

**FEBRUARY 16, 2006**

**TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING**

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Shirley Hayes	Councilwoman
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	

Also: Steven Smith, Harry Balz, Carl Younes, Brandon Himoff, John Cansalozzi, Bernie Bolton, Joe Dooris.

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed the guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Councilwoman Hayes questioned the January 19<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding the Town advertising for replacements for the Board of Review. Councilwoman Hayes said her understanding was that the Board was looking for two new members, one to cover the existing opening and one to replace the other member who is a Town employee. The clerk responded saying she has advertised for "Town residents" and hopefully this will bring applicants to chose from. Supervisor Bentley said we have a number of people interested in applying. The minutes were then approved by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS-

**RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2006**

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 37 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2006**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to pay the following abstracts:

Highway # 19-40	\$25,257.42
General # 32-59	\$58,835.13
Hwy. Abstracts 3 &4	\$55,360.54
Gen. Abstracts 3 & 4	\$15,032.95

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

COMMUNICATIONS-

Joseph Metzger	RE: Proposal for Services
APA, et al	RE: Local Government Days
Independent Towers	RE: Proposed Telecommunication
Harry Balz	RE: Proposal for Clerk of the Works

OLD BUSINESS-

Lights Around Pond- Supervisor Bentley reported that between monies received from donations from the Brant Lake Association and monies from the "Bed Tax" we can beginning laying out the electrical lines for the old fashioned lights around the Mill Pond. After discussion, it was decided it would be advantageous to provide the lines to complete the whole way around the pond right from the start, even if we do not have enough funds for everything right now.

Bernie Bolton spoke of the fountain project and offered to donate old docking from Point O'Pines if the Town needed it to work on fountain. The Board thanked him for his offer.

Chamber of Commerce meeting at Horicon- The Board had notified the Chamber that they could meet here at the Community Center in June. The Chamber found they had a conflict and asked if they could meet here either in May or August instead of June. The Board agreed on May. The clerk will notify the Chamber.

Dedication of Adirondack Park to Albert Monroe- Councilman Hill suggested the Town set the dedication in late April or early May. Supervisor Bentley

suggested it be held in conjunction with the opening of the Little League season.

#### NEW BUSINESS-

Highway Garage- Councilman Hill reported on meeting with Joe Metzger, Harry Balz and Supervisor Bentley regarding site for new highway garage. The spot where the sand pile is located seems the best place for building. The ball park figure for the building is around \$1,000,000. Discussion regarding the use of the current garage. Hopefully it can be used for some type of storage, perhaps for salt. Speaking of salt, it was suggested that a sign be put up by the salt pile informing the public that the salt is not for the public's taking. It is know that some people have taken advantage of the salt pile being open.

The letter from Joe Metzger, Architect, was discussed. Mr. Metzger is the Architect who designed the Community Center for the Town. Mr. Metzger's proposal for the project is \$50,000.00. The Architectural Service is considered a professional service and therefore does not have to go out to bid. The following Resolution was then introduced:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2006**

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 38 and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FACILITY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the "Proposal for Architectural Services" from Joseph Metzger, Architect. The proposed fee is \$50,000.00 for listed services.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

The proposal from Harry Balz for services as Clerk of the Works for the Highway Garage was then discussed. Mr. Balz detailed the scope of services in his letter. The Gross Total amounted to \$14,645.30, but Mr. Balz added "My work would be capped at \$10,000.00 for all of the above scope. Misc. items to be billed at cost with backup".

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2006**

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 39 and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH HARRY BALZ FOR CLERK OF THE WORKS SERVICES ON NEW TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the proposal from Harry Balz for services as Clerk of the Works. Mr. Balz' services will be capped at \$10,000.00 for the listed scope and miscellaneous items to be billed at cost with backup.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Discussion then turned to having the property surveyed. Councilman Hill suggested we contact the same surveyor who did our mapping in the Adirondack Cemetery and see if he is available for the job. The clerk will contact Bill LaPan tomorrow.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2006**

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 40 and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SURVEYOR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the clerk to contact Agard & LePan to ask if they are available to do the survey work for the highway property. If they are not able to do this, the clerk is authorized to contact David Bolster regarding the survey.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Mr. Balz said that Town would need some test borings on the property. Councilman Higgins said the highway employees should be involved in this project as they know where things may have been buried. The Town will need to make a "request for proposals" from geologists.

**RESOLUTION 41 OF 2006**

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 41 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SEEKING "RFP'S" FOR GEOLOGIST**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize sending out "RFP's" seeking geological services on the highway garage property.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTIONS-

**RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2006**

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 42 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for two lifeguards and one helper for the groundskeeper for the summer season.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2006**

Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Olson introduced Resolution No. 43 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES IN THE TOWN OF HORICON**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 4-104 of the New York State Election Law, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon must submit to the Warren County Board of Elections a listing of the polling places in the Town of Horicon in each Election District in which Elections are held, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following locations be and hereby are designated as the respective polling places in the Districts as enumerated:

Election District # 1	Horicon Community Center
Election District # 2	6604 State Route 8 Brant Lake, NY 12815

And that such locations are accessible to the physically handicapped voter (unless otherwise noted), AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Warren County Board of Elections.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2006**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 44 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE POSTING OF ROADS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise and post the Town roads for spring conditions.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2006**

Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 45 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITING SAND BIDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to solicit, by legal ad, bids for highway sand. Bids to be opened at 7:00 PM on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2006**

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Olson introduced Res. 46 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE OF LOCAL OFFICIALS AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAYS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of expenses for involved local officials who attend the "Adirondack Park Local Government Days" in Saranac Lake on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This conference will focus on Affordable and Workforce Housing.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Zoning Amendments- A meeting is tentatively scheduled for early March involving APA representatives and members of the group that drafted the amendments for subdivision roads.

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR-**

Bernie Bolton spoke of the frustration of dealing with canceled Planning Board meeting because of lack of quorum. Mr. Bolton said the members of the Boards need to be responsible and come to meetings. Mr. Bolton added that you "cannot run a business like this". Councilman Olson agreed saying if members are wintering in Florida they should remove themselves from the Boards. A discussion followed regarding changing date/time of meeting in order to have a quorum to deal with the monthly agenda. Councilwoman Hayes said that if a meeting date/time had to be changed, all the items on the original meeting agenda should be addressed. Mr. Bolton said the Boards need to try and always have a full Board present in order to be fair to the project sponsors. Councilman Higgins said he will get in touch with Bradley Bruce regarding the agenda for the special Planning Board Meeting.

Grassville Road- Carl Younes wanted to bring to the Boards attention a town highway project taking place now on Grassville Road. The highway employees are going outside the town right-of-way and cutting trees on private property. Mr. Younes spoke of other situations where the highway employees were doing special work for certain residents on private property. Question arose as to where the stacked pulp wood is going. Mr. Bolton said that any wood cut on town right-of-ways should be going up to the Town Shed and no where else. Discussion regarding highway employees being directed to work on private grounds.

Mr. Harry Balz wanted to give the Board a "heads-up" regarding a new type of diesel fuel (much more expensive) that will need to be used for trucks coming out. Two kinds of fuel will be impractical, so the Town will have to run all their trucks on the new fuel.

Executive Session- 8:10 PM. Messrs. Higgins & Hill made a MOTION to go into executives session regarding highway personnel, all ayes.

Return to regular session, 8:40 PM by MOTION of Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that highway personnel had been discussed. No decisions reached.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by MOTION of Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk