

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013 BUDGET**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2012
6:00 PM**

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, Bill McGhie, Jane Smith, and Harry and Elaine Balz.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the audience.

Supervisor Bentley noted that the \$30,000 appropriation for the Union Church grant, which was discussed at the Budget Workshop, had inadvertently been omitted from the Preliminary Budget. He stated he would add that in as agreed previously.

Councilman Higgins asked if the Town were not going to do the BTI program could that money be directed somewhere else. Supervisor Bentley said it could. Councilman Higgins said, in that case, he would like to see that money, or at least a part of it, put towards work on the Adirondack Schoolhouse.

Harry Balz, in regards to Councilman Higgins' comment, asked what the Town's plan is for the Adirondack Schoolhouse and if they are going to buy it. Councilman Hill noted that no plans have been made. There was further discussion on this in which several scenarios were discussed. Councilman Hill and Councilman Simpson will look into this further. With that, the Board ultimately agreed the BTI program would be eliminated and the \$19,500 initially appropriated for that program would be moved to the Buildings code. This way the money can be towards the Adirondack Schoolhouse or towards a new roof on the garage behind the Community Center.

Councilman Olson asked what the tax rate is going to be, and Supervisor Bentley replied that the tax rate for 2013 will be \$0.743, with \$0.33 for the Fire District and \$0.216 for the Schroon Lake Park District.

Councilman Hill asked if there was money budgeted for a used Beautification truck. Supervisor Bentley said there was still \$6,000 left from the \$10,000 budgeted in 2012 for a Zoning vehicle that could be used. The Board discussed this briefly. Councilman Hill and Councilman Simpson will look into purchasing a truck for Beautification.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:30PM by Motion of Messrs. Olson and Higgins, all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2012

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 124 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2013 HORICON BUDGET

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center on the Preliminary Budget for the year 2013, AND

WHEREAS, comments were invited from the public either for or against said budget, NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget, as amended, will be the adopted budget for 2013, with the General Fund Appropriations of \$1,881,547.00 less anticipated revenues of \$1,672,000.00 and an unexpended balance of \$209,547.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$0.00. Total Highway Fund Appropriations of \$1,289,934.00 less anticipated revenues of \$806,357.00 and no unexpended balance leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$483,577.00 and a total budget of \$3,171,481.00, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the amount for the Horicon Fire District is \$217,973.00 to be raised by taxes and the Schroon Lake Park District is \$37,215.00.

Other Business:

Town Justice: Supervisor Bentley stated that the Town Justice wants to resign. Councilman Olson said that the Justice had recommended someone to fill his unexpired term, but the Board agreed that the position should be advertised. Councilman Higgins made a Motion, seconded by Councilman Hill, that Councilman Olson and Councilman Simpson should handle the interviews and make a recommendation to the Board, Motion carried. The Board stated that letters of interest should be postmarked by November 16th. There was discussion as to what the salary will be for the new Justice, and Supervisor Bentley noted that the salary had just been set in the 2013 Budget. Councilman Hill said a new person should not be receiving the same salary as the person leaving, and the rest of the Board agreed. Councilman Higgins noted that this should have been discussed prior to adopting the Budget. The Board agreed the salary for the new Town Justice should be set at \$10,500.00. Therefore, the following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2012

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 125 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND ADOPTION THE 2013 HORICON BUDGET

WHEREAS, in light of the pending resignation of the Town Justice the Board wishes to reduce the Justice salary from what was adopted in the 2013 Budget in Resolution #124-2012, NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby rescind Resolution #124-2012 wherein the Preliminary 2013 Horicon Budget was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 126 OF 2012

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 126 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2013 HORICON BUDGET

WHEREAS, in light of the fact that the Board will be appointing a new person to fill the unexpired term of the Town Justice they wish to amend the Town Justice salary in the 2013 Budget. The Town Justice salary will be set at \$10,500.00. The difference will be left in the Justice code for budgetary purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 127 OF 2012

Messrs. Simpson and Hill introduced Res. No. 127 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2013 HORICON BUDGET AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the 2013 Budget, as amended in Resolution #26-2012, will be the adopted budget for 2013, with the General Fund Appropriations of \$1,881,547.00 less anticipated

revenues of \$1,672,000.00 and an unexpended balance of \$209,547.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$0.00. Total Highway Fund Appropriations of \$1,289,934.00 less anticipated revenues of \$806,357.00 and no unexpended balance leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$483,577.00 and a total budget of \$3,171,481.00, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount for the Horicon Fire District is \$217,973.00 to be raised by taxes and the Schroon Lake Park District is \$37,215.00.

Proposed Newsletter: There was brief discussion on the proposed Town newsletter and it was decided that a few changes will be made before it is sent out.

RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2012

Messrs. Hill and Simpson introduced Res. No. 128 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CSEA CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board has been negotiating with the CSEA unit from the Town Highway Department and an agreement has been reached that is agreeable to both parties for a one year contract beginning January 1, 2013. The proposed contract includes a pay raise of \$25.00 per week to the Highway Foreman, an increase in the boot allowance from \$130.00 to \$150.00, and the creation of an HEO position (with a maximum of 3 HEO's) at a starting salary of \$19.83 per hour (no raise for 2013), while leaving all other aspects of the contract as is, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby accept the proposal as specified above and authorizes Supervisor Bentley to sign the Contract.

Adjourn...

There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk