

MARCH 15, 2008

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Shirley Hayes	Councilwoman
Mark Schachner	Town Counsel	
Paul Smith	Highway Superintendent	
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	

Also: Ken & Sue Dott, Steven Smith, Harry Balz, Jackie Younes, Terry Peters, Joe Dooris, Sandy Smith, John Goode, Dan Smith, Esq.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

Open sand bid- One received, Gilma Enterprises, Inc. \$1.40 per yard.

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of February 15th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Hill, all ayes.

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

Approval of Abstracts-

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 52 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MARCH ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to pay the March Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers 55-83	\$31,115.24
General Vouchers 67-87	\$13,111.84
Highway Abstracts 6 & 7	\$10,253.87
General Abstracts 6 & 7	\$81,550.12

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

Councilman Olson questioned the heating bill for the small library building. Supervisor Bentley said he had gone over to the library and lowered the heat. Also, upon researching the previous bills, it was found the current bill reflects a total of 71 days since last delivery.

Pre-existing Sub-divisions- Mr. Ken Dott had asked to address the Board regarding a problem he has with his property. Mr. Dott said that he has been buying adjoining properties with the idea of giving parcels to his children/grandchildren or selling some. Mr. Dott said he now owns the adjoining 50 acres and all the parcels are in his name so according to the zoning he cannot sell the smaller lots. His only choice now is to sell all the property together as one lot and that is not why he purchased the lots. Mr. Dott is asking the Town Board to look again at the zoning amendment they adopted regarding Section 14, Sub-heading 14.10 "Pre-Existing Lots & Subdivisions" and change it back to original. Councilman Olson said he felt the Town Board should not "reach back and take away the original approval, thereby taking rights away from the project sponsors" (of pre-existing sub-division). Councilman Olson wants this amendment sent to the Planning Board for their review. Councilman Olson & Councilwoman Hayes then made a MOTION sending Sec. 14.10 "omit- except lots in a pre-existing subdivision" back to the Planning Board for their recommendations, all ayes. The Planning Board was not involved in the original change to this Section, but it is hoped they will review and recommend at this time.

Communications-

Time Warner

RE: Rate Change

Horicon Planning Board
NYS D.O.T.
Real Property Services

RE: Referrals of Zoning Changes
RE: Resurfacing of Northway
RE: Residential Assessment Rate (64.68)

Old Business-

RFP's for Grant- Some new information has surfaced regarding the wording for the Request for Proposals. It was decided to table the RFP's until a meeting can be held with Patricia Tatish from the WC Planning Department and new information discussed.

Cable Extension- Shaw Road & Grassville Road will be next extension. Perhaps someone on these roads will volunteer to canvas houses to see how many places want to hook up to cable.

New Business-

Boarding of stray dogs- The Schroon River Animal Hospital will no longer take our stray dogs. We are trying to find someplace such as SPCA or another Animal Hospital to contract with. In the meantime we have no place to take them.

Joint Meeting with Chester & Schroon- Councilman Hill & Councilwoman Hayes made a MOTION that Board attend Joint meeting on March 27th at 6:00 PM in Schroon Lake, all ayes. Councilman Olson said he had a conflict and would not be able to make it.

Resolutions-

RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 53 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 58 OF 2005
REGARDING ZONING AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, Resolution 58 of 2005 is a Resolution to Approve Zoning and Septic Amendments, AND

WHEREAS, when Resolution 58 was typed into the official Town Board Minutes a section was inadvertently omitted from the text of the Resolution, but legally adopted through public hearing and APA approval, AND

WHEREAS, because of this omission, subsequent copies of the Resolution that were attached to the current Zoning Ordinance books as a way of revising and updating lacked this one paragraph of information, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby amend Resolution 58 of 2005, in the minutes book and the Zoning Ordinance, adding the following section under Section 14, Sub-heading 14.10 "PRE-EXISTING LOTS & SUBDIVISIONS": OMIT- last paragraph of Section 14.10: "The determination as to whether a subdivision qualified as "pre-existing" under this Ordinance will be made by the Town Planning Board".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 54 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD SAND BID

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon advertised for bids for sand for Highway purposes for 2007, AND

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened on March 15th at 7:00 PM and only one bid was received, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the bid for sand to Gil-Mar Enterprises of Chestertown for a bid price of \$1.40 per yard. This price is same amount as last year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 55 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CABLE LINE EXTENSIONS ON SHAW HILL ROAD AND GRASSVILLE ROAD

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon receives revenue from a Franchise Agreement with Time-Warner to be used by the Town for line extension of cable services, AND

WHEREAS, the Town currently has an available balance in the line extension fund of \$42,092.98 and wishes to use this balance to provide cable on Shaw Hill Road and Grassville Road, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the release of revenue from the line extension fund to be used for said line extensions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 56 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR LIFEGUARDS

RESOLVED, that the clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for lifeguards for the summer season.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Highway Report- Superintendent Smith reported on the amount of sand and salt used so far this season. There has been a great saving of both according to the print outs from the dicky-johns. Not only has much less product been laid down on roads, but clean up will save many man-hours and money. Superintendent Smith also reported on the damage the school buses had done to the dirt roads. He met with the school officials and they are being very cooperative in using smaller vehicles to pick up students.

Joe Dooris spoke of the major storm on Valentines' Day and said he would like Superintendent Paul Smith and the Highway Department recognized for the excellent job they did during this very "difficult situation". The Board agreed.

At 7:45 PM Councilman Hill & Olson moved for the Board to go into Executive Session regarding Personnel, all ayes. Superintendent Smith was asked to attend also.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:10 PM by MOTION of Councilman Hill & Olson, all ayes.

Supervisor Bentley reported that highway personnel had been discussed. The following Resolution was then introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 57 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR CEMETERY/HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for a Cemetery/Highway employee to fill the current vacancy.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

MARCH 26, 2007 JOINT MEETING OF TOWN BOARD & PLANNING BD.

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Bill Bruce	Planning Bd.
	Steven Smith	Planning Bd.
	Jim Remington	Planning Bd.
	Patricia Tatish	W.C. Planning
	Laura Moore	W.C. Planning
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	

Also: Harry Balz

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and turned the floor over to Ms. Tatish. The discussion turned to the "Request For Proposals" regarding the small cities grant received by the Town. One proposal was received and that was from the same consultants that made the grant application. The Planning Board is seeking consultants to help the Town carry out the terms of the grant. Steven Smith said we needed help in how to craft our document so we don't overstate our request. Mr. Bruce said his understanding was that we had to stick to what was in the original proposal. Ms. Tatish said "you do, but you can make additional requests". Ms. Tatish said the report from a hired consultant should put together data so the Town can take the next step and put a grant plan together to help with downtown revitalization. Mr. Smith asked if this current grant can be made part of the Master Plan. Ms. Tatish said it would need to be refined and retuned. Ms. Tatish added that her department could help the Town with direction and determining what parts are covered by the current grant and what can be added. Mr. Bruce said the results from the surveys are compiled and there are 190 pages of results. There will be meetings held to inform the public of the results. Dr. Richard Lamb will be hired to help put together the Master Plan. After that is done our zoning & sub-division can be tailored according to the Plan. Ms. Tatish said the Town should get as much information as possible from the grant background study so we can move forward with the Master Plan.

The focus from this current grant is the hamlet/business plan and housing. Ms. Tatish said the survey becomes "fodder for the vision and goal and the results will be digested and discussed". The Town must identify and understand the long-term and short-term objectives. An extension for the small cities grant can be applied for once a tighter RFP is done. The current RFP is a "little too loose" and Ms. Tatish said we may be able to squeeze out a little more from the grant money. To clarify the Grant received, it is \$25,000.00 from the Small Cities Grant providing the Town of Horicon adds \$17,000.00, for a total of \$42,000.00.

Councilman Olson asked Ms. Tatish if her Department could provide the Town with a checklist and time-line of things we need to get done in order to comply with the grant. Ms. Tatish said they would help where they could. Councilman Olson said " we need to have the information gathered from this grant proposal, in order to apply for the money to carry out all the other projects implemented". The Boards will continue to communicate with Ms. Tatish on this on-going project.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

