

OCTOBER 18, 2007 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
Frank Hill Councilman
Kenneth Higgins Councilman
Shirley Hayes Councilwoman

Absent: Councilman Olson

Paul Smith Highway Superintendent
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk
Brian Grisi APA

Also: Cliff Bouchard, Tom Johansen, Harry Balz, Bill Bruce, Chris Smith-Hayes, Nancy Harrison, Joe Dooris, Sandy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Vince Blando, Sue Dott, Kelly and Marty Rice.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of September 20th and October 8th were approved by MOTION of Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes.

REPORTS: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice, Highway Building Project
Highway Superintendent's Report- HS Smith reported that the extended warrantee he was looking into was only available the first year we had the truck and cannot be done now. Discussion regarding truck upkeep.

APA Representative Brian Grisi was then invited to address the Board. Mr. Grisi reviewed the history of the zoning change for Section 14.10 that the Town Board has been trying to get approved by the APA. Mr. Grisi said that in 2005 when the Board removed that one sentence (except lots in a pre-existing subdivision) from Section 14.10 it made our zoning regulation more restricted than the APA. The Town can reinstate that wording again as it would not make our zoning less restrictive than the APA by doing so. The APA has suggested the last paragraph of the section read: "Determinations as to the subdivisions that qualify as "pre-existing" under this Ordinance have been made by the Adirondack Park Agency. Future determinations will be referred to the Agency for their review and determination". Mr. Bruce reported that the wording was discussed at the Planning Board meeting last night and they felt the Planning Board should be the one to make the determination. Mr. Grisi said that whatever additional density has been approved would need to come before the APA. Mr. Grisi added that it is likely that all pre-existing sub-divisions have been recorded. Codifying the stagnant pool with names of subdivisions and lots listed would need to become part of the zoning. Mr. Grisi said the APA would be moving forward with a list of the pre-existing sub-divisions. Supervisor Bentley said, "by the next Board meeting?" Mr. Grisi said "yes". The Board thanked Mr. Grisi for coming.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER ABSTRACTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 118 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the October Abstracts and authorizes the bookkeeper to pay same:

Highway Vouchers # 235-259	\$19,670.97
General Vouchers # 267-300	\$34,761.56
Highway Abstract # 28	\$ 8,871.88
General Abstracts #27 & 28	\$19,637.08

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

APA- Brian Grisi RE: Zoning Section 14.10
John Palermo RE: Proposal for Town Beach site

AATV RE: Regional Assessment Project
North Warren C.S. RE: Tax Bill
Ralph Vatalaro RE: Thank you to Highway Dept. after storm
Marlene Vincent RE: Thank you to Highway for tree removal

OLD BUSINESS:

2008 Budget- Councilman Hill said he needed money put into the budget for the proposed stairs for the Adirondack Community Center and also for drains at the tennis court in Adirondack. Supervisor Bentley said there is enough money left in this year's budget for those projects.

Dump Picking- Councilman Hill reported that he had complaints regarding people who are dump picking at the landfill. There is a sign posted that prohibits this practice, but it is not stopping some people from doing it. Councilman Hill will talk to the landfill supervisor about stricter enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Hayes reported on the Hudson Headwaters Meeting. Councilwoman Hayes recommended to the Board that they appoint Nancy Harrison as a representative from the Town to serve on the Hudson Headwaters Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 119 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NANCY HARRISON AS REPRESENTATIVE FROM HORICON TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Nancy Harrison to serve as the representative from Horicon on the Hudson Headwaters Health Network Advisory Committee.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Olson

Propane Bids: The Town Board advertised for bids for propane for the new highway garage and received three. Mountain Petroleum @ \$1.53 per gallon; Riverside @ \$1.699 (\$.15 over Port Price) and Shaw Propane @\$1.949 (\$.35 over port price).

Wood stove and wood splitter- Highway Superintendent Smith requests that the Board put these two items out for bids as they are no longer needed.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 120 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADD NEW ROAD TO 9-1-1 PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the addition of a new road to the 9-1-1 road program in the Town of Horicon. The new road is PENINSULA ROAD and is a private road located off East Schroon River Road.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Olson

RESOLUTION NO. 121 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 121 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TAXES TO NORTH WARREN SCHOOL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of \$342.81 to North Warren School for the taxes due on the 1.76 acre property that Adirondack Lodges turned over to the Town of Horicon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 122 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 122 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2008, 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 hereby adopts the tentative budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2008 and sets a public hearing for said budget on Thursday, November 8th at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 123 OF 2007

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Higgins introduced Res. 123 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD PROPANE BID

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board advertised for bids for a propane supplier for the new highway garage from November 2007 through December, 2008, AND

WHEREAS, bids were opened at 10:00 AM on October 18th at the Horicon Community Center, AND

WHEREAS, three bids were received and are as follows:

Shaw Propane-35 cents per gallon above cost per gallon on the day of delivery. By example today's price would be \$1.949.

Riverside Gas & Oil- 15 cents per gallon over Port Price on day of delivery. By example, today's price would be \$1.699.

Mountain Petroleum- locked in price of \$1.53 per gallon for this heating season. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the bid for propane to the low bidder, Mountain Petroleum, for a price of \$1.53 per gallon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2007

Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 124 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FUEL BID

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for fuel bids for the 2008 year. Bids will be opened on Thursday, November 15th at 10:00 AM.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Olson

RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2007

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 125 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BIDS FOR HIGHWAY WOOD STOVE AND WOOD SPLITTER

WHEREAS, the highway department will be moving into a new building shortly and will no longer be needing the wood stove to heat the building, AND

WHEREAS, without the wood stove the highway department has no need for the wood splitter used to prepare the wood for the wood stove, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby declare both items as surplus and no longer useful to the highway department, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the clerk to advertise for bids for this surplus equipment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 126 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 126 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following transfers:

General

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1990.4 (Cont.)	1330.4 (Tx. Coll.)	\$3,000.00
1990.4 (Cont.)	3110.4 (Traffic)	\$1,200.00
5132.4 (Garage)	5010.4 (Hwy. Sup.)	\$ 86.10
8010.2 (Zon. Eq.)	8010.4 (Zon. Con.)	\$1,000.00
Highway		
5148.4 (Ser. Ot. Gov.)	5120.4 (Bridges)	\$1,552.93
5148.4 (Ser. Ot. Gov.)	5140.4 (Misc. Brush)	\$2,014.28

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

RESOLUTION NO. 127 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 127 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR DOMAIN NAME

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of \$125.00 to GSA for the renewal of the .GOV Domain Name for the Town of Horicon. Money to be taken from the Special Publicity Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 128 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO AATV FOR HORICON'S SHARE OF COST OF INVENTORY AND SURVEY DOCUMENTING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF ADIRONDACK COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the AATV in partnership with others has applied for and received a Partner's Quality Communities Grant Application in the amount of \$92,800 and the Partners propose to conduct the sewer and water infrastructure inventory to assess the regional capacity for economic development in Adirondack Park hamlets, towns and villages, and the survey to assess the needs of towns and villages, AND

WHEREAS, the AATV is requesting \$250.00 from our 2007 budget and an anticipated \$150.00 from our 2008 budget in order to bring this project to a successful completion, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the \$250.00 contribution to the AATV from our 2007 budget as its share of the cost of the inventory, survey and report of installments and \$150.00 by April 1, 2008 to be used to fund the inventory, survey and report, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Ralph Bentley to sign said agreement with the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 129 OF 2007

The Members of the Horicon Town Board introduced Res. 129 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, on September 27th at approximately 5:30 PM a severe storm (later identified as a macro-burst) blew into the Town of Horicon at Brant Lake causing untold damage by toppling trees onto homes, cars, roads and power lines, AND

WHEREAS, Palisades Road on Brant Lake took the main force of the storm with Brant Lake Estates also seeing much damage before the storm moved on in a lesser capacity, AND

WHEREAS, immediately following the last vestiges of the storm the emergency responders began pouring into the stricken area, first to seek out the residents caught unaware when the storm hit and then to quickly assess the damages and prevent injuries from downed trees, power lines and poles. The quick response of National Grid lineman & trucks (who worked tirelessly to restore power and did an amazing job), the Horicon Volunteer Fire Company, the North Warren Emergency Squad, the Warren County Department of Public Works, the Town of Horicon Highway Department, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, Marv Lemery, Fire Coordinator and the New York State Police, joined forces to provide the manpower to assure the public and prioritize the needs of the homeowners affected, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, by this Resolution and on behalf of the grateful people of Horicon wishes to extend to all these responders their appreciation and admiration for their diligence and dedication to this community in our time of need.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Olson

Discussion regarding programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library and all the work they have done and continue to do. The following Resolution was then introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 130 OF 2007

The Members of the Horicon Town Board introduced Res. 130 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon has a wonderful library that provides our residents and summer visitors with all the up-to-date services and the ability to meet almost any type of material request, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon is fortunate to also have a dedicated group of people known as the "Friends of the Horicon Library" who organize and present a variety of special events and programs for the public enjoyment, bringing many hours of happiness and entertainment to children and adults in this Town, AND

WHEREAS, the "Friends" of the library also apply for grant monies to buy more books for the library and search out more special programs, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that by this Resolution the Town Board on behalf of the people of Horicon wishes to convey to the Friends of the Horicon Library their appreciation and recognition of their commitment to bring diversity and activity to enhance our community.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Olson

Privilege of the Floor-

Nancy Harrison reported on the Youth Board Meeting. Ms. Harrison suggested the Town appoint some North Warren students to serve as youth members on the Board. The younger members could bring new suggestions as to what activities could be added. A few names were mentioned and hopefully can be appointed by the next meeting. Supervisor Bentley reported that Horicon has increased their financial support for the Youth. Councilman Hill added that the Town gives quite a large donation to the students through the returnable bottle program, which over the years has turned over proceeds from thousands of bottles from our landfill.

Mr. Bill Bruce complained that the water level in the lake was lowered with no notice leaving some boats in the mud. Supervisor Bentley said the planks are generally removed about the same time each fall. Mr. Bruce also reported there will be a vacancy on the Planning Board as of January when Steve Smith will leave the Board. The clerk will advertise the vacancy once the resignation is received.

Mr. Johansen reported that the historic markers have been sanded, repainted and put back up. Also, the post cards are finished and have been very well received.

Mr. Balz reported that in the last weeks the Town highway personnel have been working installing drains at the new building and the County Soil & Water Department has completed the hydro-seeding. Mr. Balz said the highway workers and Highway Superintendent have been very dedicated to the project and he would like their excellent job recognized.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by MOTION of Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

NOVEMBER 8, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2008 BUDGET

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Shirley Hayes	Councilman
	Absent:	Councilman Hill
		Councilman Olson

Paul Smith Highway Superintendent

Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Sandy Smith, Gary Frenze

Supervisor Bentley opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM. The clerk showed the legal notice from the Adirondack Journal.

Supervisor Bentley reported there is no increase in the tax rate from last year. The tax rate is \$1.18(3 or 6). There were no questions regarding the budget.

Supervisor Bentley closed the public hearing at 6:12 PM.

Supervisor Bentley met with Kurt Jaeger regarding the Town's medical insurance plans. The supervisor invited members of the Board to come to a meeting with Kurt on Wednesday at 3:00 PM so he can explain the plans more fully. There is a new plan available from MVP called "Trivantage".

The 2008 was then adopted through the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2007

Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 131 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2008 BUDGET FOR HORICON

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center on the Preliminary Budget for the year 2008, AND

WHEREAS, comments were invited from the public to speak for or against said budget, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget, as amended, will be the adopted budget for 2008, with the General Fund Appropriations of \$1,713,799.00 less anticipated revenues of \$1,363,800.00 and an unexpended balance of \$349,999.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of -\$0-. Total Highway Fund Appropriations of \$1,082,048.00, less anticipated revenues of \$631,445.00 and an unexpended balance of -\$0-, leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$450,603.00 and a total budget of \$2,795,857.00, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the amount for the Horicon Fire District is \$167,973.00 to be raised by taxes and the Schroon Lake Park District is \$35,000.00.

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

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM by MOTION of Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk