

**AUGUST 16, 2007 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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

Mark Schachner Town Counsel  
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk  
Paul Smith Highway Superintendent

Also: Ruth Ann Assman, Sandy Smith, Joe Dooris, Tom Johansen, Bill Bruce, Sue Dott, Diana Bentley, Louie Russo, Chris Smith-Hayes, Nancy Harrison

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup> were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes.

REPORTS- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Assessor, Justice, Zoning, Highway Project, Highway Superintendent

Highway Report- HS Smith reported on mig welder use and thanked the Board for their support when he asked to purchase it. Councilman Hill added that the mechanic has used it to replace the bottom of the box on dump truck, re-build the second snowplow and rebuild the bulldozer blade. HS Smith said that Bobby has 24 hours of use and is still on his first roll of wire. Discussion regarding the possibility of the Town sponsoring an Adopt-a-road program for Town roads. We will request information from the County on what we need to begin this program. There are already some people who have been picking up trash from a few of our roads.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson then introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO INSTITUTE AN ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM FOR TOWN OF HORICON ROADS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon wishes to encourage citizens to volunteer their time and energy to clean up the sides of Town Roads, AND

WHEREAS, instituting an adopt-a-road program will put into place a safe way to encourage this, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will gather information from Warren County and work on putting this program into use.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

HS Smith reported that he received a request for a speed limit to be set on Shaw Hill Road and asked the Board for their authorization on the request.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 96 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST SETTING NEW SPEED LIMIT ON SHAW HILL ROAD IN THE TOWN OF HORICON**

WHEREAS, concerns have been brought to the Town Board's attention regarding the rate of speed vehicles travel on Shaw Hill Road, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to protect the public safety and wishes to bring to the attention of Warren County and the New York State Department of Transportation the excessive speed of travel over this road and suggests a speed limit of 30-35 miles per hour, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby request a study be made of Shaw Hill Road and a determination be made to lower the speed for the entire road. The Town of Horicon stands ready to install signs once this determination is made.

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

Bill Bruce-Chairman of Planning Board addressed the Board-

Mr. Bruce reported that the Town had received 5 responses for their Request for Proposal regarding the Economic Development Strategic Plan. The Committee will review these

proposals and then conduct interviews. Regarding the Town's request for an extension, Supervisor Bentley said Laura Moore (Warren County Planning) assured him we would get it. Mr. Bruce reported that 3 of the proposals were in the seventy thousand dollar range, far more than what we have in funds. The two lowest were McKenna Group at \$29,000.00 and Anne Holland at \$42,000.00. Dr. Lamb has put together some guidelines for interviewing. Councilman Olson asked if Dr. Lamb's information might alter some of the proposals enough so that the Town will have to go into a second round of Proposals? After further discussion Councilman Olson made a MOTION to instruct the Planning Board to provide the 5 consultants that submitted proposals with Dr. Lamb's information and then set up interviews to see if it impacts their original price, Councilman Higgins seconded, all ayes.

Mr. Bruce then addressed the Board regarding the workload for Christine Hayes. Mr. Bruce said that Ms. Hayes is doing extensive work with the public for zoning and planning such as giving instructions regarding applications. The work she is doing now is much more than just secretary. Mr. Bruce requests the Town Board change her job title to Planning/Zoning Assistant or Coordinator and give her more compensation to go along with it. Mr. Bruce asks the Board to budget at least \$12.00 an hour for the 20 hours a week Ms. Hayes spends on Planning & Zoning. Councilman Olson said this was mentioned at the Planning Board meeting last night and he backs Mr. Bruce's request. Counselor Schachner suggested that the Board confer with Rich Kelly at Warren County regarding title for this position.

ABSTRACTS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2007**

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 97 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUGUST ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the August Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 187-205	\$23,267.45
General Vouchers #211-235	\$20,518.61
Highway Abstracts #20 & 21	\$ 9,731.72
General Abstracts # 20 & 21	\$14,838.75

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

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT- Nancy Harrison, Youth Representative, reported on the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission meeting. Ms. Harrison encouraged Town Board members to attend meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Dynamite Hill. The Youth Committee is Councilwoman Hayes and Councilman Higgins. Ms. Harrison said the programs for next summer are being planned.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NYS Real Property	RE: Final equalization rate
Time Warner Cable	RE: Programming changes
Brant Lake Village Enterprises	RE: Mission Statement
Friends of Library	RE: LARAC Grant Request
Miller, Mannix, et al	
Leah Everhart, Esq.	RE: Use of Town Logo
Bob Olson	RE: Reply to Leah Everhart

Action on Communications:

Brant Lake Village Enterprises- The Town Board cannot support an Grant Application for Scott Campbell until he has a contract on the Town Hall property. At this point there is no agreement of any kind.

Town Logo on Election Signs- Councilman Olson said he was not aware of the State Law that states a person cannot use the Municipality logo on their election signs. Councilman Olson said he is waiting for material to come and will modify his signs this weekend. Ms. Christine Hayes stated that a "simple remedy should have been done by now".

OLD BUSINESS-

APA- Supervisor Bentley, Gary McMeekin and Christine Hayes met with Brian Grisi of APA regarding the Town Board's proposed amendment to Sec. 14:10. Mr. Grisi came away from the meeting with a better understanding of the Town's intentions which is to protect the property owners. Ms. Hayes said that this proposed amendment will only affect about 20 lots in the Town. APA has been dragging its feet over replying to the Town. Mrs. Sue Dott asked if APA seems to want to change the wording back to what it was as Town has requested? It is not clear what they want to do, it appears it has to do with the legal department not coming up with wording they approve. Perhaps it is time to write the Commissioner.

Honor Roll Sign- Need to re-work drawing to resemble original more. Choice of materials and price quote will be available at next meeting.

Price Quotes for Street Light wiring- Four quotes were received by the Town for materials. Price ranged from \$3054.46 (lowest) to \$4003.24 (highest). Resolution later in meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS-

Use of Community Center for basket making class. The Town Board has decided to allow the use of the Community Center for classes that will benefit the community (Resolution later in meeting). Person using Center for classes must name the Town of Horicon on their insurance to protect Town from liability. Supervisor Bentley will check with Mark Carpenter at Upstate for more on this.

Pavilions on Little League Fields- The Town Board wants to go forward on this project and will plan on one pavilion for each field. Councilman Hill will supply a list of materials needed. Councilman Olson suggested that a plat plan be drawn up for Brant Lake field so a rest room can be part of plan. The plan to supply water and power for the field has already been discussed. Later on additional items can be added such as picnic tables and grills.

Councilman Hill reported on the "sinkhole" by the tennis court in Adirondack. A professional will be asked to come look it over and tell us what needs to be done. Also, a drain is needed around the basketball court to run into a "blind ditch". Councilman Hill also reported there are some slates off the roof again at the Adirondack Community Center. We need to contact roofer who fixed last ones.

Community Center roof- Supervisor Bentley reported that we are not having any luck finding a roofer to come and give an estimate on roof repair.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 98 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 98 and moved its adoption:

##### **RESOLUTION TO NAME TWO PRIVATE ROADS TO THE 9-1-1 ROAD SYSTEM**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the addition of two private roads to the 9-1-1 Road System for the Town of Horicon. The roads are:

Brant Lake Farm Road

Lake House Road

Located by the Erdman property.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 99 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 99 and moved its adoption:

##### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HORICON TOWN BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDS OF HORICON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S APPLICATION FOR A LARAC GRANT**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board appreciates the efforts and dedication of the Friends of Horicon Free Public Library and gives it's full support to them in their application for a LARAC Grant to cover the cost of theater tickets, transportation, publicity

and printing for a trip to the theater in Saratoga Springs next year to see "Tuesdays With Morey". This grant would enable the "Friends" to bring forty people to the performance.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 100 OF 2007**

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 100 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER/ELECTRIC LINE TO THE BRANT LAKE LL FIELD**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of pipe and wire and the rental of a ditch witch to construct a line to convey water and electric from the Horicon Community Center to the Little League Field directly behind it.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 101 OF 2007**

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 101 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MILL POND LIGHTS**

RESOLVED, that after soliciting estimates from four area businesses and comparing prices, the Town Board does hereby authorize purchase of the electrical equipment needed for the Mill Pond lights to Warren Electric who submitted the lowest estimate price of \$3,054.46. Also, authorization to rent a ditch-witch for the project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 102 OF 2007**

Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 102 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET POLICY FOR USE OF THE BRANT LAKE AND ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY CENTERS**

RESOLVED, that because of the many new requests to use the Community Centers for new purposes, the Town Board does hereby set an updated policy for use of the buildings. The policy being that the buildings may be used to hold classes, taught by a paid instructor, if the classes are used to educate or benefit the public.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 103 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 103 of 2007 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the following fund transfers:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Highway 5140.1 (Misc. Brush Per.)	5140.4 (Misc. Brush Con.)	\$2,000.00
General 1990.4 (Contingency)	1410.2 (T.C. Equip.)	\$ 749.96

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR- Mr. Louie Russo, on behalf of the American Legion Organization wishes to thank the Town Board for their support.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk