

OCTOBER 13, 2009 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Joseph Dooris Councilman

Also: Paul & Sandi Smith, Jane Smith

Supervisor Bentley reported that the proposed budget represents a 3% increase with no increase in tax rate. The budget includes \$40,000.00 for milfoil treatment. There are no pay increases in the Budget this year for elected officials. The Fire Company has not asked for an increase this year. The Ambulance Squad money is in the budget, but there are still many questions to be answered. Mrs. Jane Smith brought up some of current problems between Town and Emergency Squad, no decisions reached.

Krista Wood will begin training with Arlene for the Town Clerk position that she will begin on January 1st. There is money available for her training hours.

Councilman Olson spoke of the \$19,000.00 set aside for hourly workers raises and felt this was too much in light of the current economy. Supervisor Bentley said he based the raises on the same amount as the highway employees. Supervisor Bentley feels that everyone should be treated the same.

Landfill- discussion regarding how the new DEC "no burning" rule will affect the costs for landfill. We are no longer taking brush as Town cannot burn. We will now have to charge for clean lumber that we would have burned before. Also must think about age of compactor and the fact that parts and repair may not be available. We should think about starting a fund towards a replacement.

BTI Program- no funds are budgeted. There did not seem to be any big problem with not having a program this past year. We had just as many complaints when we did pay for the program.

Suggestion that gas-boy fuel be separated into what is used for highway and what is used for landfill, beautification and cemetery. Councilman Dooris feels that highway funds should not be used to pay for gas used for general codes.

A second budget workshop was set for Thursday, October 29th at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Olson, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted: Town Clerk

OCTOBER 15, 2009 MONTHLY 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: Tom Johansen, Gary Frenz, Bill McGhie, Harry Balz, Krista & Matt Wood, Nettie Manning, Paul & Pat Frasco, Roscoe Chase, Jane Smith, Terry Perkins, Laura Eckland, Lauri Newer, Phil Smith, Jason Paul, others
Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 17th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Hill, all ayes.

October Abstracts:

RESOLUTION NO. 117 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 117 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OCTOBER ABSTRACTS

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

Highway Vouchers # 207-230	\$49,996.59
General Vouchers # 276-0305	\$23,904.58
Highway Abstracts 27 & 29	\$11,951.14
General Abstracts 27 & 29	\$19,280.99

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

Communications:

Beaver Pond Committee	RE: Cable TV
NYS Attorney General	RE: North Warren Emergency Squad
Mark Montanye, Esq.	RE: Two letters regarding N.W.E.S.
Ad. Lodges Homeowners	RE: Thank you to Highway

Old Business:

Budget workshop- Messrs. Higgins & Dooris made a MOTION to change the date of the second Budget Workshop from Thursday, Oct. 29th to Thursday, Oct. 22nd, all ayes.

Hand pump at landfill- Councilman Olson stated that the pump was purchased without authorization. Councilman Dooris is concerned that we will end up paying more for fuel and additive than what the County charges us at gas-boy. Councilman Olson will check with John Deere regarding need for additive.

Bolts for Pavilion- Councilman Olson has new information from Harry Balz regarding obtaining the bolts and will call contact. If bolts are available he will order some for Adirondack Pavilion also.

Culverts on Pease Hill- Supervisor Bentley reported that he has met with Bill Lamey, Warren County Superintendent of Public Works, and taken him to site. Equipment from the Town of Queensbury will come up on Tuesday morning and clean culverts out. Mr. Lamey said that if this doesn't work the Town could go ahead and remove culverts as they are in the Town right-of-way. Councilman Dooris asked if Mr. Lamey would put that in writing. Supervisor Bentley replied, " I think he will".

New Business: Supervisor Bentley announced that Congressman Scott Murphy would be at our Community Center on November 9th at 3:15 PM to discuss Veterans issues and any other questions.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2009

Messrs. Higgins & Dooris introduced Res. 118 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KRISTA WOOD AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Town Clerk Arlene Mayer the Town Board does hereby appoint Krista Wood to serve as Deputy Town Clerk for the remainder of 2009, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize compensation of \$10.00 per hour for Mrs. Wood during her on-the-job training for the Town Clerk's position that she will take over on January 1, 2010.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2009

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 119 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Highway		
5142.4 (Snow Con.)	5110.4 (Gen. Repairs)	\$34,216.21
5148.4 (Ser. Ot. Govts.)	5142.4 (Snow Con.)	\$23,000.00
General		
1990.4 (Contingency)	1410.4 (Tw. Cl. Con.)	\$ 1,587.26
8810.1 (Cem. Per.)	8510.1 (Beaut. Per.)	\$ 7,000.00
9060.8 (Health)	1420.4 (Tw. Atty.)	\$ 8,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 120 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for the 2010 Budget for Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 121 OF 2009

Messrs. Olson & Dooris introduced Res. 121 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a Comprehensive Plan Informational Meeting for December 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Privilege of Floor:

Mr. Harry Balz spoke about the planned upgrade for Veterans Park in Adirondack. Mr. Balz and Councilman Higgins are working on a concept to present to the Board. Mr. Balz said the laying out of signs has to be decided, also what to name the park. Supervisor Bentley mentioned naming it for Jeremiah Monroe. Mr. Balz also reported on the conferences he had attended representing the Town.

Mr. Roscoe Chase would like to thank the Town Board, Highway Superintendent Smith and the highway crew for the nice job they did on Ike Hayes Road.

Mr. Phil Smith asked where the Board stands regarding the North Warren Emergency Squad Contract? Supervisor Bentley said our current agreement is effective until December 31st. Supervisor Bentley reiterated that it is unethical for paid members to be volunteers. Long, sometimes heated discussion regarding response time, dispensing drugs, medical advisor, testimonies of

people who were grateful for Emergency Squads response and treatment. Accusations made on all sides and a great many people talking over one another to make general disorder. Chief Jason Paul said no organization is perfect, but they were trying. Town Board's position is that there are many problems "in house" at the Emergency Squad and once they are taken care of the Town will contract with them. No solution for situation from this discussion.

Little League- Concern regarding bottle money received from Horicon's donation of bottles and cans at landfill.

At 8:15 PM the Board moved to go into Executive Session by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Higgins, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that topic will be Highway Personnel.

The Town Board returned to regular session at 8:50 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Olson, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that Highway Personnel had been discussed, no decisions reached.

This being all the business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Olson, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

OCTOBER 22, 2009 SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Ken Higgins	Councilman
	Bob Olson	Councilman
	Joe Dooris	Councilman

Also: Dick Smith, Christine Hayes, Tom Johansen, Poul Carstensen.

Supervisor Bentley opened the workshop. There are just a few details to finish on the 2010 Budget.

The suggestion was made that the Ambulance Contract, when/if it is paid be done in two separate payments.

The Garbage & Refuse Code was increased \$10,000.00 in the .4 code and \$1,000.00 was put into the Equipment Code in case the compactor needs a part. Also, suggestion reiterated regarding putting money into a compactor fund. Poul Carstensen mentioned that he will ask his brother to look over the hydraulics at the compactor when he has a chance.

The Veteran's Code was raised \$400.00 to allow for work needed on the Park.

There is no provision for the black fly program this year.

Poul Carstensen suggested the Board hire someone to work on seeking grants for the Town. He says he reads in the paper about other Town's still getting grant money.

Councilman Olson says he now feels comfortable with the Budget as long as the increases come out of the unexpended funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 122 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 122 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET
AND SET PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2010 and said budget has been reviewed by the Town Board and certain changes have been made, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the tentative budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2010 and sets a public hearing for said budget on Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

This being all the business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

