

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**JUNE 19, 2014
6:00 PM
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor
Kenneth Higgins Councilperson
Robert Olson Councilperson
Frank Hill Councilperson
Sylvia Smith Councilperson
Krista Wood Town Clerk

Also: HS Smith, Sandy Smith, Tom Johansen, Skip Ostrander, Jane Smith, Joe and Linda Koch, Harvey Leidy, Harry Balz, ZA Jim Steen, Gary Frenz, Bob Smith, John Donovan, Teri Schuerlein, George Hayes, Mike and Kathy Hill, Rich Nawrot, Margaret Bowdy, and others.

WORKSHOP MEETING – 6:00 pm

Supervisor Simpson called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and explained that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the current Budget status report. The Board reviewed and discussed various budget codes.

The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith, all in favor.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 pm

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 15 and May 22, 2014 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Olson, Smith, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0

Approval of June 19, 2014 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #90-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 90 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JUNE ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the June 19, 2014 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#152-183	\$ 26,498.81
Highway Vouchers	# 94-112	\$ 44,925.14
General Abstracts	15 & 16	\$ 18,930.91
Highway Abstracts	15 & 16	\$ 14,842.02

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Smith, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Correspondence to the Board:

- Laberge Group RE: Upper Dam
- APA RE: Clearwater Lake Restoration Association permit

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #91-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 91 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR PREVENTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the General Fund to record funding received from Warren County in the amount of \$41,666.67:

Increase	Revenues:		
	A510 - Estimated Revenues		\$ 41,666.67
	A1120 - County Distribution		\$ 41,666.67
Increase	A960 - Appropriations		\$ 41,666.67
Increase	Subsidiary Codes:		
	A8090.4- Insect Dept.-Contr.		\$ 41,666.67

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #92-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 92 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER 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>
General:		
1990.4 (Conting.)	5132.4 (Hwy Gar-Contr.)	\$ 4,000.00
1990.4 (Conting.)	9050.8 (Unemployment)	\$ 2,000.00
Highway:		
5130.4 (Mach-Contr.)	5130.2 (Mach-Equip)	\$ 240.00

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #93-2014

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 93 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR BOAT PATROL ON SCHROON LAKE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Warren County for the Boat Patrol on Schroon Lake. The Board authorizes the funding for the Boat Patrol in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be taken from (A6412.4) Special Publicity.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Higgins, Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #94-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 94 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TANNERY RD. AND LANDFILL RD.

WHEREAS, on Sunday, August 3, 2014 Hudson Headwaters will hold the Care for Kids 5K race, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, in consideration of the safety of the participants of the 5K Race, does hereby authorize the closing of Tannery Road and Landfill Road between 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday, August 3, 2014.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #95-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 95 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION URGING TIME WARNER CABLE, AND POTENTIAL NEW CABLE OPERATOR COMCAST, TO INCLUDE MOUNTAIN LAKE PBS AS PART OF FUTURE COVERAGE FOR WARREN AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES AS WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK PROVISIONAL CHARTER FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE PBS

WHEREAS, The University of the State of New York granted on December 20, 1968, pursuant to the provisions of sections 246 and 236 of the Education Law, in the counties of Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Warren, Washington, and Hamilton, an educational corporation, Mountain Lake PBS, to provide educational and cultural television programming, and

WHEREAS, today the Mountain Lake PBS signal is not carried in Warren and Washington Counties, and

WHEREAS, citizens in Warren and Washington Counties are deprived of Mountain Lake PBS programming that is proprietary, unique and customized to the communities in its coverage area, and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Horicon strongly encourages Time Warner, and potential new cable operator Comcast, to include Mountain Lake PBS in future cable channel listings in Warren and Washington Counties, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, Representative Owens, Senator Little, Assemblyman Stec, asking for their support of this Resolution.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #96-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 96 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LABERGE GROUP TO DO ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Laberge Group to collect field survey information needed to address NYSDEC comments and deliver a final Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis and Hazard Classification Evaluation Report at a cost of \$1,500.00 in relation to the Town's request that the Dam be reclassified.

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Olson, Smith, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #97-2014

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 97 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SAVIN COPIER AS SURPLUS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby declare the old Savin 9920DP copier as surplus and authorizes that it be disposed of.

Ayes: 5 (Smith, Hill, Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #98-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 98 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS FOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR HORICON DAY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the following contracts for musical entertainment for Horicon Day:

Lake George Community Band - \$200.00

Champlain Jazz Quintet - \$700.00

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Flipside - \$500.00

The Board further authorizes that payment will be made to the vendors on the day of the event. Funding for this will be taken from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Smith updated the Board on Beautification noting that the flowers are all done except for one barrel in Adirondack. She noted that the Knights and the Giants (Little League teams) painted the dugouts, and she suggested the Town recognize them with certificates. She said Cub Scout Pack 30 will be doing road cleanup between Watering Tub Road and the Boat Launch. On the Cemeteries, she noted that work on the maps will start with the Brant Lake Cemetery map. Councilperson Smith advised the Board that the Library Board will be putting in a request at Budget time for a Library Aide to work twelve hours a week. Lastly, she said the entertainment and opening ceremony is all set for Horicon Day.

-Councilperson Olson explained to the Board that he and ZA Steen have a proposed Zoning fee schedule for the Board to consider that would be fairer than the current fee schedule. They are proposing a fee of \$6.00/100sf of structure.

-Councilperson Higgins told the Board that he has checked on the Brant Lake Boat Launch Stewards and they are doing a very good and thorough job.

-Councilperson Hill said the Board needs to decide if they want sand or wood chips under the swings at the Community Center, and they need to decide on fencing for the playground area. Councilperson Smith suggested researching the rubber matting for under the swings. The Beautification Committee will get costs for sand, wood chips, and matting for under the swings and also get pricing and layout for fencing.

Old Business:

Agreement to Expend Highway Monies: It was noted that there is a \$50.00 math error on page 3 that needs to be corrected.

RESOLUTION #99-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 99 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY MONIES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the 2014 Agreement to Expend Highway Monies submitted by the Highway Superintendent.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Smith, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0

New Business:

Update from Historical Society: John Donovan gave an update on the status of the 1881 Union Church in Adirondack and the work that needs to be done on it. They have raised just over \$20,000.00 and are actively seeking grants and donations to help cover the cost of repairs to the building.

Projector for Friends of the Library: Supervisor Simpson explained to the Board that the Friends of the Library had contacted him about splitting the cost of a multimedia projector. After some discussion the Board agreed it would be better for the Town to buy it instead of splitting the cost. It

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can be used for meetings or presentations and by the Friends of the Library, but is not to be used for parties. The unit will need to be signed for each time it is used and the person signing for it will be responsible for any damages.

RESOLUTION #100-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 100 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE PROJECTOR

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the purchase of a Wide Format LCD Multimedia Projector and Blue Ray DVD player for the Community Center at a cost of \$762.74

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor...

-Tom Johansen asked the Board if the Beautification crew could put up the tents again this year and the Board said they could.

-Jane Smith recognized two new business owners from Adirondack.

-Margaret Bowdy addressed the Board regarding her concerns over the water level in Schroon Lake and what she feels is inadequate control of the dam.

-Joe Koch, Schroon Lake Park Commissioner, addressed the concerns raised by Mrs. Bowdy, and explained the issues they are presently having with the dam. Mr. Koch also explained all that is involved with the operation of the dam and the challenges they face.

-There was further discussion regarding the control of the water level. Supervisor Simpson will set up an informational meeting with the Schroon Lake Park Commissioners and the Supervisors of the Towns of Chester and Schroon to answer questions people have on the water level and the control of the dam.

-Harry Balz noted that nothing is going to change unless the Schroon Lake Park District gets a lot of money to put in a very sophisticated system of sensors for the dam.

-George Hayes asked if the Town would consider collecting and chipping brush now that the Landfill cannot burn it. Supervisor Simpson said the County has looked into purchasing a chipper because it is a county-wide problem. He said this is something he wants to look into for the Town, but noted the cost of the chipper is quite expensive.

Executive Session

Councilperson Higgins made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hill, to move to Executive Session to discuss performance of a particular employee. The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:50 PM and Councilperson Olson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilperson Smith, all in favor. The Board discussed performance of a particular employee.

RESOLUTION #101-2014

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 101 and moved its adoption:

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND HOURS OF ZONING CLERK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend the hours of the Zoning Clerk/Secretary to the Zoning and Planning Boards. The Clerk/Secretary will work Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for a total of twelve (12) hours per week; plus additional actual hours worked for ZBA and Planning Board meetings not to exceed eight (8) hours for the two meetings. This change will be effective July 9, 2014.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Higgins, Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM by MOTION of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk