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RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Winchip Engineering (project #19-073), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for a septic system at 73 Burnt Pond Estates Rd, Brant Lake (Tax Map #105.-2-18) because the strict application of the minimum setback requirements, or the minimum lot size requirement, would result in a specified practical difficulty to the applicant. Further, the alternative proposed would not be materially detrimental to the purpose of this regulation, or to the property or natural resources in the area in or near the site of the proposed individual sewage disposal system, or otherwise conflict with the description, purpose, or the objectives of any plan or policy of the Town, and that the alternative proposed is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specified practical difficulty as found by the Board to affect the applicant. Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Smith, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

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# **REGULAR MEETING...**

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: Minutes of November 21, 2019 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill.

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

# Approval of December 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts:

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Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 142 and moved its adoption: **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF DECEMBER 2019 ABSTRACTS** 

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the December 19, 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

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#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2020 CONTRACTS AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN**

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Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 144 and moved its adoption:

# RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Office of Tax Collector to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$200.00 for the 2020 tax collection period.

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

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RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Town of Horicon to impose the \$2.00 second notice fee on each delinquent notice sent for 2020 to cover the cost of preparing and mailing the delinquent notice.

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby declare the old loader tire and rim as surplus equipment and authorizes that it may be advertised and sold "as is".

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#### **RESOLUTION #150-2019**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 150 and moved its adoption:

# **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NYCLASS COOPERATIVE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT**

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The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:48 PM and Councilperson Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to return to Regular Session, Ayes: 4 (Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Abstain: 1 (Olson). Supervisor Simpson stated no action was taken.

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A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:08 PM.

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

# Approval of December 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the December 19, 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

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Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 144 and moved its adoption:

# RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Office of Tax Collector to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$200.00 for the 2020 tax collection period.

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RESOLVED, that the Second Notice fee be established at \$2.00 for each delinquent notice that is sent, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Town of Horicon to impose the \$2.00 second notice fee on each delinquent notice sent for 2020 to cover the cost of preparing and mailing the delinquent notice.

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#### **RESOLUTION #150-2019**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 150 and moved its adoption:

# **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NYCLASS COOPERATIVE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o ("Section 119-o") empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds; now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon authorizes Supervisor Simpson to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Horicon. Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

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Councilperson Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person. Councilperson Olson stated he would not participate in the Executive Session due to a conflict of interest. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:48 PM and Councilperson Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to return to Regular Session, Ayes: 4 (Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Abstain: 1 (Olson). Supervisor Simpson stated no action was taken.

Privilege of the Floor... no comments were made.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Present at meeting:	Matthew Simpson	Supervisor
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Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

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#### Public Hearing – 2020 Contracts...

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#### LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH...

#### Public Hearing - septic variance at 73 Burnt Pond Estates Rd / Brunner / #105.-2-18:

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#### **RESOLUTION #141-2019**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 141 and moved its adoption: **RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR A SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 73 BURNT POND ESTATES RD** 

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Winchip Engineering (project #19-073), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for a septic system at 73 Burnt Pond Estates Rd, Brant Lake (Tax Map #105.-2-18) because the strict application of the minimum setback requirements, or the minimum lot size requirement, would result in a specified practical difficulty to the applicant. Further, the alternative proposed would not be materially detrimental to the purpose of this regulation, or to the property or natural resources in the area in or near the site of the proposed individual sewage disposal system, or otherwise conflict with the description, purpose, or the objectives of any plan or policy of the Town, and that the alternative proposed is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specified practical difficulty as found by the Board to affect the applicant. Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Smith, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:08 PM.

# **REGULAR MEETING...**

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: Minutes of November 21, 2019 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill.

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

# Approval of December 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts:

#### **RESOLUTION #142-2019**

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 142 and moved its adoption: **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF DECEMBER 2019 ABSTRACTS** 

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the December 19, 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstracts	12	\$ 46,483.11
Highway Abstracts	12	\$ 63,124.83
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Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Smith, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0

#### Correspondence to the Board:

- Pat Farrell	RE:	Suggestions for storm water management plan
- Jerry Delaney	RE:	Request for donation to support Northern Forest Center
- APA	RE:	Details for emergency project response process
- Patricia Tunney	RE:	Notice of annual election of officers for 2020

#### Resolutions:

#### **RESOLUTION #143-2019**

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 143 and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2020 CONTRACTS AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN**

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board held a public hearing on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM regarding the proposed 2020 Contracts, AND

WHEREAS, the public had the opportunity to speak for or against said contracts at this hearing, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

Emergency Service Provider	\$ 120,250.00
Horicon Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Senior Mini-Bus	\$ 5,120.00
North Warren Chamber of Commerce	\$ 16,500.00
Horicon Free Library	\$ 2,000.00
Horicon Senior Citizens	\$ 1,200.00
Chester-Horicon Health Center	\$ 6,000.00
Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,500.00
Horicon Volunteer Fire Company	\$ 225,000.00
Brant Lake Association (BL milfoil)	\$ 27,480.00
Warren County (SL milfoil)	\$ 12,838.17
Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Olson, Smith, Hill, Simpson)	Nays: 0

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 144 and moved its adoption:

# RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Office of Tax Collector to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$200.00 for the 2020 tax collection period.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #145-2019**

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 145 and moved its adoption: **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SECOND NOTICE FEE FOR THE 2020 TAX COLLECTION PERIOD** 

WHEREAS the Town is required by Sec. 987 of the Real Property Tax Law to mail a Notice of Delinquency to landowners who are delinquent in making real property tax payments and charge the landowner a second notice fee of \$1.00, AND

WHEREAS, the mailing of said notices costs the Town postage along with the cost of preparing and handling said notices, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Second Notice fee be established at \$2.00 for each delinquent notice that is sent, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Town of Horicon to impose the \$2.00 second notice fee on each delinquent notice sent for 2020 to cover the cost of preparing and mailing the delinquent notice.

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

# **RESOLUTION #146-2019**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 146 and moved its adoption:

# **RESOLUTION TO DECLARE HIGHWAY LOADER TIRE AND RIM AS SURPLUS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby declare the old loader tire and rim as surplus equipment and authorizes that it may be advertised and sold "as is".

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

#### **RESOLUTION #147-2019**

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 147 and moved its adoption: **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS** 

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

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A9060.8 (Health Insur.)	A5132.4 (Garage-Contr)	\$ 8,000.00

A9060.8 (Health Insur.)	A7310.4 (Youth-Contr)	\$	4,500.00
A9060.8 (Health Insur.)	A8160.4 (Refuse-Contr)	\$	4,000.00
A9060.8 (Health Insur.)	A9010.8 (Retirement)	\$	1,639.35
A9060.8 (Health Insur.)	A8010.4 (Zoning-Contr)	\$	1,450.22
<u>Highway:</u>			
<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>A</u>	mount:
D9060.8 (Health Insur.)	D5130.11 (Mach-PerSvcO/T)	\$	1,086.30
D9060.8 (Health Insur.)	D5142.1 (SnowRem-PerSvc)	\$ 3	11,099.93
D9060.8 (Health Insur.))	D5142.11 (SnwRm-PerSvc-O/T)	\$ :	10,864.43
D9060.8 (HealthInsur.)	D9030.8 (Soc Sec)	\$	816.70
D9060.8 (HealthInsur.)	D5142.4 (SnowRem-Contr)	\$	5,493.33
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Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

# Committee Reports:

# -Robert French – NWEMS Rep reported on the following:

-The squad had 55 runs for the month with 34 in Chester, 14 in Horicon, and 7 mutual aids. He said they will be close with the budget, but they will be okay.

# -Councilperson Sylvia Smith reported on the following:

-The Christmas luncheon was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 37 people attended. She thanked Vicki, Chris, and Jim for their help in organizing it and setting up.

-All of the follow up reports are in for the 2019 Occupancy Tax grants except for the report from the Horicon Fire Department. A reminder was sent to them, but nothing has been received.

-An application has been received for 2020 Occupancy Tax grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Brant Lake Winter Carnival.

-On December 3<sup>rd</sup> she and Supervisor Simpson attended the Youth Commission and YMCA Partnership Planning meeting. The next meeting will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. They will discuss the goals for the summer programming and the request for more full-time options for the kids.

-Horicon is well decorated for the holidays. She thanked the Fire Department for decorating the fence at the beach, Teri Schuerlein for doing the greenery in the baskets on the bridge, and Rich and Joanne Nawrot for the wreath in Adirondack; everything looks beautiful.

-She said Supervisor Simpson's announcement this morning regarding his decision to run for the state Assembly seat was very successful. She noted it will be a loss for Horicon in one regard but a win in another.

-She said all of the candidates for Zoning Administrator have been interviewed, and three of them were interviewed a second time.

# Old Business:

<u>Bids for 2011 Dodge Truck</u>: The Clerk advertised for bids for the 2011 Dodge pickup. Two bids were received and opened December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. Dan Holland bid \$900.00 and Bob Donahue bid \$550.00. **RESOLUTION #148-2019** 

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 148 and moved its adoption:

# **RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR 2011 DODGE TRUCK**

WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for bids for the 2011 Dodge highway truck that had previously been declared as surplus, and two bids were received and opened on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM, now, therefore be it, RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the bid for the 2011 Dodge truck to Dan Holland for a bid price of \$900.00

#### New Business:

<u>Brant Lake Winter Carnival 2020 Occ Tax application</u>: Supervisor Simpson said the Occupancy Tax Grant application has been received for the 2020 Brant Lake Winter Carnival. The Board was in agreement that they would award the Occ Tax grant for the Brant Lake Winter Carnival at the January 2020 meeting.

<u>NYCLASS</u>: Supervisor Simpson explained that the NYCLASS program is the only investment program that municipalities are allowed to participate in. He said this program is unique in that monies can be transferred in and out within twenty-four hours, the Town will not be locked in, and it earns a much higher interest rate than what the town is receiving now. He said this program is approved by the State Comptroller.

#### **RESOLUTION #150-2019**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 150 and moved its adoption:

# **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NYCLASS COOPERATIVE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o ("Section 119-o") empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds; now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon authorizes Supervisor Simpson to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Horicon. Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

# Executive Session...

Councilperson Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person. Councilperson Olson stated he would not participate in the Executive Session due to a conflict of interest. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:48 PM and Councilperson Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to return to Regular Session, Ayes: 4 (Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Abstain: 1 (Olson). Supervisor Simpson stated no action was taken.

Privilege of the Floor... no comments were made.

Supervisor Simpson thanked Councilman Higgins for his years of service to the Town. He said it has been a pleasure working with him and he will be missed.

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

Respectfully Submitted: