

**HOMER TOWNSHIP PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2026 at 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Colabelli called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

In attendance were Trustees Colabelli, Mitchell and Fijan, Chief Bricker, Deputy Chief Mayer, Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard via zoom, and Carrie Wojcik

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Colabelli led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Fijan made a motion to approve the promotional ceremony minutes from December 6, 2025.

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 21, 2026.

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 the General Assemble is getting some traction.

- 25% raise for Trustees
- Recruitment and Retention – changing the FF age from 21 to 18 with maximum age of 37

REPORTS:

The Board acknowledged receiving the Chiefs report as presented.

Chief Bricker discussed:

- Spare engine – 2001 due for approximately \$15,000 in repairs

- New ambulance to be shown at FDIC. We will go to view it at the plant prior to it shipping out
- Staff vehicle – DC Mayer researching options

Deputy Chief Mayer discussed:

- Working on the Pension audit
- Attended the NIAFPD conference
- Dive Team has been added to the Lockport box cards
- Chris Baierle passed his system entry into Silver Cross
- Station 3 – exploring cost to run city water from Christopher Burke Engineering
- New portable radios coming from Wescom
- Cradel point updates – starting installs on vehicles
- UBS Health Screenings
- Our ambulances passed the IDPH inspection
- Performed computer upgrades
- Ambulance 31 back in service the first week of March

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Fijan made a motion to approve the January bills totaling \$255,267.11

Trustee Mitchell 2nd

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

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the Station 1 door replacement by Schaaf window company in the amount of \$20,796.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

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

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve monthly IT staff supplemental from Blue Sky Tech, Inc in the amount of \$2,240 per month

Trustee Fijan 2nd

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

Motion Carried

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Colabelli made a motion to go into closed session at 4:37 p.m. to discuss employment of employees

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Trustee Mitchell made motion to come out of closed session at 4:45 p.m.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

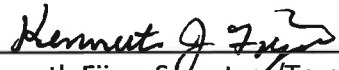
Trustee Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

Trustee Fijan 2nd

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Fijan, Secretary/Trustee