

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, Andy and Edna Trumble, Harvey Leidy, Paul Holmes, HS Paul Smith, Sandy Smith, William Siegle, Gary Frenz, Harry Balz, Gordon Hayes, Poul Carstensen, Kim Frasier, Kathy Vanselow, Gary McMeekin, John Donovan, Wayne Butler, Trevor Labarge.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 18th and November 1st were approved by Motion of Messrs. Higgins and Olson, all Ayes.

Approval of November 15, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #129-2012

Messrs. Olson and Simpson introduced Res. No. 129 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF NOVEMBER ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the November 15, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#325-347	\$ 17,224.21
Highway Vouchers	#159-173	\$ 15,820.55
General Abstracts	30 & 32	\$ 11,561.90
Highway Abstracts	30 & 32	\$ 16,207.37

AYES: 4 (Olson, Simpson, Higgins, Bentley) Absent: 1 (Hill)

Correspondence to the Board:

- James T. Murphy RE: Letter of Resignation from the position of Town Justice
- Jim Brangan RE: Available Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Grants

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #130-2012

Messrs. Simpson and Hill introduced Res. No. 130 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2013 TAX BILL #37.-1-57

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Court ordered clean-up on property owned by Janet Thomsen, tax map #37.-1-57, located on Valentine Pond Rd. in the Town of Horicon, AND

WHEREAS, Janet Thomsen was ordered by the Horicon Town Court to pay the Town of Horicon \$1,300.00 by November 1, 2012 to cover the cleanup charge of \$1,000.00 and the landfill fees of \$300.00, AND

WHEREAS, as of November 1, 2012 Ms. Thomsen had not paid the fine, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby approve the amount of \$1,300.00 be added to the 2013 Town and County Tax bill for Tax Map #37.-1-57 by the Warren County Office of Real Property.

Ayes: 3 (Simpson, Hill, Bentley) Nays: 0 Abstain: 2 (Higgins, Olson)

Old Business:

Zoning Ordinance changes: The Board discussed some of the APA's suggestions for the proposed Zoning Ordinance. In regards to the shoreline regulations the Board agreed there should be no changes. Supervisor Bentley stated that Brian Grisi had offered to sit down with the Board to go over

the APA's suggestions. The Board felt this would be a good idea and Supervisor Bentley is to schedule a workshop meeting with Mr. Grisi. The Board also needs to declare its intent to be Lead Agency for the SEQRA review.

RESOLUTION #131-2012

Messrs. Simpson and Hill introduced Res. No. 131 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF HORICON TO DECLARE INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE REVISED TOWN OF HORICON ZONING LAW AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon Town Board recognized the need to update and revise the Town of Horicon Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations, to better promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners of the Town and to protect the property values and aesthetics of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has undertaken a multi-year effort to revise and update the Zoning Law and address the needs of the Town and the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action will repeal and replace the existing Town of Horicon Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised Town of Horicon Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations improves the structure and integrity of the original law and regulations without significantly altering the intent and provisions of the existing documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon Town Board hereby declares its intent to be Lead Agency for SEQRA review of the proposed Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations and directs the Town Clerk to send copies of the proposed local law and regulations, SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form Part 1, copy of this Resolution stating the Town Board's intention to be Lead Agency for SEQRA review, to the Adirondack Park Agency, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Warren County Planning Office, any other involved Agencies as required by law.

Adirondack Schoolhouse: Councilman Simpson explained to the Board that he has been trying to resolve some of the questions that were raised with the use of the Adirondack Schoolhouse by Adirondack Day Camp. He noted there is information needed from Adirondack Day Camp in regards to their entity, as well as three State agencies that need to be contacted. Councilman Simpson reiterated that he is in full support of the camp; however, in order to protect the Town, as well as the Adirondack Day Camp program, the Town Board will need to get determinations from the appropriate State agencies before moving forward. A letter will be sent to the LaFountain's (Adirondack Day Camp) asking that they provide the necessary information.

Highway Truck: Councilman Hill said there has been lengthy discussion on purchasing a new truck for the Highway Department. He said they do need a new truck and suggested to the Board that it be put out to bid. Councilman Simpson agreed, and noted that it would be good for the Town to have an equipment replacement plan in place which would help the Board make better decisions in the future. Councilman Hill also pointed out that they cannot continue to wait until the last minute to discuss these things. The Board agreed they would put the cab and chassis out to bid.

RESOLUTION #132-2012

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 132 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO PUT CAB AND CHASSIS OUT TO BID

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to put out for bid a new single axle cab and chassis for the Highway Department. Bids must be received within ten days of the bid publication date.

ZBA Alternate: Councilman Simpson told the Board that he and Councilman Olson had interviewed the applicants for the ZBA Alternate seat, and based on their interviews they recommend Charles Lewis be appointed to fill the vacant seat.

RESOLUTION #133-2012

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 133 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZBA ALTERNATE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Charles Lewis to fill the vacant seat of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member effective immediately for a term that will expire on December 31, 2012.

North Warren EMS: Supervisor Bentley stated that Gary Scidmore had informed him there will no longer be any paid employees as members of the North Warren Emergency Squad; they will either work for the Squad or they will be volunteers. In light of this the Board agreed to release the last installment payment to the Squad.

BTI: Councilman Simpson stated that he had been contacted by a business owner regarding the Town's decision to pull the BTI program. He said he had not originally considered the impact the loss of the program would have on local businesses. He also noted that it is a lot of money to spend without knowing if it is effective or not. Councilman Olson said he had been contacted by a campground owner as well who indicated they would like to see the program implemented. Councilman Simpson asked for some additional information on what the program entails. Kathy Vanselow, who had previously handled the BTI program for the Town, answered the Board's questions on the program and explained how it could be monitored to see if it is being done effectively. There was lengthy discussion by audience members in regards to the program. Councilman Olson stated that if the Board does decide to move forward with the BTI program then they should assign monitors to check that the work is being done. There was further discussion back and forth.

RESOLUTION #134-2012

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 134 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RE-INSTATE BTI PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the BTI program for 2013 and authorizes \$19,500.00 be moved back to the Insect Department-Contractual code from the Buildings-Contractual code in the 2013 Budget.

AYES: 4 (Hill, Olson, Simpson, Bentley) NAYS: 1 (Higgins)

New Business:

Saratoga Co. Planning and Zoning Conference: In regards to training for the Zoning and Planning Boards, Councilman Olson suggested the Board consider having Counselor Schachner do the training in-house. He noted that Counselor Schachner puts on an excellent program and he would be able to specifically tailor it to the Town's own Zoning Ordinance. He also noted it would be more economical for the Town. The Board felt this was a good idea and they will ask the ZBA and Planning Boards what topics they would like to have covered. The Board will discuss this further at the December meeting.

RESOLUTION #135-2012

Messrs. Olson and Simpson introduced Res. No. 135 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRAINING FOR PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize all training for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals to be held in-house for 2013.

Guard rails – Hayesburg / Alder Brook: Supervisor Bentley told the Board he had received a complaint from Jimmy Farmer regarding the lack of guard rails on Hayesburg Road and Alder Brook roads.

Supervisor Bentley pointed out that these areas are no different than most of the other roads in town. He asked Counselor Schachner if the Town is obligated to install guard rails. Counselor Schachner stated that the Town has no legal obligation to install guard rails. Supervisor Bentley said the Town will send a letter to Mr. Farmer to this effect.

Property encroachment / Travel trailer issue: Supervisor Bentley advised the Board that there seems to be a number of encroachments on the property the Town purchased from Delaney. He said the survey work has been completed and it appears that there are tires, rocks, dirt, etc. on the Town's property. He asked Counselor Schachner if the Town could make Mr. Morehouse move the material. Counselor Schachner advised the Board that they should first contact Mr. Morehouse and advise him of the situation. Supervisor Bentley also noted that there is someone living in the camper trailer on Mr. Morehouse's property.

Paul Holmes / Committees: Paul Holmes addressed the Board about the possibility of setting up Board appointed study committees. He suggested that these study committees might be a good way to help the Board handle the numerous issues that come up in a more efficient manner.

Privilege of the Floor:

-Harvey Leidy, who prepares the Town's newsletter, said he had been asked by Supervisor Bentley to make changes to the newsletter, such as removing the letter regarding the Boat Launch. Mr. Leidy asked for clarification from the Board as to what changes they wanted made and why. He noted that it is important to make decisions on the Boat Launch and to re-negotiate the lease. Councilman Simpson explained that the issue the Board had with the proposed newsletter and questionnaire was the fact that it was going to be sent out with the Board's name on it when the Board had no input on either. He pointed out that the Board cannot have people acting on their behalf without them knowing about it. Councilman Simpson further added that the Board can re-negotiate the lease when the time comes.

-John Donovan suggested the Board approve the newsletter with content they are comfortable with and get the newsletter out as soon as possible.

-Poul Carstensen said he did not see anything in the 2013 Budget for cleaning up the Mill Pond. He asked the Board if they have done anything to improve the Mill Pond. Councilman Olson noted that he and Supervisor Bentley did meet with the County and they may be able to get new fencing. He noted that they do need to follow up on this and the Town should focus on the simple things to make the Mill Pond more presentable.

-Edna Trumble asked the Board why they decided not to remove the "Beach Parking" signs from in front of the Union Church. Councilman Hill noted that the parking needs to be shared with the beach people. There was further discussion back and forth and Councilman Hill said they will address this in the spring.

-Harry Balz asked what the procedure is for notifying the County of an unsafe building. He asked if it is the individual's responsibility or the Town's responsibility. Counselor Schachner said the Town can request the County to inspect an unsafe building. Supervisor Bentley told Harry that he could request that the Town contact the County Building Department.

-Councilman Simpson asked if anything had been done about the land on Hayesburg Road that Aaron Baker had approached the Town about buying. Supervisor Bentley said nothing has been done.

RESOLUTION #136-2012

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

RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN VALUE ON TOWN PROPERTY

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize moving forward with obtaining a value on the parcel of land owned by the Town located on Hayesburg Road for the purpose selling the property.

-Councilman Olson stated that he, Councilman Simpson, and Jane Smith had attended the NYS Association of Towns training seminar on Ethics and Personnel. He noted that if this seminar is offered again he would urge others to attend as it was very good.

Executive Session:

Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Simpson, to move to Executive Session to discuss litigation and highway compensation, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:42 PM and Councilman Higgins made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Olson, all in favor. Litigation and highway compensation were discussed.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins and Simpson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk