

MAY 17, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at Meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Shirley Hayes Councilwoman
Paul Smith Superintendent of Highways
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Tom Johansen, Nancy Harrison, Kit Isachsen, Ken Dott, Harry Balz, Sandy Smith, Blair Gregson, Joe Dooris

Supervisor Bentley opened the public hearing regarding a proposed Zoning Amendment for Section 14.10. There were no questions regarding this Resolution to reinstate the original wording into Section 14.10. The public hearing was closed at 7:02 PM.

The Supervisor then opened the regular meeting and welcomed guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The minutes of April 19th were approved by MOTION of Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Olson, all ayes.

REPORTS: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Highway Garage Building, Clerk of the Works, Justice, Zoning and Assessor.

MAY ABSTRACT:

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 66 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR MAY ABSTRACTS

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

Highway Vouchers # 108-131	\$20,003.62
General Vouchers # 127-152	\$23,083.93
Highway Abstract	\$11,937.50
General Abstract	\$13,603.70

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Village of Lake George	RE: Tourism Brochure
Schroon Lake Association	RE: Thank You
Time Warner	RE: Program Changes
E.S. Schroon Lake Association	RE: Request for pathway
North Warren School	RE: Thank you for bottles

Action on Communications-

Tourism Brochure-Tom Johansen and Kit Isachsen spoke regarding a plan for a postcard type brochure for Horicon. Sample brochures from other Towns were passed around to get some ideas. Mr. Johansen reported that a one-sided card with the Horicon logo and information would cost about \$800.00 for 7,500. Mrs. Isachsen suggested that Horicon also enter into a joint venture with Chester to sponsor a brochure for both Towns. Ms. Isachsen said the Chamber could help with both brochures.

RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 67 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR BROCHURES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$2,000.00 to the North Warren Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of generating 2 tourist-type cards (brochures). One thousand dollars to be spent making a card for just Horicon and the other thousand to be spent on a joint venture with the Town of Chester.

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

The discussion then shifted to the lack of a store in Horicon. Mr. Johansen said the Chamber of Commerce stands by willing to help in any way get a store here. Councilman Higgins said Warren County Planner Laura Moore said they have had no "bites" so far regarding a store here. Supervisor Bentley said he spoke recently with John Palermo and someone interested in opening a store at the old Town Hall property.

East Shore Schroon Lake Association request for pathway- Discussion regarding whether pathway should be placed in front or on side of lawn. Need to be careful not to block access to firehouse in any way. Councilman Hill will speak to Bill McGhie personally and let him know the Board is trying to decide how to make the pathway.

OLD BUSINESS-

Watering tub repair- Blair Gregson came by the meeting to present his idea for the repair of the watering tub. He said he had looked over where the stones were missing and the whole design in general. Mr. Gregson said the present design is "proper" and should be carried over to a tub design. Mr. Gregson added that when he tested the inside of the present structure he found it was "mush". Mr. Gregson's plan would be to use a big rock and carve out the center into a bowl affect. He would not change the height and would keep things to the same scale. There would be no seams and no cement, just the natural rock made smooth and a bowl carved into the top. There would be a hole bored for the drain and the pipe would not move. The rock would be about 6-7 foot round. Mr. Gregson offered to pick out a stone and invite the Board to come and see it. Councilman Hill said we should do this. Councilman Higgins asked about the possibility of having two smaller rock/tubs so more people could get water at the same time. Mr. Gregson said that could probably be done. Councilman Hill asked if there was a "ballpark" figure for the project and Mr. Gregson said somewhere around \$5,000. The Board asked Mr. Gregson to let them know when he had a rock picked out.

Warren County Draft for Proposal- The Board reviewed the few additions and suggestions the Planning Board had for the draft proposal and agreed to send the changes to Laura Moore at the County so she can incorporate them into the final proposal. When the proposal is in final form the Town Board will review and then we can go out for "RFP's" on the project.

Dog Shelter- The Town currently has no contract for sheltering dogs that are picked up by our dog warden. The clerk has been in contact with Glens Falls Animal Shelter and they are willing to contract with the Town for \$12-\$14 per dog per day for room and board. They will hold a dog for 5 days and if not claimed the dog will be euthanized at Town expense. The State Department of Agriculture and Markets has the Town on notice that we must have a shelter for dogs. It was previously discussed that a shelter could possibly be built at the dog warden's home, but there are liability issues with doing that.

RESOLUTION NO. 68 OF 2007

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 68 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH GLENS FALLS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with the Glens Falls Animal Hospital to board stray dogs picked up in the Town of Horicon by our dog warden. Dogs will be held five days and if no home is found will be euthanized.

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

NEW BUSINESS-

New Street- Superintendent of Highways Paul Smith asked about the practice of leaving the end of New Street with snow on it so it can be used by the snow mobiles. Supervisor Bentley said he was not aware of this practice and the Town cannot do it. There are houses at the end of the road and the whole road must be plowed and sanded the same as other roads. Superintendent Smith thanked the Board for the clarification.

Waterline to Little League Field in Brant Lake- Discussion regarding the easiest way to do this. It will be taken under consideration and perhaps can be done in the fall.

Invitation to Steering Committee Meeting- Planning Board Chairman Bill Bruce invited the Town Board (through the clerk) to attend the meeting on June 7th at 7:00 PM. Ellen Kraly and Jane Phalen from the Upstate Institute will be addressing the meeting.

Youth Commission Report- Nancy Harrison, Horicon's representative on the County Youth Board and Chester Youth Commission reported on meetings she attended.

Dump Unit for Cemetery Truck- Councilman Hill requested the Town purchase a dump unit for the cemetery truck as it makes no sense not to have it. After a short discussion the following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 69 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 69 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF DUMP BOX

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a dump box for the cemetery truck. Purchase price not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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

Mig Welder- Highway Superintendent Smith asked the Board to authorize purchase of a mig welder. Mr. Smith said it would be a big advantage for the mechanic to have one as it is a modern day tool and cuts down on the time it takes for welding. The current sale price is \$1,800-\$2,200 for the welder with price of other needed supplies extra. Superintendent Smith will try hard to get sale price if approved tonight.

RESOLUTION NO. 70 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 70 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF MIG WELDER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a Mig Welder for the highway. The Highway Superintendent hopes to purchase for a sales price of under \$2,200.00. Other supplies needed for the welder are extra.

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

Upper Dam Repairs- Discussion regarding damage on wing walls of Upper Dam Bridge. Supervisor Bentley reported that he called County Superintendent Bill Lamy and he immediately came up to meet him at the dam. Supervisor Bentley said that Mr. Lamy agreed that the bridge belongs to the County and said they will replace the wing walls. Supervisor Bentley said that an engineer is also being brought up by the County to see the damage and make a report. Councilman Higgins said that he feels the Town Board should immediately send a letter to Mr. Lamy and request attention to this problem. It has already been mentioned in the paper and he is concerned. Councilman Olson agreed and said we should ask the County to explain the engineering analysis as to what is wrong and their program to repair. After further discussion Councilman Higgins made a MOTION to send a letter to Mr. Lamy immediately and Councilwoman Hayes seconded, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that he also asked Warren County to check into a Grant Program to see if there is money to build a new dam and bridge.

RESOLUTIONS-

RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2007

The Members of the Horicon Town Board adopted Resolution No. 71 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CHUCK HILTON AND DON BUTLER FOR THEIR WORK ON THE FOUNTAIN

WHEREAS, the rebuilding of the Mill Pond Fountain has been an on-going project that has caused some to wonder if it would ever be finished, AND

WHEREAS, in the midst of many Mill Pond raisings and lowering, two fine gentlemen, Chuck Hilton and Don Butler stepped up and volunteered their expertise to first wire up the "fountain in progress" for lights and then came back when the fountain was built to connect up the water system so the fountain could once again "bubble", AND

WHEREAS, many times it is quoted that "volunteerism is a thing of the past", but our small community is lucky enough to have Chuck and Don to prove that its not. Because of the community spirit of these men, the lights are on and the water flows from this historic treasure and what a delight that is to see, AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board, by way of this Resolution and on behalf of a grateful community, wishes to thank Chuck Hilton and Don Butler for their outstanding contribution and dedication, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Chuck and Don with the Town Board's best wishes and appreciation.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 72 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARD FOR SUMMER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Nicole Carlozzi to work as lifeguard for the Town of Horicon for the summer season. Position is for 30 hours a week and pays \$9.75 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 73 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO T & T LEASING OF PLATTSBURG, INC. FOR CRUSHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize payment of \$7,500.00 to T&T Leasing of Plattsburg for three days rental of the Excavator/Crusher at \$2,500.00 per day.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2007

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Higgins introduced Res. 74 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF FINAL ADOPTION OF ZONING AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that after two public hearings and final approval by the Adirondack Park Agency, the Town Board does hereby adopt the final draft of the proposed Zoning amendment regarding definitions for: Guest Cottage; Garage, Residential; and Garage, Commercial.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 75 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT AND SUBMITTING TO APA FOR APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board held a public hearing on May 17, 2007 for the proposed correction, which is to actually re-instate previous wording from the Horicon Zoning & Project Review, AND

WHEREAS, this proposed amendment is concerning Section 14 "GENERAL EXCEPTION TO MINIMUM LOT AREA REQUIREMENTS: Sub-heading 14.10 Pre-Existing Lots and Subdivisions. The last sentence of the paragraph, with the proposed correction, would read: For the purpose of this exemption, such lot must not adjoin other lots in the same ownership, provided however, that all such adjoining lots in the same ownership, *except lots in a pre-existing subdivision*, shall be deemed to have merged into one undivided lot. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board wishes to be declared as the lead agency for this amendment and hereby submits the completed change together with a Short Environmental Assessment Form and a Negative declaration to the APA for their review.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 76 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE TERRY PETERS FOR CEMETERY/HIGHWAY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire, upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent Smith, Terry Smith to work as Cemetery Custodian for the spring/summer/fall season and Highway employee for the rest of the year. Wages are in accordance with the CSEA Contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 77 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHRISTINE HAYES TO ATTEND REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL COURSE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Christine Hayes to attend the Introduction to Real Estate Appraisal Course given by the Manfred Real Estate Learning Center, Inc. in Albany. Said course will be given for five days and payment includes textbooks for course. Price of course is \$368.20 and the Town will also reimburse Mrs. Hayes for mileage and meals.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 78 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAXWELL APPRAISAL SERVICE TO CONDUCT ANNUAL UPDATE FOR HORICON

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Ralph Bentley to enter into an agreement with Maxwell Appraisal Services to conduct an Annual Update for the Town of Horicon. Said update will be completed for the 2008 Roll and will cost \$10.00 per parcel. This Resolution is contingent on the Town of Chester also authorizing this update.

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

Privilege of Floor-

Mr. Balz, in regard to the previous Resolution hiring Maxwell Appraisal, spoke of his meetings with Maxwell Appraisal at the conclusion of the last re-val. Mr. Balz was not pleased with the "attitude" of the representative and does not wish to see them treat anyone else in that manner. It was mentioned that there were other complaints also. Councilman Higgins made a MOTION to have the clerk write Mr. Maxwell a letter from the Town Board. The letter is to state that they treat each person with courtesy and respect, as the Town has had some complaints, Councilman Olson seconded, all ayes.

Museum- Mr. Johansen reported that there is a problem with water supply at the Museum. Right now he is using a hose connected to the cemetery pump for water. Mr. Johansen said he was told that Jerry Hill did the well. Councilman Higgins will contact Jason Hill for information.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by MOTION of Councilwoman Hayes & Councilman Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk