

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING (Septic Variance)**

**AUGUST 17, 2017  
7:00 PM**

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**Old Business...**

**Mower Bids:** The Clerk re-advertised for bids for three mowers and one tractor that had previously been declared as scrap. Two bids were received and opened August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:42 pm. Carl Younes bid \$58.00 for mower #1-John Deere RX300 without bagger, \$58 for mower #2-John Deere RX300 with bagger, \$108 for mower #3-Cub Cadet tractor (no mower), and \$28 for mower #4-Sears 21" push mower. Harold Parker bid \$25 for mower#1-John Deere RX300 without bagger and \$50 for mower#2-John Deere RX300 with bagger.

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 117 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR MOWERS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for bids for three mowers and a tractor that had been declared as scrap, and two bids were received and opened on August 17, 2017 at 7:45 PM, now, therefore be it, RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the bids for all four mowers to Carl Younes for a total bid price of \$252.00.

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

**1881 Union Church Shindig:** John Donovan reported the Adirondack Shindig was a success and thanked those who contributed.

**BTI Program:** Supervisor Simpson said he spoke to Kathy Vanselow about getting a map and specs for an RFP for a BTI program. He said there are no experienced applicators in our area. Supervisor Simpson said if the Board wanted Ms. Vanselow to do the program again they can require more

accountability from her. Councilperson Higgins noted that if it is going to be done it must be done right, and Councilperson Olson agreed.

**Motion** made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Hill, to authorize Supervisor Simpson to obtain a quote from Ms. Vanselow and invite her to the next meeting. All Ayes.

*Brant Lake Dam:* Supervisor Simpson said the Upper Dam is fully operational and actively managing the lake. He noted that no matter what happens the gate will not immediately regulate the level of the lake; during times of heavy rain the water must run off and that process is not instantaneous.

*Brant Lake Boat Launch Renovation:* Supervisor Simpson said the renovation work at the Boat Launch is progressing, and DEC anticipates closing the launch for two days to do the paving.

**New Business...**

**ZBA Member & Chair:**

**RESOLUTION #118-2017**

Councilperson Olson and Supervisor Simpson introduced Res. No. 118 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER AND CHAIR**

WHEREAS, Thad Smith has tendered his resignation as Chairman and Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective August 2, 2017, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Cheryl Erickson as ZBA Chair to complete that one-year term which will expire December 31, 2017, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint ZBA alternate James Dewar to the ZBA seat vacated by Thad Smith to complete that term which will expire on December 31, 2021, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Clerk to advertise for ZBA alternates.

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

**Board of Ethics Member & Chair:**

**RESOLUTION #119-2017**

Supervisor Simpson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 119 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BOARD OF ETHICS ALTERNATES**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for a Board of Ethics member and an alternate.

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

*TAG Grant – Heintzelman Library:* Supervisor Simpson said there is a Technical Assistance Grant available for short term historic projects. The grant covers up to \$3,000.00, and the Town is not allowed to spend over \$500 in addition to the grant. Supervisor Simpson said an evaluation needs to be done on the structure of the Heintzelman Library and this grant could be used for that project.

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 120 and moved its adoption:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to apply for the TAG grant for the Heintzelman Library to use to obtain a survey of the condition of the building.

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

*DASNY Grant – Ernest Smith Road Bridge:* Supervisor Simpson said he spoke to Senator Little's office and was told the Town could apply for a DASNY grant for the Ernest Smith Road bridge. He said the grant would fund 100% of the permanent bridge under their Environmental slot with no match

required from the Town. He noted the grant does not cover professional services, so the Town will need to cover the cost of an engineer to work on the project. Councilperson Olson suggested the Town seek an engineer that specializes in projects of this sort. Supervisor Simpson asked the Highway Committee and HS Granger to research this so the Board can move forward.

Schroon Lake Steering Committee: Supervisor Simpson said Bill McGhie has recommended Rich Nawrot for the Town of Horicon representative, and Ross Schloembs for the ESSLA representative on the Schroon Lake Steering Committee to fill the seat vacated by Jane Smith.

Landfill Redevelopment:

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**Privilege of the Floor...**

-Jim Steen said he had met with Councilperson Olson, Councilperson Smith, ZBA member Cheryl Erickson, and PB Chair Bill McGhie to discuss travel trailers. He gave the Board with a draft of suggested changes the group developed for the Town Board to review. He also told the Board he would like to send out a postcard to all residents reminding them of the Zoning regulations because there has been a vast increase in people building without permits. ZA Steen noted there is no penalty for building without a permit and suggested a change to this policy. Regarding the postcard, ZA Steen said the Town Clerk and Assessor would like to include information on the postcard as well. He said the cost to send the postcards is estimated to be about \$400.00, and there is money in the Budget to cover this.

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 122 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE FOR MAILING**

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-Jane Smith thanked everyone and expressed how great it was to work with them. She noted the Town is very fortunate that the Board and Supervisor are so aware of the importance of the health of the lakes.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Respectfully Submitted:

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**HORICON TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING (Septic Variance)**

**AUGUST 17, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor  
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Supervisor Simpson opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**Local Board of Health...**

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There being no further comments from the Public Hearing, motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to close Public Hearing #2 at 7:09 pm.

**Continuation of Septic Request Variance for 6 N. Sand Beach Way / Clyne:**

Brett Winchip, Winchip Engineering, explained that he has amended the proposed septic for the Clyne property to an enhanced treatment system as per the Board's request. He noted the system location has been changed to accommodate the enhanced system. Councilperson Olson said this proposal is much better.

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

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

A Motion was made by Councilperson Higgins, seconded by Councilperson Hill, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:16 PM.

Ed Corcoran spoke to the Town Board about the services offered at the Countryside Adult Home.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of July 20, 2017 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill.

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

**Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #110-2017**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 110 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF AUGUST 2017 ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the August 17, 2017 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	8	\$ 54,484.23
Highway Abstract	8	\$ 241,474.62

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

**Correspondence to the Board...**

- Brian Bearor, YMCA RE: Thank you letter for contribution
- Jane Smith RE: Letter of Resignation – Board of Ethics Chair and member
- Thad Smith RE: Letter of Resignation – ZBA Chair and member
- Laberge Group RE: Notice of Restore NY Grant Funding

**Resolutions...**

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The entire Horicon Town Board introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

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WHEREAS, Jane Smith has loyally served the community for many years as a member of the Town of Horicon Board of Ethics, as well as numerous other groups and associations, and  
WHEREAS, Jane Smith has given selflessly to the community in so many ways, whether it was planning events, covering local elections, or strongly advocating for the health of our lakes, all while keeping the integrity and future of the Town in mind, and

WHEREAS, Jane Smith has tendered her resignation from the Board of Ethics, now, therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby wish to express their gratitude and appreciation to Jane Smith for her years of dedication and service to the Town of Horicon.

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

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Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 113 and moved its adoption:

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

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**Committee Reports...**

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for a Board of Ethics member and an alternate.

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 120 and moved its adoption:

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Landfill Redevelopment:

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**Privilege of the Floor...**

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 122 and moved its adoption:

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

-Jane Smith thanked everyone and expressed how great it was to work with them. She noted the Town is very fortunate that the Board and Supervisor are so aware of the importance of the health of the lakes.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk



**HORICON TOWN BOARD**  
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Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor  
Frank Hill Councilperson  
Robert Olson Councilperson  
Kenneth Higgins Councilperson  
Sylvia Smith Councilperson  
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Also: ZA Jim Steen, Bret Winchip and Zack Monroe (Winchip Engineering), Tom Hutchins (Hutchins Engineering), Bill McGhie, Tom Johansen, Gary Frenz, John Donovan, Bob Smith, Thad and Jane Smith, Ed Corcoran, Teri Schuerlein, Bob Ward, Pat Farrell, Christopher South, Joyce Greenidge, and Mike Raymond.

Supervisor Simpson opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**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 regarding septic variances. The Board moved into session as **Local Board of Health** at 7:00 PM and Supervisor Simpson opened the Public Hearing.

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**#36.3-3-12.1/Centofante:** Supervisor Simpson noted the application for the septic variance at 211 East Shore Drive has been withdrawn. Motion made by Councilperson Higgins, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to close Public Hearing at 7:01 pm.

**Public Hearing #2 - Septic Variance for 1088 Palisades Rd./tax map #38.16-1-19/Collins:**

Tom Hutchins, Hutchins Engineering, explained the proposed variance. ZA Steen said he has not received any comment on this.

There being no further comments from the Public Hearing, motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to close Public Hearing #2 at 7:09 pm.

**Continuation of Septic Request Variance for 6 N. Sand Beach Way / Clyne:**

Brett Winchip, Winchip Engineering, explained that he has amended the proposed septic for the Clyne property to an enhanced treatment system as per the Board's request. He noted the system location has been changed to accommodate the enhanced system. Councilperson Olson said this proposal is much better.

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Town Clerk

**HORICON TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING (Septic Variance)**

**AUGUST 17, 2017**  
**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: ZA Jim Steen, Bret Winchip and Zack Monroe (Winchip Engineering), Tom Hutchins (Hutchins Engineering), Bill McGhie, Tom Johansen, Gary Frenz, John Donovan, Bob Smith, Thad and Jane Smith, Ed Corcoran, Teri Schuerlein, Bob Ward, Pat Farrell, Christopher South, Joyce Greenidge, and Mike Raymond.

Supervisor Simpson opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**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 regarding septic variances. The Board moved into session as **Local Board of Health** at 7:00 PM and Supervisor Simpson opened the Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing #1(re-convened from 7-20-17 meeting) – Septic Variance for 211 East Shore Dr./tax map**

**#36.3-3-12.1/Centofante:** Supervisor Simpson noted the application for the septic variance at 211 East Shore Drive has been withdrawn. Motion made by Councilperson Higgins, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to close Public Hearing at 7:01 pm.

**Public Hearing #2 - Septic Variance for 1088 Palisades Rd./tax map #38.16-1-19/Collins:**

Tom Hutchins, Hutchins Engineering, explained the proposed variance. ZA Steen said he has not received any comment on this.

There being no further comments from the Public Hearing, motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to close Public Hearing #2 at 7:09 pm.

**Continuation of Septic Request Variance for 6 N. Sand Beach Way / Clyne:**

Brett Winchip, Winchip Engineering, explained that he has amended the proposed septic for the Clyne property to an enhanced treatment system as per the Board's request. He noted the system location has been changed to accommodate the enhanced system. Councilperson Olson said this proposal is much better.

**RESOLUTION #108-2017**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 108 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 1088 PALISADES RD**

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 #16083), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for an alternative septic system at 1088 Palisades Rd, Brant Lake, NY (Tax Map #38.16-1-19) 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.

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

**RESOLUTION #109-2017**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 109 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 6 N. SAND BEACH WAY**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Winchip Engineering (project #16-134), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a

variance for an alternative septic system at 6 N. Sand Beach Way, Brant Lake NY (Tax Map #55.10-1-8) 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. As a condition of approval, the project sponsor will be required to provide a maintenance report to the Town of Horicon Zoning Administrator on an annual basis for the life of the system.

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

A Motion was made by Councilperson Higgins, seconded by Councilperson Hill, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:16 PM.

Ed Corcoran spoke to the Town Board about the services offered at the Countryside Adult Home.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of July 20, 2017 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill.

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

**Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #110-2017**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 110 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF AUGUST 2017 ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the August 17, 2017 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	8	\$ 54,484.23
Highway Abstract	8	\$ 241,474.62

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

**Correspondence to the Board...**

- Brian Bearor, YMCA RE: Thank you letter for contribution
- Jane Smith RE: Letter of Resignation – Board of Ethics Chair and member
- Thad Smith RE: Letter of Resignation – ZBA Chair and member
- Laberge Group RE: Notice of Restore NY Grant Funding

**Resolutions...**

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The entire Horicon Town Board introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO JANE SMITH**

WHEREAS, Jane Smith has loyally served the community for many years as a member of the Town of Horicon Board of Ethics, as well as numerous other groups and associations, and

WHEREAS, Jane Smith has given selflessly to the community in so many ways, whether it was planning events, covering local elections, or strongly advocating for the health of our lakes, all while keeping the integrity and future of the Town in mind, and

WHEREAS, Jane Smith has tendered her resignation from the Board of Ethics, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby wish to express their gratitude and appreciation to Jane Smith for her years of dedication and service to the Town of Horicon.



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

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The entire Horicon Town Board introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THAD SMITH**

WHEREAS, Thad Smith has loyally served the community for many years as both a member and Chair of the Town of Horicon Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, Thad Smith has always given thoughtful consideration to the people that have come before the Zoning Board of Appeals while keeping the integrity and future of the Town in mind, and

WHEREAS, Thad Smith has tendered his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby wish to express their gratitude and appreciation to Thad Smith for his years of dedication and service to the Town of Horicon.

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

**RESOLUTION #113-2017**

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 113 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 2018 according to the 2018 Schedule A Highway Payment Rate. Compensation to the Town of Horicon from Warren County will be in the amount of \$240,000.01, of which \$8,000.00 will be used for equipment upgrades.

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

**RESOLUTION #114-2017**

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 114 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR TO ATTEND TRAINING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Assessor Christine Hayes to attend the NYSAA Fall Conference in Lake Placid from October 1-4. The cost of the seminar is \$175.00, lodging is \$277.00 per night, plus reimbursement for food and mileage, half of the cost is to be paid by the Town of Bolton, be it further

RESOLVED, the Assessor is also authorized to attend the Critiquing Appraisals for Assessment Challenges Seminar in Saratoga on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost of the Seminar is \$110.00, plus reimbursement for food and mileage, half of the cost is to be paid by the Town of Bolton.

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

**Committee Reports...**

-Gary Frenz, NWEMS, reported the Squad had fifty-seven calls for the month of June, they operated with a schedule that provided coverage 24/7, and they are currently working on the new budget.

-Councilperson Smith said she and Supervisor Simpson will be accepting a \$1,000.00 grant check for the Heintzelman Library on August 25<sup>th</sup>. She noted the new furnace for the Heintzelman is scheduled to be installed in the Fall. Councilperson Smith said the Horicon Event originally scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> has been re-scheduled for Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>; activities are expected to begin around 4pm with fireworks at dusk. She said the new signs have been put up at the beaches, and explained the coverage for the last couple weeks of August will be light due to some of the guards returning to college. Councilperson Smith said the Board will need to advertise for Beautification workers for next year. Lastly, she said the North Warren high school students need to perform five hours of community service each year, so if anyone has any projects for the students let her know.

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-Councilperson Olson said a problem had developed at the Landfill with trash being mixed in with recyclables, but that has been addressed. He also noted the current fee being charged for disposal of boats is \$5.00 per square foot, but he remembers the fee the Board set was meant to be \$5.00 per *linear* foot; he would like that to be corrected on the Landfill fee sheet. He and Councilperson Smith met with ZA Steen, ZBA member Cheryl Erickson, and PB Chair Bill McGhie to discuss the Zoning Fee schedule. He said they are proposing several changes regarding fees for sheds, docks, and site visits.

**RESOLUTION #115-2017**

Councilperson Olson and Supervisor Simpson introduced Res. No. 115 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND HORICON LANDFILL FEE FOR DISPOSAL OF BOATS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend the fee for disposal of boats at the Landfill to \$5.00 per linear foot.

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

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 116 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND HORICON ZONING FEE SCHEDULE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend the Horicon Zoning Fee Schedule as follows:

Sheds: Up to 600 square feet - \$36.00; over 600 square feet - \$36.00 plus \$6.00 per 100 square feet or portion thereof above 600 square feet.

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ZA Site Review: First visit free; \$35.00 per visit thereafter

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

**Old Business...**

**Mower Bids:** The Clerk re-advertised for bids for three mowers and one tractor that had previously been declared as scrap. Two bids were received and opened August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:42 pm. Carl Younes bid \$58.00 for mower #1-John Deere RX300 without bagger, \$58 for mower #2-John Deere RX300 with bagger, \$108 for mower #3-Cub Cadet tractor (no mower), and \$28 for mower #4-Sears 21" push mower. Harold Parker bid \$25 for mower#1-John Deere RX300 without bagger and \$50 for mower#2-John Deere RX300 with bagger.

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 117 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR MOWERS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for bids for three mowers and a tractor that had been declared as scrap, and two bids were received and opened on August 17, 2017 at 7:45 PM, now, therefore be it, RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the bids for all four mowers to Carl Younes for a total bid price of \$252.00.

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

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**Motion** made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Hill, to authorize Supervisor Simpson to obtain a quote from Ms. Vanselow and invite her to the next meeting. All Ayes.

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