

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

Also: John Donovan, Bill McGhie, Pat Farrell, Peter Palmer, Troy Scripture, Joyce Greenidge, Bob Smith, Mert Paton, Bret Winchip, Zack Monroe, Jeff Meyer, Brian Bearor, Steven Mullins, ZA Jim Steen, Teri Schuerlein.

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go into session as the Local Board of Health. The Board moved into session as Local Board of Health at 7:00 PM.

1 - Re-convene Public Hearing - Septic Variance for State Rt. 8 / tax map #55.8-1-1 / Singer:

Supervisor Simpson re-convened the Public Hearing for the Singer septic variance on State Rt 8 in Brant Lake. Jeff Meyer, attorney for Mr. Singer, asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding the application. Supervisor Simpson said Cedarwood Engineering is unable to do an adequate inspection because of the snow, so the inspection will not happen for a while. Mr. Meyer did point out that regardless of how the stream on the property is characterized, the septic location will be where it is going to be based on the limitations of the property.

The Board will leave the public hearing open and re-convene the public hearing at the March 21, 2019 meeting.

2 – Update on Septic Variance request for 18 Sand Beach Way, Brant Lake / Tax Map #55.10-1-12 / Henshaw:

No updates.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:05 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

Brian Bearor – YMCA update

- Brian Bearor updated the Board on what has been happening with the YMCA. He thanked the Town for the use of the Community Center in the first few days after the fire. He said they have completed the repairs to the Adirondack Center, noting the damage from the fire was much worse than they originally thought. He invited the Board members to the Grand Re-opening on March 12th. Mr. Bearor reviewed the programs they have including the after-school care program at North Warren school, Y-Achievers, Teen Night, family movie night, free parenting classes, school break week camp, Caring for Birds, and ADK Kids. He also said the kids are busy building sleds for the Crazy Downhill Derby. Lastly, he explained they are partnering with the NW Chamber and North Warren Central School to hold a Southern Adirondack Job Fair on June 29th which will pair local employers with job applicants. Following the Job Fair, they will hold an Employee Orientation program.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 17, 2019 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith, all Ayes.

Approval of February 21, 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #39-2019

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 39 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF FEBRUARY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize payment of the February 21, 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	2	\$ 69,702.13
Highway Abstract	2	\$ 70,933.37

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

Correspondence to the Board:

- Mike Raymond RE: Letter of resignation from Planning Board

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #40-2019

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 40 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE POSTING OF ROADS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise and post the Town roads for spring conditions when warranted.

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

RESOLUTION #41-2019

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 41 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 4-104 of the New York State Election Law, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon must submit to the Warren County Board of Elections a listing of the polling places in the Town of Horicon in each Election District in which Elections are held, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following handicapped accessible locations be and are hereby designated as the respective polling places in the Districts as enumerated:

Election District #1	Horicon Community Center
Election District #2	6604 State Rt. 8, Brant Lake, NY 12815

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

RESOLUTION #42-2019

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 42 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET OCCUPANCY TAX WORKSHOP MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Workshop Meeting for Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm to discuss the 2019 Town of Horicon Occupancy Tax Fund applications.

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

RESOLUTION #43-2019

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 43 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2018 FIREFIGHTER RECORDS LISTING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon has reviewed, and does hereby approve, the 2018 Service Award Program Firefighter Records listing for the Horicon Fire Department.

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

RESOLUTION #44-2019

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 44 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT APA LOCAL GOV'T DAY CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize attendance by interested members of the PB, ZBA, and Town Board, not to exceed eleven attendees, at the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Day Conference which is being held April 3-4, 2019. The cost is \$66.08 per person, if registered before March 20, 2019, plus reimbursement for travel expenses.

HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 21, 2019
7:00 PM

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

RESOLUTION #45-2019

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 45 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CEDARWOOD ENGINEERING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the contract with Cedarwood Engineering for engineering services for the 2019 calendar year.

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

Committee Reports...

- Councilwoman Sylvia Smith updated the Board on the following items:

-She met with Ethan Hall and the engineer at the Heintzelman Library regarding the grant. They need the level of the water lowered so they can inspect the bottom of the building. From what they did look at they felt the building was in very good condition structurally.

-She has the committee is in place for the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor project and it includes: Fred Holman, Rich Nawrot, Bill McGhie, Teri Schuerlein, Ken Higgins, Carl Heilman, Steve Mullins, and possibly Mike Hill.

-She worked at the Brant Lake Winter Carnival on February 16th and noted the attendance was phenomenal.

-On February 1st letters were sent to members of the ZBA, PB, and BOE outlining their responsibilities, the attendance policy, and thanking them for their hard work. Letters were also sent to the Historian, Dog Control Officer, and Museum Secretary outlining their responsibilities.

-On February 19th she and Councilman Olson completed interviews for the ZBA and PB; they recommend Steve Mullins for the Planning Board and Troy Scripture for ZBA Alternate. She noted one Planning Board member is in violation of the attendance policy. The Board agreed a letter is to be sent to that member notifying them of the violation and the termination of their appointment. Councilwoman Smith said this will leave both Planning Board alternate seats open as well as the ZBA second alternate seat.

-Occupancy Tax applications are in and the total requested is \$131,000. Of the \$45,000.00 in Occupancy Tax monies budgeted, the Town Board has already disbursed \$17,000 which leaves \$28,000 to be awarded.

-She and Councilman Hill will be scheduling a meeting with the Beautification crew very shortly.

- Councilman Frank Hill has contacted three contractors about removing the trees in the Brant Lake cemetery but they are waiting for the snow to melt so they can give a quote.

- Councilman Bob Olson suggested the Board continue recruiting applicants for the ZBA and PB alternate seats. He then made a motion to make the ZBA and PB appointments:

RESOLUTION #46-2019

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 46 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER AND ALTERNATE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby move Ross Schoembs up from Alternate #1 to fill the full ZBA seat, which was vacated by Pat Farrell in December 2018, to complete that term which will expire December 31, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Troy Scripture as ZBA Alternate #1 to complete that term which will expire on December 31, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION #47-2019

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 47 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, Mike Raymond has recently tendered his resignation from the Planning Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Steve Mullins to the open seat of Planning Board member to complete that term which will expire December 31, 2020.

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

- Supervisor Simpson said at the recent County meeting, Supervisors in Queensbury were pushing to have the sales tax re-distribution topic put on the legislative rules agenda for March. He argued this should not go on the agenda now since 2/3 of the population of Horicon, which is negatively affected by this proposal, is not even hear to be heard on the issue. He urged that it should be put off and they agreed to postpone it until April. Supervisor Simpson said if this sales tax diversion to other towns goes through then everyone’s taxes are going to increase; this is why it is so important to attend the County meeting and speak against this proposal. He said this is nothing more than a cash grab from one municipality to another. On a different topic, Supervisor Simpson said there was a successful session on rural cellular at the recent Association of Towns meeting and feels progress is being made.

Old Business...

Sand Bids: Supervisor Simpson opened the single bid that was received from Berness Bolton Exc., Co. for \$4.50 per yard.

RESOLUTION #48-2019

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 48 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD SAND BID

WHEREAS, the Town Board legally advertised for bids for processed sand for highway use, and one bid was received and publicly opened on February 21st at 7:40 PM, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the 2019 sand bid to Berness Bolton Excavating Co, Inc. for a bid of \$4.50 per yard for processed and loaded sand.

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

New Business...

Agreement to Expend Highway Funds:

RESOLUTION #49-2019

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 49 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY MONIES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the 2019 Agreement to Expend Highway Monies, submitted by the Highway Superintendent, in the amount of \$152,346.09 for black topping and shoulder work on a two-mile section of Pease Hill Road.

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

Privilege of the Floor...

-Teri Schuerlein asked the Board to **please** consider opening the Landfill on the Mondays after a holiday weekend. She said this past Monday their dumpster was overflowing with garbage because the Landfill was closed. She said people don’t want to take their garbage with them so they dump it anywhere they can find. She said this is a regular happening on holiday weekends and it is becoming a big problem.

-John Donovan gave a status report on the 1881 Union Church.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk