

AUGUST 17, 2006 BID OPENING, TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Shirley Hayes Councilwoman

 Kenneth Higgins-Absent
Mark Schachner Town Counsel
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk
Gary McMeekin Zoning Administrator

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed the many guests. The first order of business was the opening of the one bid received for the salt shed at the highway. The bid received was from Cover-All Building Systems of New York, Inc., 940 Holt Road # 197, Webster, NY 14580. The bid was for Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred sixteen dollars and no cents (\$18,216.00). Bidding papers were all in order and this being the only bid received, the following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2006

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 104 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR SALT SHED

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon advertised for bids for a "Salt Storage Membrane Covered Truss Type Structure" for highway use, AND

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 17th at 7:00 PM and only one bid was received, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby award the bid to Cover-All Building Systems of New York, Inc. for a bid of \$18,216.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-absent, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Public Hearing Continuation- The public hearing regarding speed limit on Schroon Lake was held open last month for written comments only. The following written comments were received:

Mrs. Sandra Carpenter- Against noise and excessive speed.

Joseph Koch, SLPD- In favor of Local Law # 2

Mr. William Mcghie- In favor of "reasonable speed limit" and some control of boat launch.

Petition of 154 signatures AGAINST Speed Limit

Supervisor Bentley closed the public hearing at 7:10 PM.

Master Plan- Mr. Bill Bruce, Chairman of Planning Board addressed the Town Board regarding the process of developing a master plan for the Town. Mr. Bruce said the last plan was done about 30 years ago. The Town needs help in finding which direction it wants to go. Mr. Bruce reported that the Committees and Sub-Committees meet once a month on the first Thursday. The Town Board has authorized the expenditure of \$3,000.00 for a survey. Mr. Bruce says the Boards need professional help. Mr. Bruce then introduced Mr. Dennis Doyle and said he has been doing a large share of the work accomplished so far.

Mr. Doyle handed out to the Board a booklet entitled "Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan Status Report & Preliminary Recommendations to Town Board". The Board followed along as Mr. Doyle went over the key points, namely: Comprehensive Plan Status

- Project Overview & Scope
- Summary of key activities

Consultants Requirements

Cost considerations and options

Preliminary Recommendations

Mr. Doyle said plan was figured on a 12 to 18 month time frame. Hopefully, we can make use of a summer internship program offered by Colgate University to reduce overall expenses. Supervisor Bentley said he had found out that Plattsburg University also has the same type of internship program. A lot of the costs will depend on how many changes we will need to make in our zoning and sub-division regulations. Supervisor Bentley said there is no way the mentioned \$12,000-\$20,000 can be raised this year. Mr. Doyle said they could start with whatever can come out of contingency this year. Councilman Olson suggested negotiating with a consultant to defer payments until 2007. It was also suggested that a volunteer may be able to do some work with a consultant overseeing the project. Mr. Doyle said he would feel a lot more comfortable having a professional planner do it. Supervisor Bentley will check into the Plattsburg program. Mr. Doyle said whatever funding we can get this year will help get the project moving, adding "we will only spend what we need to". Discussion regarding next year's budget deadline and availability of grant money "out there".

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of July 20th, 28th and August 3rd were approved by a MOTION introduced by Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

Approval of Abstracts-

RESOLUTION NO. 105 OF 2006

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 105 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS

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

Highway Vouchers # 147-163	\$39,370.48
General Vouchers # 219-251	\$30,705.31
Highway Abstracts 21 & 23	\$10,664.61
General Abstracts 21 & 23	\$26,286.90

Hill-aye, Higgins-absent, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Reports- Town Clerk, Supervisor, Zoning, Justice, Assessor, Hwy. Garage.

Communications:

Harry Balz, ZBA	RE: ZBA Applications
Paul Smith	RE: Application for Hwy. Superintendent
Time-Warner	RE: Franchise Agreement
Butch Farmer	RE: Retirement as of 7/29
Marc Lustic	RE: Update on Mill Pond Fund
Friends of Library	RE: Grant Application

Old Business:

Lights at Brant Lake Boat Launch- Supervisor Bentley said the highway crew cannot them. Supervisor Bentley will contact Chuck Hilton and see if he can do it.

Highway Mechanic- Councilman Hill said there is so much repair work waiting to be do at the highway that we need to advertise for a mechanic now. Councilman Hill was going to suggest waiting for a while, but upon checking at the shed, realizes that would not be feasible.

RESOLUTION NO. 106

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 106 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR MECHANIC

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for highway mechanic.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Higgins

New Business:

Pig Roast- Councilman Hill made a MOTION to give permission to the Remington Fam to have a Pig Roast at the Community Center at their Anniversary Celebration, all ayes

Senior Meal Site at Chestertown- Supervisor Bentley reported that the federal funding for the helper at the meal site has ended. Chester is asking Horicon to pay half of the cost of the helper. It would be for 10 hrs. a week @ \$5.10 per hour.

RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2006

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 107 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR MEAL SITE HELPER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize sharing the cost of a helper at the senior meal site in Chestertown with the Town of Chester. Horicon's share is for 10 hours a week @ \$5.10 per hour.

Hill-aye, Higgins-absent, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Fencing Bid- The Town received two bids for the fencing at the Brant Lake Cemetery:

Blythefield Fence of Chestertown-	\$27,166.10
NY State Fencing of Hilton, NY	\$29,980.00

RESOLUTION NO. 108 OF 2006

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 108 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FENCING BID

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon invited bids for 2000+- lineal feet of fencing with posts and gates, with labor included, AND

WHEREAS, two bids were received, one from Blythefield Fence of Chestertown for \$27,166.10 and one from NY State Fencing of Hilton for \$29,980.00, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award said bid to Blythefield Fence for the amount of \$27,166.10.

Hill-aye, Higgins-absent, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 109 OF 2006

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 109 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

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

HIGHWAY

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5140.1(Mis.Per.)	5140.4(Mis.Cont.)	\$3,000.00
5140.1(Mis.Per.)	5110.1(Gen.Rep.)	\$7,856.00

GENERAL

1620.1 (Builds.Per.)	1620.2 (Builds.Eq.)	\$1,410.00
1990.4 (Cont.)	1920.4(Mun. Dues.)	\$ 150.00
1990.4 (Cont.)	7140.4 (Boat Lau.)	\$ 100.00
1990.4 (Cont.)	8510.4 (Beau. Con.)	\$2,500.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-absent, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2006

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. No. 110 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HORICON TOWN BOARD SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT REQUEST

TO LARAC BY THE FRIENDS OF THE HORICON LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Horicon Free Library wish to submit a grant request from LARAC in order to present a program entitled "Creating an Adirondack Pack Basket", AND

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Horicon Free Library have made a request to the Horicon Town Board, asking their support and permission to apply for this grant under the auspices of the Town of Horicon, AND

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the many community projects undertaken by the Friends of the Horicon Free Library and wishes to aid their programs wherever they can, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Friends of the Horicon Free Library to submit a grant request to LARAC with the full support and backing of the Town.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Higgins

RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2006

Mr. Olson & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 11 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE EXPENSES FOR EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS AT THE NEW YORK PLANNING FEDERATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize paying expenses for Dennis Doyle, Bill Bruce and Christine Smith-Hayes to attend various educational sessions sponsored by the New York Planning Federation and being held at the Saratoga Hotel & Conference Center, Saratoga Springs on October 8-11. Total expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-absent, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Playground Equipment- Councilman Hill asked what the Board wants to do about the wooden trains at the Albert Monroe Park and the wooden truck at the Community Center playground as they both need work done on them and probably should be gotten rid of. After discussion the following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 112 OF 2006

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 112 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO INVITE BIDS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for the wooden playground equipment (AS IS) at the Albert Monroe Park in Adirondack and the Community Center playground in Brant Lake. Bids to be opened at 7:00 PM on September 21st.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Higgins

Zoning Conflicts- Discussion again centered on the permit system regarding alternate septic systems and requirement to get septic permit at same time as building compliance. Mrs. StClaire spoke of her difficulty in getting permit. Supervisor Bentley said "as soon as Town received the proper paperwork from Mrs. StClaire's company, the permit was issued". Supervisor Bentley added that the first paperwork from the company stated it was not certified in Warren County. When company verified they were certified, Mr. McMeekin acted immediately. As far as needing to get septic and building permits together, that is way most other Towns do it for the protection of property owners. More discussion regarding Norweco Systems and who can install them. Mr. Joe Dooris stated that this topic is a conflict of interest for Councilman Olson and he should not be able to sit in on any decisions. Councilman Olson said he has no particular interest in this type of project. Mrs. Priscilla Remington, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals said "this is getting a little out of hand". Mrs. Remington added that Mr. McMeekin is a "gentleman" and may or may not have made a mistake, but that it's time to "stop with this nitpicking and get on with what's important".

Highway Superintendent- The clerk advertised for applications for interim Highway Superintendent and the Town Board has selected an appointee to assume the position until December 31st at which time the newly elected person will take office.

RESOLUTION NO. 113 OF 2006

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 113 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT INTERIM
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Paul Smith to serve as Interim Highway Superintendent until December 31, 2006 at a salary of \$36,240.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-absent, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Privilege of Floor-

Speed Limit on Schroon Lake- A statement regarding the petition submitted last month by Mr. Joe Koch having signatures that were 2 years old and the possibility that some of the people may have died, or changed their minds. Mr. Joe Koch wanted to clarify that the signatures on the petition were current, but the letter accompanying the petition was two years old. The Board was asked about the status of the speed limit law and answered that the decision may come at a later date. Counselor Schachner advised the Board that they have no legal obligation to continue on with this proposed Local Law if they choose not to.

The Board then moved to go into Executive Session by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all ayes. Executive Session is regarding possible litigation and was entered into at 8:25 PM. Zoning Administrator Gary McMeekin was invited to attend Executive Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:50 PM by MOTION of Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Olson, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that possible litigation was discussed, no decisions reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 3:00 PM EMERGENCY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Ken Higgins	Councilman
	Shirley Hayes	Councilwoman

	Councilman Olson, out of Town
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk
Paul Smith	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and explained the reason for it. The first order of business is to hire a mechanic for the highway. The applications were reviewed and the following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 114 OF 2006

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 114 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE HIGHWAY MECHANIC

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Bobby Donahue as the mechanic at the Highway Department. Mr. Donahue will be hired under the CSEA Contract now in effect. Hourly wage is set at \$13.50 per hour. Mr. Donahue will be on 6 month probation as are all highway employees.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Hayes-aye, Olson-absent, Bentley-aye

The other advertised purpose for this meeting is the Town Board authorization to apply for a RESTORE-NY Grant to help with the building of a new general store and to set a public hearing for same.

RESOLUTION NO. 115 OF 2006

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 115 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN OF HORICON
TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO EMPIRE STATE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A
"RESTORE-NY" PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST AND
TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROJECT INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon wishes to be lead agency in the submission of a proposed application to Empire State Development Corporation for a RESTORE-NY Program funding request, AND

WHEREAS, the purpose of this application submission is to seek grant funding to replace the General Store Building that was totally destroyed by fire, and make site improvements to property owned by the Brant Lake General Store, Inc. (tax map numbers; 88.10-1-37 and 88.10-1-39), AND

WHEREAS, the submission of said application is subject to a public hearing to provide project information and to hear comments from the public, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for the proposed application on September 21st at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center, 6604 State Route 8, Brant Lake, NY. All persons having an interest in the foregoing will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilman Olson

This being all the business to attend to at this Emergency Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Bentley & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk