

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2012 BUDGET**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2011
6:00 PM**

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

Also: Tom Johansen, George Flynn, Andy and Edna Trumble, Bill McGhie, Frank Costello, Matt Simpson, Harry Balz, John Donovan.

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. The Clerk read the legal notice of Public Hearing. Supervisor Bentley then opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the audience.

Supervisor Bentley noted that there is no tax increase for 2012.

Councilman Olson asked if there is enough money budgeted for milfoil control to cover both Brant Lake and Schroon Lake. Supervisor Bentley said that there is enough money for both. He noted that within that same Budget line there is money budgeted for the BTI program as well. The money budgeted for Personal Services allots \$21,000.00 for BTI and \$10,000.00 for the lake stewards. The money budgeted for Contractual Exp. allots \$40,000.00 for milfoil control. Bill McGhie said they have one quote for the milfoil control in Schroon Lake now and are waiting for another. Based on the quote that has come in they will likely ask for \$25,000 from Horicon, \$30,000 from Schroon Lake, and \$7-8,000 from Chester. The Lake Associations will also make contributions to the program and they will be applying for grant monies. Supervisor Bentley said that although he is not sure exactly how much will be needed for maintenance in Brant Lake there should be plenty to contribute towards the milfoil control programs for both Brant Lake and Schroon Lake.

Harry Balz asked if the Board had received any more information from the North Warren Emergency Squad as to why they requested an additional \$20,000.00 for 2012. Councilman Olson said that he spoke with Kevin White (NWEMS) who explained that the additional funds were requested to be set aside for the purchase of new ambulances. Councilman Olson said he advised Mr. White that there were no additional monies budgeted for anyone for next year. He said that Mr. White begrudgingly understood. Supervisor Bentley added that it was his understanding that the NWEMS had not requested additional funds from Chester.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 6:15PM by Motion of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

The following Resolution was then introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 141 OF 2011

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 141 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2012 HORICON BUDGET

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center on the Preliminary Budget for the year 2012, AND

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

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget, as amended, will be the adopted budget for 2012, with the General Fund Appropriations of \$1,985,194.00 less anticipated revenues of \$1,598,638.00 and an unexpended balance of \$368,199.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$18,357.00. Total Highway Fund Appropriations of \$1,261,236.00 less anticipated revenues of \$762,419.00 and an unexpended balance of \$60,000.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$438,817.00 and a total budget of \$3,246,430.00, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the amount for the Horicon Fire District is \$217,973.00 to be raised by taxes and the Schroon Lake Park District is \$35,000.00.

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

Councilman Olson addressed the update received from Town Counsel with regard to Pumpkin Hollow Road. It was noted that the easement for the Robbins property could be delayed. In light of this, Councilman Olson asked if, in the meantime, there was any way to give Abe Gadjo what he needs for the power company. Supervisor Bentley said the Board may be able to approve the easements for the Prazak and Gadjo properties. Councilman Higgins clarified that they are talking about easements for power only and not re-opening the road. He said that based on what the Highway crew has run into just in the first 200' it is clear that going any further is not an option as the cost to re-open and widen the road would be far too great. Councilman Hill agreed. Supervisor Bentley said the Town could accept the right-of-way and just not re-open the road and that would allow Mr. Gadjo to get his power. The Board will defer to Town Counsel for advisement on accepting the right-of-way without re-opening the road. They will ask Town Counsel to have clarification on this by the November meeting if at all possible.

The Board reviewed the proposed notice for the updated Cemetery Rules and the following Resolution was made:

RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2011

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 142 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AD FOR REVISED CEMETERY RULES

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise the Cemetery Rules as revised on October 20, 2011.

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

Adjourn...

There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk