

**NOVEMBER 19, 2009 TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor  
Frank Hill Councilman  
Kenneth Higgins Councilman  
Robert Olson Councilman  
Joseph Dooris Councilman  
Paul Smith Highway Superintendent  
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Harry Balz, Bill McGhie, Tom Johansen, Ken Dott, Mr. Geiger, Lou Russo, Thad & Jane Smith, Bernie Hill, Don Lewis,

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

November Abstracts:

**RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 124 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF NOVEMBER ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the November Abstracts:

Highway Abstracts # 232-254	\$23,623.89
General Abstracts # 306-363	\$38,259.66
Highway Abstracts 30 & 31	\$11,199.00
General Abstracts 30 & 31	\$17,842.42

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Communications:

Senior Citizens	RE: Increase in Yearly Contract
Priscilla Remington	RE: ZBA Chairman
Friends of Library	RE: Update of Programs
Horicon Library	RE: Thank You
NWCS	RE: Ad for Yearbook
Dept. of Social Services	RE: Worksite Sponsorship
W.C. Public Works	Re: Snow & Ice Contract

Action on Communications:

**RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2009**

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 125 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WORKSITE SPONSOR AGENCY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Ralph Bentley to sign the "Agreement With Worksite Sponsor Agency" between the Town of Horicon and the Warren County Department of Social Services. This Agreement enables the Town of Horicon to acquire extra workers, at no cost except supervision, from employable recipients of Temporary Assistance and Food Stamps.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Discussion regarding the Ice & Snow removal Contract with Warren County: Councilman Hill suggested keeping track of expenses if possible, as he does not think we can make any money on it. HS Smith said the Town does benefit because the Town provides "better service" than the County.

Old Business:

Adirondack Church- Councilman Hill asked if the Town has gotten Doug Roberts signature on Deed. Town cannot locate Mr. Roberts as he is out of the Country. Councilman Hill will try and get address from Mr. Robert's brother.

New Business:

CSEA Health Insurance- Supervisor Bentley reported that CSEA Unit has agreed to change insurance. The new program they are going on will be cheaper for the Town and better for them in the long run.

Landfill Gate- A new section of gate will be purchased for the landfill to repair the gate that was run into. The driver's insurance should fully cover the cost.

Landfill Fuel Tank- Councilman Olson asked that HS Smith fill the tank at the landfill from the Gas Boy. HS Smith will have to make a few trips between tanks in order to bring enough to fill landfill tank. Councilman Olson felt it was worth a try to see if this system works out better, especially in winter.

Roll-off Container at metal pile- Councilman Olson said putting the metal into a container is not working out and suggests going back to putting it on the ground and contracting with the car crusher as we did before. Messrs. Olsen & Higgins made a MOTION to return to the previous way of dealing with the metal pile, all ayes.

Councilman Olson reported on revenue from C&D. It appears we are making a little money as it stands right now. Councilman Olson suggests tallying figures 3 or 4 times a year to see that we are least breaking even with C&D.

Councilman Olson also reported that compactor parts are replaceable and we should contact a local hydraulic company to do a routine inspection in May.

Chamber of Commerce-

The Chamber had requested \$2,000.00 to upgrade the website. The request was made a few months ago, but the Board never acted on it. Councilman Dooris said these expenses should be figured into budget requests and done at one time. Councilman Dooris does not feel the Chamber should continue to keep coming back during the year for more money. Discussion followed with many questions being asked by Mr. Geiger regarding how amount was figured. Supervisor Bentley offered proposals from website companies for Mr. Geiger to look over, but he was not interested to look at them. Mr. Bernie Hill reported that his committee from the Chamber of Commerce spent many hours going over proposals and looking for the best deal. Supervisor Bentley said money to update website can be funded by the occupancy tax money.

**RESOLUTION NO. 126 OF 2009**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 126 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO  
NORTH WARREN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR WEBSITE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of \$2,000.00 to the North Warren Chamber of Commerce for Website upgrade. Money to be taken from the Special Publicity Fund.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Doors at Highway Garage- This is an old issue that is being discussed again. Councilman Dooris feels strongly that the Town should be reimbursed for the mistake made in the doors. The doors were suppose to be insulated, but were not. Therefore they had to be replaced at a cost of over \$2,000.00. Councilman Dooris wants this issue cleared up at this time. The Architect would probably be covered under his insurance for "errors and omissions" so he would be protected. The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 127 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 127 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FROM  
JOSEPH METZGER FOR MISTAKE IN HIGHWAY GARAGE DOORS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize contacting Joseph Metzger, Architect for the Highway Garage, and seeking reimbursement for the Town in the amount of replacement costs for the doors at the Highway Garage that were suppose to be insulated, but were not marked as such in the final plans.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-NAY, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2009**

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 128 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
WARREN COUNTY FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Ralph Bentley to sign the contract with Warren County for snow and ice removal according to the 2010 Schedule A Payment Rate. Compensation to the Town of Horicon from Warren County will be in the amount of \$147,357.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 129 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Olson introduced Res. 129 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Gary McMeekin to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> AGCNYS Construction Industry Technical Conference at the Saratoga Hilton Hotel on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Conference deals with storm water run-off and environmental issues, cost is \$25.00 plus mileage reimbursement.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 130 OF 2009**

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 130 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE YEARBOOK AD FOR NWCS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize placing a "Congratulations Graduates" add in the North Warren Central School 2010 Yearbook. Cost of 1/2 page ad is \$125.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2009**

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 131 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following transfers:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7310.1 (Youth Per.)	6772.4 (Aging Cont)	\$421.63
8010.2 (Zon. Equip.)	8010.4 (Zon. Cont.)	\$200.00
8010.2 (Zon. Equip.)	8020.4 (Plan. Cont.)	\$500.00
8510.2 (Beaut. Equip)	8510.4 (Beaut. Cont.)	\$ 13.78
Highway		
5140.1 (Brush Per.)	5110.1 (Gen. Rep. Per.)	\$7,793.20
5130.4 (Mach. Cont.)	5110.4 (Gen. Rep. Cont.)	\$6,343.33
5140.1 (Brush Per.)	5142.1 (Snow. Per.)	\$6,106.80
9060.8 (Med. Ins.)	9050.8 (Unemployment)	\$ 740.58

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 132 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 132 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE NEW INSURANCE FOR CSEA**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of CSEA employees from Empire Blue Cross HMO Option 5 Health Insurance Plan to the MVP Tri Vantage EPO Plan effective December 1, 2009.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2009**

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 133 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT OF GATE AT THE HORICON LANDFILL**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize AFSCO Fence Supply Co., Inc. to "remove and haul away one damaged double barrier gate leaf, hinges and latch and furnish and install one new double barrier gate leaf, hinges and latch" at a cost of \$1,200.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 134 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, monies have been appropriated in the 2010 budget for contracts in the following amounts:

North Warren Emergency Squad	\$49,000.00
Horicon Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Senior Mini-Bus	\$ 4,680.00
North Warren Chamber of Commerce	\$ 6,000.00
Horicon Free Library	\$ 1,000.00
Horicon Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00
Chester-Horicon Health Center	\$ 5,000.00
Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,500.00
Horicon Volunteer Fire Company	\$189,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a Notice of Public Hearing will be published stating that a hearing on the above named contracts will be held on December 17, at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Privilege of Floor:

Mr. Bill McGhie thanked all involved for the great job done at the new Veterans Park in Adirondack. Mr. McGhie especially praised the Town Board, Paul Smith and the highway crew forces, Harry Balz and Lou Russo. There was a great turn out for the service at the Park on Veterans' Day.

Mr. Lou Russo thanked the Town for all the work on the Park and reported on the service held on Veteran's Day saying it will be done every year. The Park will be dedicated in the spring in memory of Jeremiah Monroe, a native son who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

The Board then went into Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss contract negotiations, by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Hill, all ayes.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that contract negotiations had been discussed and the following Resolutions were then introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2009**

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 135 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION STATING THE TOWN OF HORICON'S  
POSITION REGARDING CONTRACTING WITH NWES**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, after discussion and deliberation have decided on the following course of action concerning the proposed 2010 contract with the North Warren Emergency Squad: In light of the current atmosphere, the Horicon Town Board will not enter into a new contract until the Emergency Squad has changed their Bylaws and elects a new slate of officers comprised of volunteers only.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 136 OF 2009**

Messrs. Olson & Dooris introduced Res. 136 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITING REQUESTS FOR  
PROPOSALS FOR AMBULANCE/EMERGENCY SERVICES  
FOR THE TOWN OF HORICON**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for "Requests For Proposals" for Ambulance/Emergency Services for the Town of Horicon. Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 AM on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk