

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**OCTOBER 24, 2019  
7:00 PM**

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

Also: Poul Carstensen, Peter Palmer, and Christine Hayes.

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order and noted one request for the Budget; the Senior Citizens group has asked for an additional \$200. The Board agreed and will increase code A6772.4 by \$200.00.

Supervisor Simpson then opened the Public Hearing for the Preliminary 2020 Budget.

Poul Carstensen asked what the amount of the quote was for the BTI program. Supervisor Simpson said it came in at approximately \$90,000 over a three-year period with \$11,000 requested up front. Mr. Carstensen said Town of Chester only pays \$16,000 per year. Supervisor Simpson said they were told the reason for the higher price is due to the need for more staff and the larger coverage area. Mr. Carstensen asked the Board to do a better job of getting feedback from residents on whether or not they support the BTI program. Councilperson Smith said they have received feedback that the program is not effective and therefore does not justify the quoted price. Mr. Carstensen asked if the Board would be in favor of the program if the price were lower; several said they would be if the program was done right, however, they have no way of knowing if it is being done properly. There was further discussion back and forth which included alternative proposed by Mr. Carstensen. The Board said it would not be included in the 2020 Budget. Mr. Carstensen asked if the program would be considered for 2021. Supervisor Simpson said he could not say yes right now because it will depend on what the Budget looks like for 2021.

Mr. Carstensen asked if the umbrellas had been budgeted for the beach. Councilperson Smith said the new lifeguard chair and umbrella have already been ordered and will come out of the 2019 Budget.

There being no further comment from the public, Councilperson Higgins made a Motion, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to close the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing were closed at 7:33 PM.

Councilperson Hill noted the Highway Mechanic will need a new computer. Supervisor Simpson said there is enough money in his contractual code to cover a computer.

**RESOLUTION #128-2019**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 128 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 HORICON BUDGET**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center on the Preliminary Budget for the year 2020, AND

WHEREAS, comments were invited from the public either for or against said budget, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget will be the adopted Budget for 2020, with the General Fund Appropriations of \$2,129,602.00 less anticipated revenues of \$1,856,385.00 and an unexpended balance of \$273,217.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$0.00. Total Highway Fund Appropriations of \$1,546,486.00 less anticipated revenues of \$972,593.00 and an unexpended balance of \$0.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$573,893.00 and a total budget of \$3,935,747.00 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount for the Horicon Fire District is \$253,973.00 to be raised by taxes and the Schroon Lake Park District is \$5,686.00.

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

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**Adjourn...**

There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson, al in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk