

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 19, 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

Also: Gary Frenz, John Donovan, Brandon Himoff, Teri Schuerlein, Skip Ostrander, Dan Freebern, Tom Johansen, ZA Jim Steen, Jane and Thad Smith, Bob Smith, and Dan Smith.

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Councilperson Sylva Smith recognized Linda Hoyt, who passed away recently, on her long history with the Town and the many things she was involved in.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 21, 2016 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson.

Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Smith)

Approval of May 2016 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #75-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 75 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MAY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the May 19, 2016 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	5	\$ 85,082.77
Highway Abstract	5	\$ 70,320.98

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

Correspondence to the Board...

- Laberge Group RE: Notice of Construction Engineer

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #76-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 76 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the Highway Fund to increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,345.94 due to receipt of CHIPS reimbursement:

Increase Revenue	D3501 - Consolidated Highway	\$1,345.94
Increase Expenditure	D5112.4 – CHIPS	\$1,345.94

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

RESOLUTION #77-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 77 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR TO ATTEND NYSAA SEMINAR

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Assessor Christine Hayes to attend the NYSAA Appraising Seminar from July 10-15 and to stay for the Institute of Assessing Officers test on July 16, 2016, in Ithaca. The cost of the seminar is \$470.00, cost of lodging is \$109.95 per night, plus reimbursement for food and mileage. The cost of attending the seminar will be shared with Town of Bolton.

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

RESOLUTION #78-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 78 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>		
1990.4 (Contingency)	8090.4 (Insect-Contr)	\$ 829.10
<i>Highway:</i>		
5148.4 (SvcOthGovt-Contr)	5142.4 (Snow Rem-Contr)	\$ 2,749.39

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

RESOLUTION #79-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 79 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING LAW

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendments to the Horicon Zoning Law.

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

*The Board made one minor change for clarification purposes in Section 8.17-Keeping of Livestock. In item A and Item B the term "farm animals" will be changed to "livestock".

Supervisor Simpson noted the Town has been awarded a \$100,000.00 grant to be used towards education and outreach at the Boat Launches and for the Boat Stewards.

RESOLUTION #80-2016

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 80 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY APPLICATION OF GRANT FOR BOAT LAUNCHES

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby ratify the application of the grant to be used to fund education and outreach at the Horicon Boat Launches.

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

RESOLUTION #81-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 81 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SURVEY OF 1881 UNION CHURCH PROPERTY

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize a survey of the 1881 Union Church property in Adirondack.

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

RESOLUTION #82-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 82 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN INTERMUNICIPAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Warren County. This agreement will commence July 1, 2016 and continue through June 30, 2017, and will automatically be renewed for two (2) additional one year periods.

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

RESOLUTION #83-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 83 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HORICON, CHESTER, AND SCHROON FOR SCHROON LAKE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement among the Towns of Horicon, Chester, and Schroon for Schroon Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Control contingent upon review by Town Counsel. As part of this agreement the Town of Horicon agrees to cover the funding, which was not budgeted, and will be reimbursed by the Towns of Chester and Schroon, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the General Fund in the 2016 Budget as follows to account for the needed funding:

Decrease.....A599 – Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 16,000.00
Increase..... A8090.1 – Insect Control – Pers. Services	\$ 16,000.00

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

Committee Reports..

-Gary Frenz advised the Board that things at the NW EMS are going well.

-Councilperson Smith gave reports on the following:

Library: She and Councilperson Olson have met with the Library Trustees. She noted that Kawana Smith will be covering the Library hours during such time as the Board advertises for a replacement for Linda Hoyt.

Occ Tax: An application has been received from Friends of the Library requesting \$2,000 for their summer reading program.

Lifeguard: She and Supervisor Simpson have met with Mindy Conway, of the Chester/Horicon Youth Commission, regarding Mindy's offer to put her lifeguards on a rotating schedule which would include the Brant Lake beach. This would allow for full time lifeguard coverage at the Brant Lake beach as well as the opportunity to offer swim lessons. The Board will need to decide on a stipend for Mindy Conway.

Horicon Event: She updated the Board on the Horicon Event scheduled for August. The event, being called An Entertainment Evening by the Pond, will start at 6pm. There will be a vaudeville type show, a dance recital by Guiding Steps North, and a performance by the Holcomb Brothers. The finale will be a huge fireworks display that will hopefully be set off from the pond. There will be no food vendors, but there will be popcorn and drinks.

Beautification: The new Brant Lake sign will be installed by Memorial Day and the flowers will be planted after Memorial Day.

-Councilperson Hill gave reports on the following:

Playground: Several pieces of playground equipment in Adirondack need to be replaced, and he is hoping they can be replaced using Occ Tax funds.

Buildings: The Adirondack Pavilion is done. The Schoolhouse in Adirondack needs work including new window jambs and paint. He would also like to look into putting electric in the garage behind the Community Center.

Cemetery/Beautification: He would like the Board to consider getting rid of the old mowers and either sell them or trade them in towards a new mower.

-Councilperson Olson gave reports on the following:

Highway: The Highway crew will be working on an approximate one mile section of Duell Hill Rd this summer.

Planning Board: He commended the Planning Board for the solution they came up with on the issue before them at the previous night's Planning Board meeting.

-Supervisor Simpson reported that the street lights around the pond are fixed, the generator is being worked on, and work on the bridge over the upper dam is underway.

Old Business:

Fuel/Propane: Supervisor Simpson noted that the Town will purchase fuel and propane under the purchasing agreement that was approved in Resolution #82-106.

New Business:

CSEA Retiree Vision Memorandum of Agreement:

RESOLUTION #84-2016

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 84 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MOA WITH CSEA

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA for a Retiree Vision program at no cost to the Town.

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

Friends of the Library request to submit grant application:

RESOLUTION #85-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 85 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby support the Friends of the Library in their application to the Community Fund for Gore Mountain for a grant of \$1,000.00 in support of their Summer Reading program.

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

RESOLUTION #86-2016

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 86 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FOR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize \$2,000.00 be given to the Friends of the Library to support their Summer Reading Program. This is to come from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.2).

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

RESOLUTION #87-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 87 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HHS GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby support the Horicon Historical Society in their grant application to the Adirondack Community Trust.

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

Dan Smith – trails: Dan Smith explained to the Board how the trail system in Chestertown works and offered suggestions on creating a trail system in Horicon.

Privilege of the Floor...

-John Donovan gave an update on the 1881 Union Church grant.

-Jane Smith thanked Kevin for setting up the Boat Wash station. She explained that there has been work on a spread prevention program and the opportunity is there to have a supervisory person review what the Stewards are doing. Paul Smith's is funding the supervisory position and has hired Matthew Simpson, previous Boat Steward for the Town, for the position.

-Teri Schuerlein said the Lazy Moose has won Best of the Region again this year, and she thanked everyone for all of their support.

-Dan Freebern suggested a speed control sign might help resolve the issues on Route 8 by EZ Marine. He also urged the Board to make repairs to the playground in Adirondack sooner rather than later, and not to remove anything without having a plan for replacing it.

Executive Session...

Councilperson Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to move to Executive Session to discuss the employment history and salary of a particular employee. The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:08 PM and Councilperson Olson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, all in favor. The Board discussed the employment history and salary of a particular employee, no decisions were made.

RESOLUTION #88-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 88 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE LANDFILL SUPERINTENDENT HOURS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby change the hours the Landfill Superintendent will work. The position is currently 8am to 4pm but will now be 7am to 3pm to accommodate several bookkeeping issues. Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Smith, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #89-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 89 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO PAY LIBRARY CLERK HIGHER RATE DURING INTERIM PERIOD

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize part-time Library Clerk Kawana Smith to temporarily cover the Library hours and be paid \$12.00 per hour during the interim period while the Board searches for a replacement for Linda Hoyt's position.

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

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM by MOTION of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk