

HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

April 18, 2019
7:00 PM

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

Also: Peter Palmer, Pat Farrell, Bill McGhie, HS Darian Granger, Assessor Christine Hayes, Joyce Greenidge, John Donovan, Bret Winchip, Jason Hill, and NWEMS Rep Robert French.

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 Hill, 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. There are no updates at this time.

The Board will leave the public hearing open and re-convene the public hearing at the May 16, 2019 meeting.

2 - Septic Variance request for 1412 Valentine Pond Rd, Adirondack / Tax Map #20.10-1-31 / Hill:

Brett Winchip, Winchip Engineering, explained the proposal to replace an existing failed septic system at 1412 Valentine Pond Rd in Adirondack with a replacement system designed to serve an existing three-bedroom home. The proposed system will require a variance of 37.5 ft for the absorption bed field to the neighboring shallow well where 150 ft is required and 112.5 ft +/- is being proposed. Mr. Winchip said the driveway has been re-located to the other side of the property to make room for this system. He said the bottom of the proposed system is approximately 8ft lower in grade than the neighbor's shallow well so there are no concerns about contamination of that well. Councilperson Olson said he feels the application gives them everything they need.

RESOLUTION #61-2019

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 61 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, acting in its capacity as the Local Board of Health, considers the application made by Winchip Engineering for a septic variance at 1412 Valentine Pond Rd in Adirondack complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

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 7:05 PM.

Regular Meeting...

Reports... Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice, Assessor, Tax Collector

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March 21, 2019 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill.

Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

Approval of April 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #62-2019

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Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 62 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF APRIL ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the April 18, 2019 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#4	\$ 41,845.45
Highway Vouchers	#4	\$ 64,274.08
Upper Hudson River	#4	\$ 2,858.02

Ayes: 4 (Hill, Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

Correspondence to the Board...

None

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #63-2019

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 63 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO BERNES BOLTON EXCAVATING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment to Bernes Bolton Excavating in the amount of \$47,686.50 for processed sand for the Highway Department.

Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

RESOLUTION #64-2019

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 64 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISHING DERBY AND POSTING OF THE MILL POND

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize radio coverage to advertise the annual fishing derby at the Mill Pond in Brant Lake at a cost not to exceed \$450.00. The Board further authorizes \$350.00 be given to the Chestertown Conservation Club to be used for prizes for the fishing derby, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the posting of "NO FISHING" signs from the time the Mill Pond is stocked until the day of the derby which will be Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

RESOLUTION #65-2019

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 65 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT CORNELL LOCAL ROADS HIGHWAY SCHOOL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize attendance by Highway Superintendent Darian Granger and Tom Donahue, Jr. at the Cornell Local Roads Program Highway School which is being held June 3-5, 2019 in Ithaca, NY. The cost is \$110.00 per person plus reimbursement for meals and travel expenses.

Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

Committee Reports...

-NWEMS Rep Robert French said the squad had 21 runs this past month, and the Treasurer has resigned. He said Keena Payroll will be handling the payroll going forward and Cash Jones has re-joined the EMS as Treasurer. Lastly, he said they still need one more Board member to make the five-member Board.

-Councilperson Hill said he has contacted three tree removal companies and will be meeting with them at the end of the week.

-Supervisor Simpson said he has contacted two stone masons regarding the repair work on the fountain. He has a quote from one and is waiting for the other. He noted this will be a significant repair and they may have to put

a different cap on the top to keep water out of the joints. Supervisor Simpson told the Board about his meeting in Long Island with Bill Farber and the Assemblyman who is in charge of the Environmental Conservation Committee. They explained to the Assemblyman the because the replacement land in the Land Bank is being held up in the legislature it is holding up the Middleton bridge project. Supervisor Simpson said he just learned that DOT has now agreed to extend the project and it has been listed on the TIP (Federal Transportation Improvement Program) for 2022-2023 funding, which means they are now authorized to move forward with the bridge project.

Old Business...

1881 Union Church: Supervisor Simpson said Catalfamo Construction has resumed work on the 1881 Union Church and the bid packets for the drilled well will be available on Monday, April 22nd. He said the basement of the Church had water in it which the Fire Department came and pumped it out for them. John Donovan added that the architect is looking into the water issue and how to prevent it in the future.

New Business...

Tent setup for summer events at Community Center: Supervisor Simpson asked the Board about putting up a tent on the back lawn of the Community Center, where the playground used to be located, for the summer events at the Community Center. The Board all agreed that would be fine.

Paving parking lot: Supervisor Simpson said the Town had received a quote from Peckham’s to repave the Community Center parking lot. He said he dropped the plans off at the County in order to get a quote from them as well.

Pontoon on Mill Pond: Supervisor Simpson explained that EZ Marine has offered to put a pontoon boat on the Mill Pond as part of the Food Truck Fridays’ event this summer. Councilman Higgins expressed concern over the potential liability for the Town. Supervisor Simpson said he has spoken to both Mark Carpenter and Mark Schachner and they did not feel there was any issue. He said if the Board is in agreement with this, he will have Counselor Schachner draw up an agreement between the Town and EZ Marine to add each as an additional insured on their respective insurance policies. The Board all agreed this would be fine.

AATV Annual Membership Meeting:

RESOLUTION #66-2019

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 66 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT AATV MEMBERSHIP MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson and Councilman Olson to attend the AATV’s Annual Membership meeting which is being held June 2-3, 2019 at Hotel Saranac. The cost is \$75.00 per person plus reimbursement for meals and travel expenses.

Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

Privilege of the Floor...

John Donovan asked what the \$47,000 payment to Berness Bolton Excavating (under Resolutions) was for. Supervisor Simpson said it was for processed sand for the year.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk