been completed
- Promotional Testing
 - The B/C test December 4th and 6th
 - New Firefighter/Paramedic testing: end to November, beginning of December

Deputy Chief Bricker discussed:

- The new development in the area
 - Silo Bend
 - Dunn Farm development
 - Apartments in Lockport

Firefighter Mike Collins explained that today was his first day back and he is happy to be here after his back injury.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Fijan made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$199,589.72
Trustee Mitchell 2nd
Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye
Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Board Meeting Schedule.
Trustee Fijan 2nd
Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Challans to a 3-year term.
Trustee Fijan 2nd
Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Gray to a 3-year term.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Fijan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-15-23-1 for the 2024 Budget and Appropriation.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Fijan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-15-23-2 for the Levying and Assessing of Taxes for 2023.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-15-23-3 Abating the Tax Levied for 2023 to Pay debt Service on Alternative Revenue Source Bonds.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Fijan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-15-23-4 Re-establishing Ambulance and Related Charges of the Homer Township Fire Protection District.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2024 Illinois Public Risk Fund Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$405,335.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2024 Employee Health Insurance Proposal from One Digital in the amount of \$987,194.04.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Fijan made a motion to approve the 2024 Agreement with Ready Rebound for \$8,434.08.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the Contract for Chief Doyle.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Fijan made a motion to approve the Contract for Deputy Chief Bricker.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the Pay Rate Increase for the Administrative Assistant.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: Trustee Colabelli: Aye, Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Fijan: Aye

Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN:


Trustee Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Fijan, Secretary/Trustee