

JUNE 15, 2006 HORICON TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
Frank Hill Councilman
Kenneth Higgins Councilman
Robert Olson Councilman
Shirley Hayes Councilwoman
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Bill Bruce, Tom Johansen, Herb Johnson, Don Studler, Eric Isachsen, Chris Smith-Hayes, Cindy Meade, Mr. & Mrs. Trudsoe, Wes Butler, Skip Ostrander.

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The minutes of May 18th and 31st were approved by MOTION of Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS-

RESOLUTION NO. 82 OF 2006

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 82 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE JUNE ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the June Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 114-129	\$35,594.68
General Vouchers # 153-182	\$13,893.42
Highway Abstracts 15 & 17	\$ 9,989.26
General Abstracts 15 & 17	\$15,807.24

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

Councilman Olson wanted to mention that he is very pleased with the great job the highway has done in repairing the storm damage.

COMMUNICATIONS-

Horicon Planning Board RE: Master Plan Committee
Joanne McGhie RE: Use of Adirondack Building

Action on Communications- Master Plan Committee to be appointed later in meeting.

Use of Adirondack Building- Mr. Olson & Mrs. Hayes made a MOTION to allow the use of the Adirondack Building for woman's exercise class as long as it is just a social gathering, not for profit. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS-

Schroon Lake Boat Launch Maintenance- Councilman Hill said that it has cost the Town about \$4,000.00 a year to maintain the boat launch and he wants the State to take it over. The Board agreed that the Town would no longer do the maintenance. Supervisor Bentley said the State said they will pay the rent for the handicapped porta-john at the Brant Lake launch site.

Brant Lake Little League Field- Supervisor Bentley reported that the dog problem still exists on the field and suggests signs be put up.

RESOLUTION NO. 83 OF 2006

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 83 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SIGNS FOR FIELD

WHEREAS, people who are bringing their dogs to the Brant Lake and Adirondack ball-fields and playgrounds area are not cleaning up after their pets, AND

WHEREAS, this is causing a problem for those who wish to use the areas, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize purchasing and posting 6 signs saying "NO DOGS ALLOWED" on the ball-fields at Brant Lake and Adirondack.

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

Starbuckville Dam- Joe Koch sent report through the clerk that the application for additional funds has been submitted to Albany. The formal dedication of the Dam Project will be in July.

NEW BUSINESS-

Speed Limit on Schroon Lake- Some people on Schroon Lake have requested the Town Board amend the Local Law regulating the operating of motor boats and watercraft on the waters of Brant Lake to include the Horicon portion of Schroon Lake. The Board is in agreement and will set a public hearing. It is understood that the Towns of Chester and Schroon will also have to pass a law so that all of Schroon Lake is covered.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 84 OF 2006

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 84 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR
LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2006 "A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 1994 entitled 'A LOCAL LAW
REGULATING THE OPERATING OF MOTOR BOATS
AND WATERCRAFT ON THE WATERS OF BRANT LAKE,
TOWN OF HORICON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for Local Law # 2 of 2006. Local Law # 2 will amend Local Law # 1 of 1994 to include the waters of Schroon Lake governed by the Town of Horicon, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said public hearing will be held on July 20th at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center, Brant Lake.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 85 OF 2006

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 85 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2006 BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the 2006 Budget, setting up the Highway Capital Projects Fund:

Increase-General Appropriations (960)	\$350,000.00
Increase-Inter-fund Transfers to Highway Garage Capital Projects (9950.9)	\$350,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86 OF 2006

Mr. Higgins & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 86 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2006
"A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST NATIONAL GRID TO TRANSFER
UNUSED STREET LIGHT TO NEW LOCATION IN HORICON

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 66 of 2006 requested National Grid to move a street light to a new location in Horicon, AND

WHEREAS, this Resolution was not specific enough and did not verify the pole numbers of the poles involved, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board wishes to amend Resolution No. 66 to specify that the Town requests the light on pole NM 6 9 109 located at the corner of Hayesburg Road and Alder Brook Road be moved to pole NM 7 4 12206 located at 3915 East Schroon River Road at the new entrance to Wakonda Campgrounds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 87 OF 2006

Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 87 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCILMEN TO
SERVE ON COMMITTEE FOR MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Horicon Planning Board has held two meetings to organize and begin the process of initiating a town wide survey to better access the needs of our growing community, AND

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is requesting the involvement of the Town Board in this project, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Bentley does hereby appoint Councilman Robert Olson and Councilman Frank Hill to serve as the Master Plan Committee representing the Town Board.

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

Master Plan Discussion- Councilman Olson said he feels that representation is needed from real estate business, housing and land use. He would like to see Cindy Meade, who is present tonight, be appointed to the Master Plan Committee. Councilwoman Hayes agrees and also stated that she did not think businesses are fairly represented. Councilwoman Hayes wants to see others on the Committee for housing and business. Mr. Bruce (Planning Board Chairman) said "we welcome anyone from the community and all members of the Town Board". Ms. Meade agreed to serve on the committee. Councilman Olson then asked Don Studler if he would be willing to serve on Education Committee. Mr. Studler will get back to the Board on this. The following Resolution was then introduced to appoint the Planning Boards Committees, as named.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 OF 2006

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Olson introduced Res. 88 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMITTEES
FOR MASTER PLAN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received from the Planning Board a list of Committees and members willing to serve on these Committees for the Master Plan Project, AND

WHEREAS, after reviewing the Committees, the Town Board has added one new member to those mentioned, and is pleased to appoint those Committees as named:

HOUSING & LAND USE- Steven Smith, Brandon Himoff, Dan Smith, Cindy Meade

EDUCATION- Gary McMeekin, Jim Himoff, Dan Smith

COMMERCE- Jim Himoff, Steven Smith

ENVIRONMENT- Jim Remington, Doug Paton, Harvey Leidy, Linda Hoyt
PUBLIC SERVICES (Transportation, Fire & Police)-Bob Harrison, Jim
Remington

SURVEY- Dennis Doyle, Doug Paton, Harvey Leidy

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

Councilwoman Hayes wants to see the Committee add names and addresses from the voter enrollment lists. This way, people who vote here and may not own property will have input also.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)-

Councilman Olson asked about the financial arrangement with Chestertown regarding Chris Hayes working over there. Supervisor Bentley said that Chestertown was paying her and she is using "comp time" she has built up from Horicon.

Fountain- Councilman Olson spoke with Don Butler regarding lights on the fountain. Mr. Butler said if the pond was drawn down for one day the lights on fountain could be made to work. Councilwoman Hayes said it was brought to her attention that stonework could be done working from a float and she would like to see it go out to BID and be done this way. Supervisor Bentley said Mr. Gregson will do it from a float and will do it however we want it done. Councilman Olson said he felt that Daryl will be glad to withdraw contract and asked the Supervisor to speak with him. Councilman Higgins spoke with some men in the business and they said with a crew it could be done in about a week. It was decided that if Daryl withdraws, we should look for proposals and try to keep project local.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 OF 2006

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Olson introduced Res. 89 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR FOUNTAIN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the stonework project on the Mill Pond fountain has been put on a temporary hold because of weather, AND

WHEREAS, the Board has discussed the project, and there is a possibility it can be completed by using a raft and leaving the Mill Pond filled for the summer, AND

WHEREAS, the present contractor accepted the project under certain conditions and working from a raft was not one of them, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will seek proposals for the stonework needed to finish the fountain project. Proposals will be accepted until July 19th and can be made for project to begin immediately with the use of a raft or for later in the fall if the pond must be lowered.

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

Horicon Development- Councilman Olson began the discussion by saying that he was of the opinion the Town is pro-development. He added that he has heard that real estate people tell their clients "if you want to do a development, look elsewhere than Horicon", and that concerns him. Supervisor Bentley said the Town is way ahead with permits this year, and that shows there is a lot being done. Councilman Olson said the housing market is slowing down and second homes will lag. Councilman Olson asked "are we pro-development?". Councilman Higgins said "responsible development-yes, over-development-no!" Councilman Higgins added "I don't want it over-exploded, I want development done right". A discussion followed regarding young people leaving town because of no affordable housing. Councilman Higgins said it is not because of housing, it is because there are no jobs for them. Councilman Olson said it was sad that three businesses have closed in Town. He said this is because of administration of

our land use regulations. Supervisor Bentley said if something is wrong with our regulations, the Board has the power to change them. It was added that the businesses in question closed because of personal choices in two of them and bad management in the other, not because of Town interference.

Mr. Johansen suggested the Town offer tax breaks to new businesses, Supervisor Bentley said we already have that.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR-

Mr. Johansen said 17 new pavers have been purchased for the Veterans Monument, including the 10 the Town has paid for. Mr. Johansen also asked if the Highway Dept. could put up, and take down, tents in Chestertown for the Summer Spectacular. Town Board said that would be no problem, but Mr. Johansen needed to make arrangements with Jerry.

Mr. & Mrs. Trudsoe spoke of problem with overgrown brush on Short St. & Valentine Road. Problem also on Gibbons Road. County will be contacted.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by MOTION of Mr. Olson & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk