

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Matthew Simpson	Councilman
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	
Mark Schachner	Town Counsel	

Also: Andy and Edna Trumble, Harvey Leidy, Bill McGhie, Jane Smith, Gordon Hayes, Bob and Lynn Miller, Harry Balz, Dana Ayres, HS Paul Smith, Sandy Smith, Gary Frenz, Poul and Mary Lou Carstensen, and others.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of March 15, 2012 and March 29, 2012 were approved by Motion of Messrs. Higgins and Olson, all Ayes.

**Approval of April 19, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

Prior to approving the Abstracts, there was discussion regarding the purchase of the loader and some pieces that have not yet been received for the machine.

**RESOLUTION #62-2012**

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 53 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF APRIL ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the April 19, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#90 - 114	\$ 36,468.96
Highway Vouchers	#43 - 59	\$ 57,483.52
General Abstracts	10 & 11	\$ 42,960.87
Highway Abstracts	10 & 11	\$ 19,733.64

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby instruct the Bookkeeper to hold Highway Voucher #53, from the Highway Vouchers listed above, in the amount of \$17,000.00 payable to Nortrax Equipment until the remainder of the parts arrive for the loader.

**Correspondence to the Board:**

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| - Kevin Radford        | RE: Notification of withdrawal from the BTI program          |
| - ANCA                 | RE: North Country Clean Energy Conference June 21-June 22    |
| - Betty Morehouse      | RE: Letter of resignation as Library Trustee                 |
| - ADKCAP               | RE: Program to reduce energy use, create jobs, and cut costs |
| - Computel Consultants | RE: Review of Cable TV Franchise Fee Payments                |

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #63-2012**

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 63 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FUEL AND PROPANE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for heating fuel, kerosene and propane for 2013. Bids will be opened on May 17, 2012 at 1:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION #64-2012**

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 64 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISHING DERBY AND POSTING OF THE MILL POND**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize radio coverage to advertise the annual fishing derby at the Mill Pond in Brant Lake at a cost not to exceed \$450.00. The Board further authorizes that \$350.00 is to be given to the Chestertown Conservation Club to be used for prizes for the fishing derby, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the posting of "NO FISHING" signs from the time the Mill Pond is stocked until the day of the derby which will be Saturday, May 19, 2012.

**RESOLUTION #65-2012**

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 65 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Tim O'Neil and Megan Whelan as lifeguards for the Town beaches this summer season. Mr. O'Neil will work at the Adirondack Beach and Miss Whelan will work at the Brant Lake Beach. Salary is set at \$12.50 per hour for a thirty hour week.

**RESOLUTION #66-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 66 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COMPUTEL CONSULTANTS TO REVIEW FRANCHISE FEE PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Computel Consultants to review the Franchise Fee agreement between the Town of Horicon and Time Warner Cable, and the subsequent payments of Franchise fees, to determine if the franchise fees are being underpaid.

**RESOLUTION #67-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 67 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the Highway Fund to record revenues received from FEMA in the amount of \$50,508.79:

Increase	<u>Revenues:</u>	
	D510 – Estimated Revenues	\$50,508.79
	D2300 – FEMA	\$50,508.79
Increase	D960 – Appropriations	\$50,508.79
Increase	<u>Subsidiary Codes:</u>	
	D5110.4 – Gen Repairs – Contr.	\$30,008.79
	D5130.4 – Machinery – Contr.	\$20,500.00

**Old Business:**

**Beautification Helper:**

**RESOLUTION #68-2012**

Messrs. Simpson and Olson introduced Res. No. 68 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE BEAUTIFICATION HELPER**

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the applications submitted for the seasonal position of Beautification Helper and does hereby recommend the Board hire Dana Ayres to fill said position, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that based on this recommendation the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Dana Ayres for the seasonal position of Beautification Helper at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Landfill Helper: Councilman Olson advised the Board that he and Councilman Simpson would be conducting interviews in the next week or two.

Proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance: Councilman Simpson read a suggested change to Section 15.10 –Continuation. Counselor Schachner clarified some of the wording in the suggested change. The Board agreed to the suggested change and the Public Hearing was then set.

**RESOLUTION #69-2012**

Messrs. Higgins and Simpson introduced Res. No. 69 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF HORICON ZONING ORDINANCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing proposed changes to the Town of Horicon Zoning Ordinance to be held at the Horicon Community Center on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM. All those wishing to attend will be heard.

Pumpkin Hollow Road: Supervisor Bentley asked Counselor Schachner for an update. Counselor Schachner stated that his office had been contacted by the Attorneys for the various Robbins property estates who indicated the estates had been settled and the parties involved would now be able to sign Easements and Releases if they choose to do so. He indicated the next step would be to forward the Releases and Easements to the landowners for their signatures and then the Highway Superintendent will need to sign the Order to re-open the road. Councilman Higgins asked for clarification on the process. Counselor Schachner stated that the Easements and Releases would need to be signed by the landowners, but they would not become effective until the Order to re-open the road is signed by the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board adopts the Resolution.

North Warren Emergency Squad: Councilman Olson stated that he has looked into the matter brought up by Paul Frasco extensively and feels there is no need to expend taxpayer dollars to further investigate this matter and does not encourage the Board to pursue this. Councilman Olson said he had originally considered referring the matter to Town Counsel but has since changed his opinion. He noted that the NW Emergency Squad seems to be doing well and has invited both he and Councilman Simpson to work with them in their budget process. Supervisor Bentley added that the Squad President had told him that they will be in compliance and they had also advised their attorney to be sure they were in compliance.

Warren County Bicentennial: Councilman Olson told the Board that the Bicentennial Committee would be asking for \$15,000 in bed tax money from each of the Towns of Horicon and Chester at Budget time in the Fall. Supervisor Bentley also told the Board the Committee had asked to use the old Tax Collector's Office in the Community Center. The Board had no problem with this.

Garage Roof: Councilman Olson looked at the roof on the garage behind the Community Center and estimates the materials to repair the roof, which would include a metal truss roof, would be \$11,052.70. He noted this does not include labor and the repairs would require a crane. Councilman Olson suggested that due to the cost, this should be a Budget item for the Fall. He indicated that he may be able to temporarily fix the leaks and that way the Board could budget the money for the repairs. If, however, the fix does not hold they may be forced to make the repairs now.

**New Business:**

Request for work on Little League Field: Supervisor Bentley told the Board that the Little League teams would like the Town to redo the infield on the ball field out behind the Community Center with all clay

like the Town of Chester had done on their field. They also requested the door to the dugout be moved. Councilman Hill said he thought this would be fine and the Board agreed.

***Privilege of the Floor:***

-Gary Frenz told the Board that some members of the ZBA and Planning Board have not had training and asked if he could ask the APA to do training in June and invite the surrounding Towns as well. There was discussion on who else they could get to do the training and it was agreed that Mark Schachner would be the best source for training.

**RESOLUTION #70-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 70 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRAINING FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

WHEREAS, ZBA Chair Gary Frenz has asked the Board if he could schedule a training class for the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board members, and also surrounding communities in order to fulfill training requirements, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize ZBA Chair Gary Frenz to schedule a training session with Mark Schachner for the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.

-Harry Balz suggested the Board get signs for the tennis courts in Adirondack to keep people from riding bicycles on the tennis courts as this will damage the court surface. Harry Balz then addressed the Board regarding recent talk around Town about the purchases the Highway Department has been making. He told the Board that he had reviewed the bills and made several price comparisons. Harry noted that since the Town does not have a Purchasing Agent one would hope people are following procedure and he said that based on the comparisons he made it appears the purchases are being made correctly and at good pricing.

-Poul Carstensen noted that he had concerns about work that needs to be done around the Mill Pond and asked the Board what work was expected to be done. Councilman Olson explained what work was currently being done and also explained the timeline for what they are looking to get done.

-Bill McGhie asked if the Highway Department could bring one of their trucks over to haul away the milfoil once they start harvesting it from Schroon Lake. The Board had no issues with that.

-Dana Ayres advised the Board that there are presently three Zoning violations on Valentine Pond Road. Supervisor Bentley noted that Warren County had issued a citation on one of them. Dana noted that the Smith trailer, one of the violations, is still on the property and is a hazard especially with kids going by all the time. Supervisor Bentley said they would check into his complaints.

***Adjourn...*** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk