

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
CEMETERY & BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

**OCTOBER 13, 2011
5:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
Absent:	Joseph Dooris	Councilman
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: HS Paul Smith, Mark Younes, Jack Baker, John Donovan, Carl Younes, James Younes, Jackie Younes, Andy and Edna Trumble, Harry Balz, Tom Johansen, George Flynn, Matt Simpson, Curt Castner.

Supervisor Bentley called the Workshop Meeting to order at 5:10 PM. First item to be discussed is the Cemeteries.

Councilman Hill went through the list of issues that need to be addressed with the Board. He also reviewed the current Cemetery Rules with the Board noting several items that needed to be updated. After discussing the issues the Board determined that one of the first steps necessary is to have the Cemeteries surveyed. Other issues discussed were the transfer or sale of deeds, cemetery maintenance, addition of cremation only lots, closing the cemeteries for the winter months, and burial procedures. The Board instructed the Clerk to contact the surveyor and have the cemeteries surveyed as soon as possible. The Clerk is also going to draft a revised set of Cemetery Rules and Regulations based on tonight's discussion to be reviewed at the October 20th Board meeting.

The Board then moved on to the Proposed 2012 Budget at 6:15 PM and reviewed the proposed Budget line by line.

Any pay increases figure out to be \$0.50 per hour.

Assessor - there was discussion on proposed changes to the Assessor position. Councilman Olson said he had discussed the proposal with Mr. Maniacek who said he feels confident he can get the work done but asks that he be allowed to set his own schedule. Mr. Maniacek further explained there would be more clerical work involved. Councilman Olson said that although a similar scenario had not worked well in the past he feels that with Mr. Maniacek in the position it would be feasible. The Board felt confident the part-time proposal would work fine.

Buildings – there is an increase in Contractual for roof repairs to the Schoolhouse in Adirondack.

Ambulance - the North Warren Emergency Squad requested \$20,000 more for 2012 than they were given in 2011, however, this much of an increase is not possible especially in light of the 2% tax cap.

Supt. of Highways - there is a 5% decrease in the Highway Superintendent's salary. Councilman Olson asked the Highway Committee to review this and give their

recommendation to the Board at its next meeting so they can determine if the salary should remain the same as in 2011 or be decreased.

Special Publicity – this money is going to be used for a Pavilion in Adirondack (\$15,000), 2013 Bicentennial (\$5000), Warren County Sheriff for boat patrol (\$2500), and Horicon Day (\$10,000).

Veteran's Services – the American Legion has requested an additional \$150 as there has been no increase in years.

Youth Program – there is an allotment for Equipment to purchase backboards for the beaches.

Museum – there is \$30,000 allocated for the Union Church which will be covered, if approved, by a grant that the Historical Society has applied for. If the grant is not approved the Town will not expend the \$30,000.

Insect Dept. – there is money in this code for two boat launch stewards, one for the Schroon Lake and one for Brant Lake. There is currently no money budgeted for an Insect Control program, however, Supervisor Bentley said that there is a meeting with the health insurance and union reps next week and based on the outcome of that meeting there may be enough savings on the insurance to budget for the Insect Control program. Supervisor Bentley said they should meet as a Board on October 18th with the health insurance rep and the CSEA rep to see where they stand. He will have a confirmed meeting time by tomorrow.

Refuse & Garbage – Councilman Olson said he spoke with the Landfill Supervisor who feels the Landfill hours could be reduced to noon to 4pm on Sundays. Councilman Olson asked for a 3% increase for the hourly employees that would be covered by the reduction in hours. Supervisor Bentley said the disposal and hauling fees will be less in 2012, so with that savings the 3% raise for the hourly people would be possible with no reduction in hours. While on the subject of the Landfill, it was brought up that the Landfill Supervisor had asked for two items for the Landfill building for this year. The Board passed the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #126-2011

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 126 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES ON LANDFILL BUILDING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the installation of a rain gutter on the Landfill building at a cost of \$280.00 and further authorizes the purchase of a remote garage door opener for approximately \$100.00.

AYES: 4 (Hill, Higgins, Olson, Bentley) NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Dooris)

There is also money budgeted for gloves, safety boots, and rain gear.

Beautification - the Board increased personal services to allow for a part-time person for the summer to help with the workload.

Highway - need to consider adding money for the Crooked Hill culvert which is going to need to be replaced. HS Paul Smith will get some pricing and may want to contact Soil & Water.

Highway - Equipment – there is money allocated for the purchase of new radios, a new dump box, a York rake, and chainsaws.

Councilman Olson asked if they do go forward with Pumpkin Hollow Road what code would the money come out of. Supervisor Bentley said the money would come out of General Repairs. He added that the first section of the road, which the Town owns, should be done so that it can be plowed. Councilman Higgins said the Board should allot a certain amount of money each year to work on the road rather than jumping in and doing the whole thing. Councilman Hill pointed out that if the Town does this road then it will not be long and others that live on Qualified Abandoned roads will be coming forward looking for their roads to be done as well and the Town simply cannot afford it. Councilman Olson said that if the Board passes a Resolution to do the road they should make it a part of the Resolution that any further extension should be at the project sponsor's expense. Councilman Higgins stated that the Town needs to figure out how much they will do. Supervisor Bentley said that at this point they just need to get the easements so Mr. Gadjo can get his power. Jack Baker asked if the Highway Superintendent is the one who can open the road. Supervisor Bentley said that is correct and Councilman Olson clarified that the Board would need to appropriate the funds but the decision is that of the Highway Superintendent.

Harry Balz asked the Board if they would consider raising the meeting fee that the Planning and Zoning Boards are given. Supervisor Bentley advised that these positions used to be volunteer and the Board had added a stipend to try and at least cover the cost of gas for the members.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk