

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 21, 2014
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: Skip Ostrander, Tom Johansen, Edna Trumble, Dan Freebern, Harvey Leidy, Jane Smith, Bill McGhie, Bob Smith, Harry Balz, Mike and Kathy Hill, Gary Frenz, Wayne Butler, John Donovan, Teri Schuerlein, Mark Wilson, members of Cub Scout Pack 30, members of the Giants Little League team, members of the Knights Little League team.

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened the Public Hearing. He stated the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed changes to the Zoning Fee schedule and opened the floor for comments.

-Councilperson Olson reviewed in detail the proposed changes to the Zoning Fee Schedule.

-Mike Hill spoke in favor of making the proposed changes to the Zoning Fee schedule. He noted the new schedule is much better and said the change should have made long before this.

There being no further comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 pm by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins, all in favor.

REGULAR MEETING...

Certificates of Appreciation for Cub Scout Pack 30, the Giants, and the Knights...

-Councilperson Smith spoke about the projects that Cub Scout Pack 30, the Giants Little League team, and the Knights Little League team had worked on for the Town of Horicon. Cub Scout Pack 30 picked up trash on Valentine Pond Road to the Boat Launch. The Giants and the Knights painted the dugouts and the Snack Shack at the ball fields in Brant Lake and Adirondack. The Town Board recognized each member of the three groups for their effort and hard work with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 24, 2014 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins.

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

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #115-2014

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF AUGUST 2014 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the August 21, 2014 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	# 223-251	\$ 48,281.88
Highway Vouchers	# 128-144	\$ 108,921.58
General Abstracts	21 & 22	\$ 32,754.82
Highway Abstracts	21 & 22	\$ 15,841.59

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Correspondence to the Board:

- ORPS RE: Notice of State Equalization Rate for Horicon
- Barton & Loguidice RE: Brant Lake Hamlet Gateways Project
- Ted Wilson RE: Request for approval for the Lake George Triathlon Festival Aug. 31st

Discussion on Correspondence...

RESOLUTION #116-2014

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

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LAKE GEORGE TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby express their support of the Lake George Triathlon Festival Half-Iron Distance race which will run through Brant Lake on August 31st.

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

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #117-2014

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon wishes to amend two items in the Town of Horicon Employee Handbook, the first regarding overtime to non-union employees and the second regarding the probationary period for newly hired or re-hired employees, and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend the Town of Horicon Employee Handbook in regards to overtime to read as follows: "The Town of Horicon will pay over time for non-union employees only when pre-approved by the Budget Officer.", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby amend the Town of Horicon Employee Handbook in regards to the probationary period to read as follows: "All new and re-hired employees work on a probationary basis for the first three (3) months after their date of hire. Completion of a three (3) month probationary period does not automatically elevate the employee to permanent status.

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

RESOLUTION #118-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 118 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR GRANT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Horicon Justice Court to apply for a 2014-2015 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant with the New York State Office of Court Administration.

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

RESOLUTION #119-2014

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

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTIONS #111-2014 AND #112-2014

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby rescind Resolutions #111-2014 and #112-2014 authorizing the Supervisor to sign contracts with National Grid for the Energy Savings Plans for the Community Center and the Highway Garage respectively.

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

RESOLUTION #120-2014

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF TOWN REAL PROPERTY

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WHEREAS, the Town owns an approximately 49 acre parcel located at 19 Town Dump Road and identified as Tax Map No. 88.-2-3, SWIS Code 522402 (the "Town Property"); and
WHEREAS, the Town Property is adjacent to property owned by Craig House and Mr. House has requested that a one acre portion of the Town Property (the "Sale Parcel") be sold to him as a boundary line adjustment for a purchase price of \$2,300 (the "Sale Price"); and
WHEREAS, the Sale Parcel is not needed for public purposes by the Town and is vacant; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to sell the Sale Parcel as authorized by Town Law Section 64; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HORICON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1: The Town Board hereby determines that the Sale Parcel is not needed for Town purposes.
- Section 2: The Town Board hereby determines that the Sale Price constitutes fair, adequate and reasonable consideration for the Sale Parcel.
- Section 3: The Town Board hereby authorizes the sale and conveyance of the Sale Parcel to Craig House for the Sale Price subject to the conditions that the Sale Property must be merged with Mr. House's adjacent parcel, must not have any separate legal existence or building rights and may not be separately conveyed without prior approval from the Town Planning Board.
- Section 4: The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such instruments and documents as may be necessary in connection with the sale and conveyance of the Sale Parcel.
- Section 5: This Resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Article 7 of New York Town Law and shall not take effect until such time as provided therein. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to post and publish the notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum.

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

RESOLUTION #121-2014

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 121 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE NAME OF PART OF ROAD

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby change the name of the approximate seventy (70) foot section of road located between Palisades Road and Sand Beach Point Road from Sand Beach Way to Sand Beach Point Road.

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

RESOLUTION #122-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 122 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>		
1470.1 (Bd of Rev-Contr)	1355.1 (Assess.-Pers.)	801.00
8090.4 (Insect-Contr)	8090.1 (Insect-Pers)	290.77
7620.4 (Adult Rec-Contr)	7410.4 (Libr.-Contr)	700.00
1430.1 (Floater-Pers)	4560.4 (Health Ctr)	4,000.00
1990.4 (Conting.)	4560.4 (Health Ctr)	1,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #123-2014

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 123 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT NEW ZONING FEE SCHEDULE

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WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the cost of a Zoning Compliance certificate be based on the square footage of construction as opposed to a flat fee of \$70.00 for a project, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 to hear public comment on the proposed changes, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend the Town of Horicon Zoning Fee Schedule to authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Zoning Compliance certificate based on a fee of \$6.00 per 100 square feet, or portion thereof, of construction with a minimum flat fee of \$36.00 for structures less than 600 square feet. The new fee schedule is to be effective immediately.

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Smith spoke on the Adirondack 102 booklet noting that each Town needs to have a stamp for the people who visit. She said either the Town could have one or each business could have their own. The Board thought each business could use their own. Councilperson Smith re-visited what is needed for material, and what the cost will be, for the playground area under the swings. There was brief discussion on the best material to use and the cost. She updated the Board on the progress being made with the Cemeteries. She also advised the Board that the Cemetery vault needs some repair work and there is some concern over the pine trees in the Brant Lake Cemetery.

-Supervisor Simpson suggested asking the Highway Superintendent to calculate how much sand would be needed for the playground area. He also asked Councilperson Olson to take a look at the concrete step by the slide to see what options they have for correcting that.

-Councilperson Olson gave an update on Horicon Day noting it went very well and the Opening Ceremony was very nice. He asked Kathy Hill to speak on the Adirondack Shindig, which she did, noting that it was a huge success. Councilperson Olson also told the Board that he and Councilperson Smith would be interviewing the candidates for the Zoning Clerk the next day.

-Supervisor Simpson asked if the Highway Committee had met with the Highway Superintendent yet and they said they had not.

New Business:

Brant Lake Association / Milfoil: Wayne Butler addressed the Board regarding the increase in the number of bags of milfoil that have been removed from Brant Lake this year. He noted that three new beds have been identified. Based on the information they have received, the Brant Lake Association has incurred the expense of having the divers work an additional week. He asked the Board to consider a conditional request to cover the expense of an additional week up to the amount the Brant Lake Association incurred of approximately \$5,927.20.

RESOLUTION #124-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 124 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO COVER ADDITIONAL WEEK OF MILFOIL CONTROL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize funding be given to Brant Lake Association for an additional week of milfoil control at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. The funds will be taken from code A8090.4 .

On the topic of Milfoil control, Supervisor Simpson said that monies were appropriated to each Association of \$8,000.00 for the Boat Launch Stewards in the 2014 Budget. He asked the Board for approval to use the additional county funding for the fight of invasives to pay the Stewards up to seven days a week beyond what was budgeted. He noted that the Board had agreed to it earlier in the year but no Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION #125-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 125 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY STEWARDS UP TO SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to utilize the additional funding received from the County to pay the Boat Launch Stewards up to seven (7) days a week beyond what was originally budgeted for the year not to exceed \$16,000.00.

Privilege of the Floor...

-Harvey Leidy asked if a more permanent shelter could be built at the Boat Launch for the Stewards. He noted that the rains continue to damage the tent that they currently use. Gary Frenz said that he is actually working with the Boy Scouts on an Eagle project to build a pavilion type shelter at the Boat Launch. Councilperson Olson said he will take a look at it to see what is needed.

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

-Dan Freebern asked if there was an update on the bridge over the upper dam. Supervisor Simpson said he had a meeting with the County Administrator who assured him it is on the schedule for the County Budget.

-Harry Balz once again voiced his concerns over the lack of work being done by the County on East Shore Drive. He advised the Board that there is a group of people that share his concerns and they are formulating a game plan where they will begin complaining to the County because something needs to change.

ADJOURN... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk