

SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

Paul Smith	Highway Superintendent
Gary McMeekin	Zoning Officer
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk

Also: Bill Bruce, Joe Dooris, Poul Carstensen, Harvey & Herta Leidy, Nancy Harrison, Doug Paton, Sandy Smith, Harry Balz, Sue Dott

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed the guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The minutes of August 16th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all ayes.

REPORTS- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Assessor, Justice

Highway Report- Superintendent Smith reported that the box on Scott's truck needs to be replaced. It will cost about \$15,850.00. The money could be taken from the salt and sand code as we did not buy any sand. Councilman Hill agreed that the box is not in good shape and we have put a lot of money into the truck and need to keep it "up to snuff". Councilman Hill says we need to get another eight years out of the truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 104 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF
DUMP BOX FROM T&T SALES INCORPORATED**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the purchase of a dump box from T&T Sales Incorporated for the price of \$15,850.00.

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

Superintendent Smith said the 2 year warranty runs out of the 2005 truck at 23,000 miles. We can get an extended 3 year warranty on the engine and drive train for \$4,000. Councilman Olson asked if that included parts and labor? Supt. Smith said he was not sure, but he did know that we have to pay travel time. Since the Board has until November to decide, this will be looked into further.

Planning Board Chairman Bill Bruce- Mr. Bruce reported on the Grant Proposals. The Town has asked for an extension for grant, but cannot get it until a consultant is named. The Committee from the Planning Board has interviewed prospective consultants and recommends Laberge Group be hired. Councilman Olson said that Laberge will be establishing an economic/commercial base for Horicon and after this is completed we will start looking for further grant money. Mr. Bruce reported the Town has \$42,000.00 in grant money and Town funds and perhaps once this study gets underway the cost of the study may be lowered. Mr. Paton said he was very impressed with Laberge. They will concentrate on infrastructure and affordable housing. Mr. Paton also said they would be looking into the "Smart Grant" information.

RESOLUTION NO. 105 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Higgins introduced Res. 105 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CONTRACTING WITH LABERGE GROUP
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon Town Board advertised for Request for Proposals for a Community Development Plan, AND

WHEREAS, proposals were to be returned to the Town by July 30, 2007 and reviewed by the Horicon Planning Board, AND

WHEREAS, the Town received proposals from the following firms: Laberge Group, McKenna Group, Ann Ruzow Holland, Clark Patterson Associates and Saratoga Associates, AND

WHEREAS, after reviewing proposals and conducting interviews, the Horicon Planning Board recommended to the Town Board that they contract with the Laberge Group, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire the Laberge Group of Albany, New York to perform the scope of work outlined for their proposed fee of \$46,085.00. This information will be used as the framework on which to build a detailed Community Development Plan.

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

Councilman Olson congratulated Supervisor Bentley, Councilwoman Hayes and Councilman Higgins on winning the Primary.

Approval of September Abstracts-

RESOLUTION NO. 106 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 106 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to pay the September Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers #206-234	\$16,902.21
General Vouchers # 236-266	\$32,000.86
Highway Abstracts 24 & 25	\$ 8,348.53
General Abstracts 24 & 25	\$17,146.64

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

COMMUNICATIONS-

Christine Smith-Hayes	RE: Mandatory Training for ZBA, Planning
Sheri Norton	RE: Upgrade of Orthoimagery Program
Time-Warner	RE: Cable Extensions
Horicon Library Trustees	RE: Appoint New Trustee
Warren County Attorney	RE: Tourism Contract
Bio-Conservation	RE: Contract Extension for Black Fly Program

Action on Communications-

RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 107 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRAINING AND EXPENSES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize training classes for members of the Planning and Zoning Boards from the Town of Horicon (and also nearby towns) to be held at the Horicon Community Center. Classes will be held in October/November and presided over by Town Counsel Mark Schachner. Refreshments will be provided and total cost of training not to exceed \$400.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 108 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 108 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE UPGRADING OF SELECT PORTIONS OF MAPPING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Warren County to upgrade (from 2-foot to 1-foot resolution) select portions of Horicon that contain APA-classified *Hamlet* and/or *Moderate Intensity* areas. The Town of Horicon Upgrade Cost is \$2,763.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 109 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 109 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NEW LIBRARY TRUSTEE

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Horicon Free Public Library Trustees, the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint Mary Jane Bouchard to serve as a Library Trustee.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2007

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 110 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH BIOCONSERVATION INC.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to contract with Bioconservation, Inc. for a one-year contract to treat for black flies with Bti. Contract is for \$22,200.00 for one year under agreed upon conditions.

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

OLD BUSINESS-

Adirondack Honor Roll Sign- Councilman Hill reported that a sign has been designed and there are two options for prices. One is \$550.00 and one is \$1250.00. The material for the \$1250.00 sign is more what we are looking for as far as durability. The clerk will check with Erwin Robbins who is sponsoring the sign to get his approval of price before the sign is finalized.

RESOLUTION NO. 111 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 111 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SIGN FROM GARNET SIGNS

RESOLVED, that upon approval of Mr. Erwin Robbins, the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a sign to be erected in the Hamlet of Adirondack honoring those who served in World War II. The sign is replacing one that stood in the Hamlet many years ago and is being donated to the Town by Mr. Robbins.

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

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion regarding temporary replacement of Terry Peters who has been injured and will be out of work anywhere between 3 weeks and 3 months. The Town already has part-time workers on the payroll for winter plowing and one of them may be interested in filling in. The Board will leave it up to the Highway Superintendent hire one of part-timers.

Highway Superintendent Smith said someone is moving big rocks at South Horicon Cemetery. Someone who owns property down there said it is "only access" to his property. Paul says this is not so and the vehicles are tearing up the roads. Councilman Hill said the Town would have to sign a complaint in order to do anything legal. Will try and resolve with further discussion.

RESOLUTIONS-

RESOLUTION NO. 112 OF 2007

The Members of the Horicon Town Board introduced Res. 112 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO AVA & MARTIN ASHENDORFF

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon has been working with the Historical Society to design a postcard with pictures advertising our beautiful Town, AND

WHEREAS, Ava & Martin Ashendorff of Strike A Pose Images came to the Town's rescue using their professional expertise to capture so many of the wonderful landmarks in Horicon and donating the pictures to be used on the cards, AND

WHEREAS, without their help and guidance the project would not have been completed as quickly nor as professionally, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, on behalf of the Horicon Historical Society and our Community, wishes to thank Ava & Martin Ashendorff for all they have done to help us produce a postcard that captures the beauty of Horicon for all to see.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 113 OF 2007

Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 113 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR POSTCARDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize an additional \$153.00 needed for the production of the Horicon Tourism postcard. Money to be taken from tourism code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 114 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 114 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET BUDGET WORKSHOP

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a Budget Workshop meeting on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00 PM.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 115 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 115 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DIVISION OF YOUTH BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Resolution for authorizing the project application for division of Youth Budget is annually adopted by the Town of Horicon, AND

WHEREAS, Warren County Division of Youth will reimburse the local Youth Program 50%, up to \$1,600.00 for the year 2008, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Project Application for the Division of Youth.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 116 of 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 116 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PROPANE BIDS FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for propane to be used to heat the new highway garage. Bids will be opened at 10:00 AM on October 18th at the Community Center.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 117 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 116 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISED AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HORICON IN WARREN COUNTY AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR TOURISM PROMOTION AND TOURIST AND CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES-OCCUPANCY TAX

WHEREAS, the County derives revenues from the Occupancy Tax authorized by act of the New York State Legislature (Chapter 422 of the Laws of 2003) and, after deducting the amount provided for administering such Tax, is to allocate the funds to enhance the general economy of the County of Warren and its Cities, Towns and Villages through the promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events and other directly related and supported activities, AND

WHEREAS, the County has previously contracted with the Town of Horicon in Warren County to provide funds during 2007 to enhance the general economy of the Town of Horicon and therefore, the County of Warren, through the promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events, and other directly related and supported activities, AND

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to execute one agreement with Horicon that will be effective for the 2007 year and thereafter until terminated by either party on thirty (30) days notice thereby eliminating the need to adopt additional resolutions and enter into additional repetitious contracts, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the form contract with the Town of Horicon be amended and/or revised such that the next contract that is entered into with Horicon shall continue indefinitely until terminated by the ending of the Occupancy Tax currently in effect or by notice provided by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the terms and provisions of Resolution No. 688 of 2006 shall continue to remain in force and effect except as now amended hereby, which terms and provisions provide for, among other things, a distribution of Occupancy Tax revenues to the Town of Horicon for each year Occupancy Tax revenues are collected by distributing the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) by October 15th of each calendar year, with the remaining balance to be distributed by June 1st of the following year, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Horicon be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an amended or revised agreement as herein before provided in a form to be approved by the Town Attorney, AND BE IT

RESOLVED, that first distribution of the Occupancy Tax Revenue each year shall be accompanied by a copy of the aforementioned revised contract as executed by the parties.

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR-

Councilman Higgins spoke about the need to have some signs on the walls of the lobby of Community Center to direct the people to the offices they need, also the rest rooms. When people come into the lobby they do not know where to go unless they have been here before. We will check catalogs and pick out appropriate signs.

Mr. Harvey Leidy spoke of the next issue of the Town Newsletter and asked if anyone had items they wanted to put in it. Ms. Smith-Hayes added that Newsletter will be coming out 4 times a year.

Mr. Tom Johansen commented on what a great job the Town did on the lawn at the museum.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

OCTOBER 9, 2007

2008 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Present at meeting:

Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
Frank Hill	Councilman
Ken Higgins	Councilman
Robert Olson	Councilman
Shirley Hayes	Councilwoman
Paul Smith	Highway Superintendent
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk

Also: Chris Smith-Hayes, Joe Dooris, Bernie Hill, Greg Beckler, Jim Hayes, Tom Johansen

Supervisor Bentley opened the workshop and began reviewing the 2008 budget.

Only a few small changes were made to the budget as presented. Mr. Hill and Mr. Beckler were present to speak about the plans of the North Warren Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber received a \$3,000 increase in this budget. Mr. Hayes, Fire Chief, was present to answer any questions regarding the requested raise for the fire company.

The budget was reviewed line by line and questions were discussed.

Supervisor Bentley said the budget, as presented represented a tax rate that would be the same as last years.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk