

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 15, 2020
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Matthew Simpson	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilperson
	Robert Olson	Councilperson
	Peter Palmer	Councilperson
	Sylvia Smith	Councilperson
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: Bill McGhie, Teri Schuerlein, Assessor Christine Hayes, and Scott Hayes.

Reports... Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Assessor, and Historian

Approval of Minutes... Minutes of September 17 and October 6, 2020 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Smith, Olson, Palmer, Simpson) Nays: 0

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts...

RESOLUTION #100-2020

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 100 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OCTOBER 2020 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the October 15, 2020 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	10	\$ 35,920.70
Highway Abstract	10	\$ 98,740.18

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Smith, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0

Correspondence to the Board:

- Horicon Fire Dept. RE: 2021 Budget request
- Dawn Higgins RE: Notification of retirement
- Karen Burka RE: Notification of retirement

-Supervisor Simpson gave an overview of the proposed 2021 budget. Several Board members had questions regarding some of the items in the Fire Department budget that was just received. Supervisor Simson was asked if someone from the Fire Department could meet with the Board to review it. Supervisor Simpson called Chief Scott Hayes who then came down to the meeting to answer the Board's questions. Councilpersons Olson and Smith requested a monthly report from the Fire Department going forward.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #101-2020

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 101 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2021 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 of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt the tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2021, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for said Budget on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Palmer, Smith, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #102-2020

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 102 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following transfers:

Highway:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
D5110.4 – Gen Repairs	D5142.4 – Snow Rem-Contr	\$ 13,329.23
D9060.8 – Med Insur	D9050.8 – Unemp	\$ 1,600.00

General:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A9060.8 - Med Insur	A7310.1 – Youth Pers.	\$ 4,767.07
A9060.8 - Med Insur	A8090.4 – Insect Contr	\$ 1,878.91
A9060.8 – Med Insur	A9050.8 – Unemp	\$ 2,221.74

Ayes: 5 (Smith, Olson, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Committee Reports...

- Councilperson Sylvia Smith reported on the following:

-The cost to replace the Museum windows will be \$1,200 total. They are on backorder and will come out of the 2020 budget and will be installed over the winter.

-The contractor cannot get a quote for the Heintzelman windows yet, but it will likely be time and materials since they do not know if additional repairs will be needed once the old windows are out.

-The Youth Commission has cancelled the K-6 soccer program due to Covid. They have tentative plans for the winter ski program at Gore, but it will depend on the situation with Covid.

-Kevin Kilcullen will no longer be doing cemetery burials effective October 14th. The Town will need to come up with an alternative for next year. Greg Bolton has agreed to handle all burials between now and December 1 when the cemetery closes for the winter. She also said this may be an option going forward.

-Councilperson Frank Hill reported on the following:

-The roof is off the bathrooms in Adirondack and the trusses can be re-used. Darian is going to take the building down. Supervisor Simpson said a resident offered to donate his time to re-build the bathrooms if the Town pays for materials, so the Board may want to consider that.

New Business...

Noise Ordinance: Supervisor Simpson said he has recently received a noise complaint and it is an ongoing issue. He said the Town's noise ordinance cannot be enforced by the State Police or the town, so it is basically unenforceable. He said in order to enforce the ordinance the Board would need to appoint an enforcement officer, send them for training, and purchase the necessary specialized equipment to measure the decibel levels. That person could then issue appearance tickets, which may or may not be enforceable in court. He asked the Board if that is what they want to do. After discussing the issue, the Board agreed the expense to do this would not be justified.

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Retiree Health Insurance: Supervisor Simpson said he received the proposal for Humana; he noted the County has it and the people love it. He explained it would be a significant savings, and the maximum out of pocket for the retirees would be less. Councilperson Smith said she did not feel it was a better benefit last year when they looked at it, but she would be open to reviewing it. Councilperson Olson said he feels CDPHP works good for his family. Supervisor Simpson will leave copies of the proposal with the Board to review further.

Retirement of employees:

RESOLUTION #103-2020

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 103 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LETTERS OF RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon has received two letters of retirement, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the letter of retirement from Karen Burka, Court Clerk, to be effective December 31, 2020, and does also accept the letter of retirement from Dawn Higgins, Secretary to the Supervisor, to be effective December 31, 2020.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Smith, Palmer, Simpson) Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor ... no comment

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk