

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

Also: Tom Johansen, Jane Smith, Bill McGhie, Matt Fuller, Andy and Edna Trumble, Harvey and Herta Leidy, James Steen, Brandon Himoff, Paul Holmes, Mark Younes, HS Paul Smith, William Siegle, Teri Schuerlein, Gary Frenz, and Harry Balz.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved by Motion of Messrs. Higgins and Olson, all Ayes.

**Approval of October 18, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #116-2012**

Messrs. Higgins and Hill introduced Res. No. 116 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 18, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	# 302-324	\$ 22,347.51
Highway Vouchers	# 142-158	\$ 69,231.07
General Abstracts	27 & 29	\$ 16,488.43
Highway Abstracts	27 & 29	\$ 16,078.33

**Correspondence to the Board:**

- AATV RE: Notice of Personnel & Ethics Training Seminar
- APA RE: Administration of the Town's Approved Local Land Use Program
- RAMM RE: Indoor Air Quality Services
- ANCA RE: Notice of 2013 North Country Clean Energy Conference

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #117-2012**

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 117 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2013 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 2013. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for said budget on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

**RESOLUTION #118-2012**

Messrs. Simpson and Olson introduced Res. No. 118 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT WORKSHOP**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize HS Paul Smith to attend the Coaching and Team Building Skills Seminar for Managers and Supervisors on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Albany. The cost is \$199.00, plus reimbursement for travel expenses.

**RESOLUTION #119-2012**

Messrs. Higgins and Hill introduced Res. No. 119 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT THE PERSONNEL AND ETHICS TRAINING SEMINAR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize attendance at the Personnel and Ethics Training Seminar being given by the Association of Towns. The cost is \$75.00 per person, plus reimbursement for travel expenses.

**RESOLUTION #120-2012**

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 120 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following fund transfers:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
<i>General:</i>		
7310.1 (Youth-Pers)	7310.4 (Youth-Contr)	\$ 665.62
7620.1 (Adult Rec.-Pers)	7620.4 (Adult Rec-Pers)	\$ 1,000.00
8510.1 (Beautif-Pers)	8810.1 (Cemet.-Pers)	\$ 2,000.00
1990.4 (Conting.)	9030.8 (Soc. Sec.)	\$2,043.43
<i>Highway:</i>		
5140.1 (Misc/Brush-Per)	5110.1 (Gen Rpr-Pers)	\$ 12,500.00
5148.1 (Other Gov't)	5142.1 (Snow Rem-Pers)	\$ 49,000.00
5130.4 (Mach-Contr)	5130.2 (Mach-Equip)	\$ 109.00
5148.4 (Other Gov't)	5140.4 (Misc/Brush-Contr)	\$ 410.30
5148.4 (Other Gov't)	5142.4 (Snow Rem-Contr)	\$ 427.20
5130.4 (Mach-Contr.)	5110.4 (Gen Rep-Contr.)	\$ 24,940.35

**RESOLUTION #121-2012**

Messrs. Simpson and Olson introduced Res. No. 121 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GOVERNOR TO CREATE A SPECIAL AID FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Horicon Town Board that the Governor and Legislature for New York State should take special consideration for financial aid for schools and municipalities located within the Adirondack Park.

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park was created by New York State in 1885 as a natural preserve and publicly protected area to benefit future generations of New Yorkers, AND

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park is the largest publicly protected area with the contiguous United States, AND

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park is promoted, both within and beyond the State's borders, as a place for recreation and vacationing, AND

WHEREAS, New York State continues to acquire property within the Adirondack Park to serve this purpose, AND

WHEREAS, to maintain the Adirondack Park as a sustainable resource and natural habitat, regulations have been developed to control the amount of development with the borders of the Park, AND

WHEREAS, these regulations greatly impact the ability of communities within the Adirondack Park to improve their economic development and grow their tax base, AND

WHEREAS, the use of the Adirondack Park as a "Playground" for the rest of the state comes at the expense of local residents who have lost the ability for economic growth, AND

WHEREAS, the inability to promote economic growth forces public institutions to rely on the property tax as a primary source of revenue, AND

WHEREAS, the property taxes within the Adirondack Park are becoming unsustainable and contributing to the declining population of residents, AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Property Tax Cap limits the amount of revenue to support the infrastructure within the Adirondack Park, AND

WHEREAS, these factors adversely affect the children living within the Park as they do not have the same educational opportunities as their peers throughout the State, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Horicon that the Governor of the State of New York and members of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly must create a special aid fund to support municipalities located within the Adirondack Park to compensate for the loss of economic growth due to the regulatory requirements to maintain the Adirondack Park as the "Playground" for New York State, AND, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senate Majority and Minority leaders, and the Assembly Speaker and Minority leader.

***Old Business:***

Zoning Administrator position: Councilman Simpson said that he feels the Board should advertise for the Zoning Administrator position. He also pointed out that the Board needs to figure out the compensation details for the position. Councilman Olson said he was under the impression the Deputy would move into the Zoning Administrator position and the Board would advertise for a new Deputy. Councilman Higgins and Hill agreed that was their understanding as well. Supervisor Bentley said they need to set the wage first and go from there.

Generator @ Community Center: Supervisor Bentley said an electrician has looked at the generator at the Community Center and determined there is a faulty part causing it to run erratically. The cost of the part is \$2030.00 plus labor to install it. Councilman Olson asked what caused the part to fail and Supervisor Bentley said they are not sure. Councilman Higgins asked if this is something that may be covered under insurance. The Board will look into this, and in the meantime will go forward with repairs to the generator.

**RESOLUTION #122-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 122 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REPAIR TO GENERATOR**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the necessary repairs to the generator at the Community Center. The part needed will cost \$2030.00 plus installation.

Wording for Zoning Ordinance changes: The Board will review several suggestions made by the APA regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance and discuss at the next meeting of the Board in November.

***New Business:***

New truck for Highway Dept.: Councilman Hill told the Board that the Highway Committee will be meeting with HS Paul Smith on the following Tuesday to review pricing for a new dump truck. They will report back to the Board at their next meeting and a decision can be made at that time.

***Privilege of the Floor:***

-HS Paul Smith told the Board that power has been restored to the old Highway Garage. He also said that Bob Donahue has been working on the Cemetery truck; some of the repairs have been completed and it will need additional repairs but they can wait until January. Councilman Hill asked how they made out with the repairs to the other two trucks. HS Smith said one would be covered under warranty and repairs to the other were going to be just over \$3,000.00.

-Edna Trumble asked the Board if they intend to do something about removing the "Beach Parking" signs from in front of the Union Church. She also said there are no street signs on the corners of

Church Street and Red Wing Road. Councilman Hill and HS Smith indicated there are, in fact, signs there for Church Street and Red Wing Road, but they would move them so they are more visible.

-Matt Fuller addressed the Board again regarding the Cochran Boathouse. He indicated that this is heading towards becoming a large problem. Mr. Fuller told the Board he feels the logic behind the Zoning Administrator's determination is seriously flawed and legally wrong. He stated that he intends to appeal the decision of the Zoning Administrator and it is just going to cost the Town money. He urged the Board to protect the taxpayers and look into this right away and get it resolved.

-Harry Balz told the Board that he had met with Jeff Tennyson and Kevin Hajos, of Warren County DPW, and was very pleased with the conversation they had regarding the work he has been trying to get the County to do in Adirondack.

**Executive Session:**

Councilman Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Higgins, to move to Executive Session to discuss CSEA contract negotiations, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:50 PM and Councilman Simpson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Hill, all in favor. CSEA contract negotiations were discussed.

**RESOLUTION #123-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 123 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JAMES STEEN AS ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Deputy Zoning Administrator James Steen to the position of Zoning Administrator for the salary of \$18,500.00.

Councilman Hill and Councilman Simpson will meet with the Highway to review contract negotiations.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill and Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk