

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

**OCTOBER 7, 2013  
5:00 PM**

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

Also: HS Smith, Tom Johansen, Jane Smith, Christine Hayes, Harry Balz, and Wayne Butler.

Supervisor Bentley called the Budget workshop meeting to order at 5:00 pm and the Board reviewed the proposed 2014 Budget line by line.

Supervisor Bentley noted that the proposed 2014 Budget includes a pay raise for most employees of \$0.60/hour.

**General Budget:**

Town Board – There is a slight increase in salary proposed for Town Board members.

Buildings – Supervisor Bentley noted that there is a proposed budget amount of \$20,000 included in this code for the upper dam.

Dog Control – There is a proposed raise of \$200 for the Dog Control Officer.

Health – There is a proposed raise of \$200 for the Health Officer.

Ambulance – Supervisor Bentley noted that the Squad has requested they receive payments at the first of the quarter instead of at the end. He suggested the payments be sent February 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup> to coincide with the sales tax payments from the County. The Board agreed.

Publicity – There is a proposed budget amount of \$6,000 for the Chamber of Commerce contract and the lights for the pond.

Special Publicity – The proposed budget amount for Special Publicity includes \$2,000 for the Chamber of Commerce, \$10,000 for Horicon Day, \$8,500 for the Tri-Lakes Alliance events, and an extra \$11,500.

Parks & Recreation – There is a proposed budget amount of \$3,000 for repairs to the Adirondack tennis courts.

Zoning – There was initially a proposed salary increase for the Zoning Administrator of \$1,500, but the Board disagreed with this and noted that the Zoning Administrator should receive a \$0.60/hour raise like the other employees. The proposed budget amount for the meeting fee for ZBA members is \$25 per meeting.

Planning – The proposed budget amount for the meeting fee for Planning Board members is \$25 per meeting.

Insect Department – There is a proposed budget amount of \$16,000 for Boat Stewards (\$8,000 for Schroon Lake and \$8,000 for Brant Lake), \$12,744 for milfoil control on Schroon Lake, \$20,000 for milfoil control on Brant Lake, and \$21,000 for BTI.

**Highway Budget:**

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Machinery - There is a proposed budget amount of \$20,000 for a pickup truck for the Highway. HS Smith noted that he will also need to buy a new dump box at a cost of approximately \$40,000. This code will be increased to \$60,000 to allot for a new box.

Snow Removal – There was a proposed budget amount of \$75,000, but after discussion on salt usage the Board decided to increase this to \$100,000.

The Schroon Lake Park District Budget line will be less in 2014.

Councilman Olson asked if this will keep the Town under the 2% tax cap, and Supervisor Bentley stated it will be at 1.66%.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk