

HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS

OCTOBER 20, 2016
7:00 PM

Present at meeting:	Matthew Simpson	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilperson
	Robert Olson	Councilperson
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilperson
	Sylvia Smith	Councilperson
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	
Mark Schachner	Town Counsel	

Also: Tom Johansen, Skip Ostrander, Assessor Christine Hayes, ZA Jim Steen, Bernie Bolton, Richard and Annemieke Gersten, Bob Smith, Sandy Norcross, Laurence and Karen Meltzer, Brandon Himoff, Gary Frenz, Teri Schuerlein, and Darian Granger.

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Before beginning the meeting, Supervisor Simpson acknowledged the recent passing of four Town of Horicon employees...Gerry Granger, Butch Farmer, Bob Miller, and Paul Smith. On behalf of the Town, he recognized them for the work they did for the Town and extended condolences to the families.

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH...

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go into session as the Local Board of Health. The Board moved into session as Local Board of Health at 7:02 PM.

Public Hearing #1(continuation from 9-15-16 meeting) – Septic Variance for 3573 East Schroon River Rd / tax map #70.15-1-15 / McDonald: No update on this so the Board will leave the Public Hearing open until Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00pm at which time they will re-convene the Public hearing for the septic variance at 3573 East Schroon River Rd.

Public Hearing #2 – Septic Variance for 20 Palisades Rd / tax map #71.20-1-4 / Larson

Supervisor Simpson then opened the Public Hearing for the septic variance at 20 Palisades Road. Councilperson Olson explained the Norweco system was authorized for use in the Town based on situations like this and he feels it will serve the purpose well. ZA Steen said he has not received any phone calls or comments on this.

There being no further comments Public Hearing #2 was closed at 7:05PM.

RESOLUTION #143-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 143 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 20 PALISADES ROAD

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Hutchins Engineering (project #291035-01), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for an alternative septic system at 20 Palisades Rd, Brant Lake, NY (Tax Map #71.20-1-4) because the strict application of the minimum setback requirements, or the minimum lot size requirement, would result in a specified practical difficulty to the applicant. Further, the alternative proposed would not be materially detrimental to the purpose of this regulation, or to the property or natural resources in the area in or near the site of the proposed individual sewage disposal system, or otherwise conflict with the description, purpose, or the objectives of any plan or policy of the Town, and that the alternative proposed is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specified practical difficulty as found by the Board to affect the applicant.

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Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:07PM.

REGULAR MEETING...

Public Hearing – Proposed Zoning Law

Supervisor Simpson opened the Public Hearing for the proposed amendments to the Horicon Zoning Law. There being no comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:08PM.

RESOLUTION #144-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 144 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED TOWN OF HORICON ZONING LAW

WHEREAS, the Town Board held several public hearings regarding the proposed changes to the Town of Horicon Zoning Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the changes to the Town of Horicon Zoning Law and heard all interested parties who attended the public hearings, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt the Revised Town of Horicon Zoning Law, being Local Law #1 of 2016, and a copy of said Zoning Law will be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. The Board further authorizes the Clerk to file Local Law #1 of 2016 with the Secretary of State.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Reports: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice, Assessor

Approval of Minutes... Minutes of September 15 and October 11, 2016 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Olson, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts...

RESOLUTION #145-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 145 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OCTOBER 2016 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the October 20, 2016 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	10	\$ 47,795.42
Highway Abstract	10	\$ 35,581.97

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Correspondence to the Board:

- AOT RE: 2016 Personnel Management School
- Library Trustees RE: Request for additional two hours on Saturday (retracted 10/18/16 by Trustees)
- Charles Schumer RE: Notice of application deadline for grant program

Resolutions:

Supervisor Simpson said two minor changes are needed on the tentative Budget. One is the revenue from the property lease needs to be removed, and two, the code for the lifeguards needs to be increased if the Board wants to continue with the shared lifeguard program next year.

RESOLUTION #146-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 146 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2017 and said Budget has been reviewed by the Town Board and certain changes have been made, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt the tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2017. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for said Budget on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #147-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 147 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT ZONING & PLANNING TRAINING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Zoning and Planning Board members, ZA Jim Steen, Zoning Clerk Theresa Katsch, and Town Councilman Bob Olson to attend Zoning and Planning training at the Chestertown Municipal Center on November 30th. The cost of the training is \$25.00 per person.

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Smith, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #148-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 148 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR TO ATTEND ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL SEMINAR

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Assessor Christine Hayes to attend the Assessment and Appraisal Mini Course II in Albany on December 2, 2016. The cost of the course is \$100.00 plus mileage. The cost will be divided equally between the Town of Horicon and Town of Bolton.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #149-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 149 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the Revocable License Agreement By and Between the Town of Horicon and Amy Ragule for use of the Community Center Wastewater Disposal System which will be in effect January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #150-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 150 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the contract with Warren County for roadway maintenance for 2017 according to the 2017 Schedule A Highway Payment Rate. Compensation to the Town of Horicon from Warren County will be in the amount of \$238,587.94, of this amount, \$8,000 is to be used for salt reduction equipment.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #151-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 151 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE DISPOSAL AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the contract with Warren County for solid waste and recyclable disposal and transportation services for 2017.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #152-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 152 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the Highway Fund to increase revenues to record insurance reimbursement:

Decrease	DA2680 Insurance Recoveries	\$10,570.97
Increase	D5130.4 Machinery-Equipment	\$10,570.97

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #153-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 153 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following fund transfers:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
<i>General:</i>		
9060.8 - Health Insur	7310.1 – Youth-Pers. Svc	\$ 2,763.71
8510.1 – Beaut-Pers. Svc	8510.11-Beaut – O/T	\$ 80.33

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Smith, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #154-2016

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 154 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ACCESS ADIRONDACK MOU

WHEREAS, a group of organizations known as “Access Adirondacks” has created a Memorandum of Understanding documenting their commitment to the goal of increasing access and recreational opportunities on state lands, and

WHEREAS, this MOU is not a binding commitment, but a statement of the intent of the parties who sign it to call upon the State of New York to work together with them in good faith to increase access and recreational opportunities on Adirondack state lands and to improve the economies of the municipalities which depend upon access to state lands for their economic well being, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Access Adirondacks Memorandum of Understanding among public and private organizations regarding recreational access to Adirondack state lands.

Ayes: 5 (Smith, Olson, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #155-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 155 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MCJ CONSTRUCTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to pay the bill from MCJ Construction in the amount of \$124,925.00 for work done on the upper dam.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Sylvia Smith updated the Board on the following items. The Library hours will remain at twenty hours a week as the Trustees have retracted their request for an increase. Stan Cianfarano, Warren County Historian, will be up to look over the Heintzelman Library at the end of the month to start the process of applying to get it on the National Registry. A quote has been received to powder coat the folding chairs in the meeting room; this option will cost less than buying new chairs. Councilperson Smith thanked Paul and Teri Schuerlein for the flowers and plants they donated to the Town. Teri Schuerlein has asked to be on the Beautification Committee as a citizen. **Motion made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to include Teri Schuerlein on the Town's Beautification Committee as a citizen**, all Ayes. An email was received by Councilperson Smith asking if the Town would take over care of the flowers at the Veterans Park in Adirondack. She noted this was previously done by volunteers, and the Town will take care of them going forward. She has not heard anything from Rich Nawrot regarding the flower bed around the sign in Adirondack. Lastly, Councilperson Smith advised the Board she and Councilperson Hill have conducted two interviews so far for Landfill workers.

-Councilperson Hill said he has one quote for the tennis courts and is waiting for another.

-Supervisor Simpson told the Board that Mike Raymond purchased the new fountain head. He said a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Raymond and one to Paul and Teri Schuerlein as well. He said the lower dam is being repaired again, and work on the upper dam is close to being completed. Work on the 1881 Union Church should commence in two weeks, and funding is close to being finalized.

-Gary Frenz updated the Board on the NWEMS. He said the Squad is in the process of reorganizing. He also noted they now have a scheduled ALS on at all times.

New Business: Supervisor Simpson said several Occupancy Tax applications have come in, and the Board will set up a workshop meeting to review them.

Privilege of the Floor... no comments were made.

Executive Session...

Councilman Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Higgins, to move to Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the possible appointment of the Highway Superintendent and Landfill personnel. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:44 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8: 40 PM and Councilman Olson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Higgins, all in favor. The Board discussed matters leading to the possible appointment of the Highway Superintendent and Landfill personnel, no action was taken.

RESOLUTION #156-2016

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 156 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LUCAS RAYMOND

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Lucas Raymond to work at the Horicon Landfill thirty two hours a week at a pay rate of \$13.50 per hour. Mr. Raymond will start October 22, 2016 and will be on a six month probationary period.

Ayes: 5 (Smith, Olson, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #157-2016

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 157 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DARIAN GRANGER AS HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Darian Granger to fill the unexpired term of former Highway Superintendent Paul Smith who passed away unexpectedly. This appointment will become effective October 27, 2016 and will extend through December 31, 2017. Mr. Granger will be paid the remainder of the current Highway Superintendent salary under the 2016 Budget through the end of 2016.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Olson, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk