

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: HS Smith, Sandy Smith, Stan Dobert (Apex Solar), Bill McGhie, Tom Johansen, Harry Balz, Pete Palmer, Dan Freebern, Teri Schuerlein, Margaret Holmes, Gary and Georgia McMeekin, Bob and Sylvia Smith, Jane Smith, and others.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of September 19, October 4, and October 7, 2013 were approved by Motion of Messrs. Simpson and Olson, all Ayes.

**Approval of October 17, 2013 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #136-2012**

Messrs. Simpson and Olson introduced Res. No. 136 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OCTOBER ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the October 17, 2013 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	# 281-303	\$ 16,797.94
Highway Vouchers	# 131-140	\$ 12,993.91
General Abstracts	27 & 28	\$ 19,101.86
Highway Abstracts	27 & 28	\$ 16,187.33

**Correspondence to the Board:**

- Cedarwood Engineering RE: Recommendation to stop traffic from crossing Hayesburg Rd. culvert
- Bob Hayes RE: Concern over lake levels
- Paul Holmes RE: Letter of resignation from Planning Board alternate seat
- John Goode RE: Letter of resignation from Board of Assessment Review

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #137-2013**

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 137 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2014 and said Budget has been reviewed by the Town Board and certain changes have been made, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt the tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2014. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for said Budget on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

**RESOLUTION #138-2013**

Messrs. Simpson and Olson introduced Res. No. 138 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLERK TO SIGN AGENT AGREEMENT**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to sign the new NYS DEC License Issuing Agent Agreement.

**RESOLUTION #139-2013**

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 139 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT NYS DECALS TRAINING CLASS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Krista Wood, Town Clerk, to attend the mandatory training for the NYS DECALS system to be held in Lake George on Monday, October 28, 2013. There is no fee for the training. The Board authorizes reimbursement for travel expenses.

**Old Business:**

*Truck Bids:* The Board advertised for bids for the two Highway trucks that were declared surplus and three bids were received.

**RESOLUTION #140-2013**

Messrs. Hill and Simpson introduced Res. No. 140 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD HIGHWAY TRUCK BID**

WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for bids on the 1988 Ford L-8000 Dump Truck and the 1990 Ford L-9000 Dump Truck, and

WHEREAS, three bids were received and publicly opened on October 15th at 10:00 AM, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby award the Highway Truck bid to D&G Recycling LLC for a bid of \$5,300.00 for both trucks.

**RESOLUTION #141-2013**

Messrs. Simpson and Hill introduced Res. No. 141 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SANDER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appropriate \$4,500 for the purchase of a new sander for the Highway truck.

*ZBA Alternate:* No applications have been received to date. The Board will have the clerk re-advertise for the ZBA alternate and will also advertise for the Planning Board alternate and Board of Assessment Review member at the same time.

**RESOLUTION #142-2013**

Messrs. Olson and Simpson introduced Res. No. 142 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER, ZBA ALTERNATE, AND PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for alternates for the ZBA and Planning Board and for a Board of Assessment Review member.

*Monolith Solar update:* Supervisor Bentley noted that Counselor Schachner has the Monolith contracts ready. He said before the Board goes forward with Monolith, Stan Dobert from Apex Solar was in attendance to give a solar power proposal from his company. Mr. Dobert explained his proposal to the Board. He noted the major difference between Monolith's proposal and his proposal was the term of contract. Mr. Dobert stated that the term of the contract would be 15 years with a direct transfer of ownership at the end of the contract. After some discussion, the Board agreed that they would take this proposal into consideration.

**New Business:**

*Corner Markers for Ross:* The Board was advised that there was an apparent mix-up with a set of corner markers for the Ross lots in Underwood Cemetery some years ago. The family had paid for the corner markers when they purchased their lots and were of the understanding that the markers had been ordered. However, there are no corner markers on the lots. The family had wanted one set of markers to encompass all of their lots, but due to the layout of the lots the Board feels that each lot

should have its own set of corner markers. The Board asked the Clerk to contact the family and let them know the Town will replace one set of corner markers, but they ask that the family buy a set for each of the other lots.

*New computer for Assessor:* Supervisor Bentley advised the Board that Christine Hayes needs a new computer for the Assessor’s Office and has received a quote of \$904.67.

**RESOLUTION #143-2013**

Messrs. Hill and Simpson introduced Res. No. 143 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FOR ASSESSOR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Assessor to purchase a new computer at a price of \$904.67.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

-Harry Balz suggested to the Board that they ask the individuals that resigned from the ZBA and the Planning Board to return their identification badge and business cards. He also reminded Councilman Hill about the mowing in Adirondack. Councilman Hill said that normally when the State mows in Adirondack they go to the sign, but this year they did not do that. He noted that Jay Close had actually mowed the portion that was not done and said the Board should send a letter of appreciation.

-Sylvia Smith noted that many of the corner markers in the cemeteries are buried and need to be kept up.

-Teri Schuerlein asked if there was an update on the dam. Supervisor Bentley said they are still working on it. Councilman Higgins said it is his feeling that the Board should send a letter to the County to get them to fix the bridge. He noted that it should be fixed even if it means the Town having to put money towards it. The Board agreed this should be done.

**RESOLUTION #143-2013**

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 143 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO SEND LETTER TO COUNTY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize a letter be sent to the County urging them to make the necessary repairs to the bridge over the upper dam.

-Gary McMeekin asked what the proposed tax increase for the Budget was going to be; Supervisor Bentley stated it will be 1.66%.

**ADJOURN...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill and Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk