

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**JUNE 24, 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: Bret Winchip (Winchip Engineering), Barb French, Christine Hayes, and Scott Olson.

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 Smith, 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- Septic Variance Request – Lakeview Dr. (Blue Sky Estates) / tax map #36.12-1-36 / Halvorsen:

Postponed until July meeting

#2- Septic Variance Request – 13 Brant Lake Estates Loop / tax map #72.13-1-23 / Kney-Wilson:

-Bret Winchip, Winchip Engineering, explained the proposed wastewater disposal system which will serve a proposed six-bedroom home. The proposed system will replace the existing septic, thus eliminating two existing non-conformities: 1) The existing seepage pit is 113.1' from the westerly neighboring well and 150' is required, and 2) The existing seepage pit is 117.3' from the easterly neighboring well where 150' is required. Mr. Winchip said the proposed system will require two variances: 1) Proposed absorption bed to owner's drilled well where 100' is required and 78.1' is proposed, and 2) Proposed absorption bed to proposed foundation where 20' is required and 18.6' is proposed. He further noted that the proposal has been approved by the Brant Lake Estates Association.

Supervisor Simpson said it is going from a four-bedroom home to a six-bedroom home, Mr. Winchip said that is correct. Supervisor Simpson asked if the current system meets code. Mr. Winchip said no, they did find the septic tank and there is currently a seepage pit, so no, it does not meet code.

Councilperson Palmer asked how many zoning variances are needed for the house; Mr. Winchip said one.

Mr. Winchip noted again that the proposed system will actually eliminate two existing non-conformities and improves the existing septic.

Councilperson Olson felt comfortable deeming the application complete.

RESOLUTION #69-2020

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 69 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 13 Brant Lake Estates Loop in Brant Lake complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 21, 2020 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson.

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

Approval of June 24, 2020 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #70-2020

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 70 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JUNE ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the June 24, 2020 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	6	\$ 105,762.11
Highway Abstract	6	\$ 40,631.55

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

Correspondence to the Board...

- Neil Brandmaier RE: Letter of interest as SLPD alternate
- NWEMS RE: Monthly reports
- ALHA RE: Petition to re-instate BTI program
- Tri-Lakes RE: Final report on Brant Lake Winter Carnival

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #71-2020

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 71 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of lifeguards for the Horicon beaches for the 2020 summer season at a rate of \$14.21 per hour. The Chester Horicon Youth Commission will schedule the lifeguards for the beaches. The beach will be open 11am - 5pm Monday through Thursday and 11am-6pm Friday through Sunday.

Ayes: 4 (Smith, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 1 (Palmer)

Discussion on Resolution #71-2020:

-Councilperson Hill asked if a second person is needed at the beach. Supervisor Simpson said a second person will be needed to track who is coming on the beach at the Brant Lake beach. However, in Adirondack one lifeguard can manage. Councilperson Smith reviewed the rules and guidelines the Town must follow to open the beaches. She said there will be two lifeguards on duty; one will watch the water and the other will be checking people in and regulating the total number of people on the beach. She said all beachgoers will receive a set of guidelines which reference Covid regulations. Councilperson Smith said training is being provided for all the lifeguards as well. Councilperson Palmer asked what is going to happen when someone walks onto the beach anyway even if they are told no. Councilperson Smith said they will not walk onto the beach, and if they refuse to cooperate with the rules then the gatekeeper will call the Sheriff's Department.

RESOLUTION #72-2020

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 72 and moved its adoption:

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MINDY CONWAY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment to Mindy Conway in the amount of \$500.00 for her work in scheduling the lifeguards for the Horicon beaches. Payment is to come from Youth-Contractual (A7310.4).

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

RESOLUTION #73-2020

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 73 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>General:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
	A1990.4 (Conting)	A1355.2 (Assess. Equip.)	\$ 872.30
	A1990.4 (Conting)	A9050.8 (Unemp)	\$ 500.00
<u>Highway:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
	D5148.4 (SvcOthrGovt)	D5142.4 (SnowRem-Contr)	\$ 25,000.00
	D5110.4 (GenRep-Contr)	D5142.4 (SnowRem-Contr)	\$ 25,802.86

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

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Smith updated the Board on the following:

- An extension was granted for the cemetery headstone project. She spoke with Greg Bolton and, although the weather has caused delays, he expects to be able to complete enough work to satisfy the CFGMR grant.
- She offered a thank you to Rich Nawrot for doing such a great job handling the boat launch stewards. She also thanked the six town employees who stepped up when AWI did not show up.
- She said Randy Duell has asked for the bottles from the landfill.

-Councilperson Palmer said Steve Smith (landfill) suggested the price for boat disposal at the Landfill be raised to \$10.00 because the boats are getting bigger and they take so long to break up. Supervisor Simpson said the Board should also review the landfill fees again at the July meeting.

RESOLUTION #74-2020

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 74 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND LANDFILL FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby amend the landfill fee schedule by raising the cost to dispose of a boat from \$5.00 per linear foot to \$10.00 per linear foot effective July 1, 2020.

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

-Councilperson Palmer also said the Town should hire a parking attendant at the boat launch because it is so busy that it causes a lot of confusion and is too overwhelming for the stewards to handle.

Old Business...

-*Adirondack Marathon/Occ Tax grant:* Supervisor Simpson said the organizers of the Adirondack Marathon have asked the Town Board if they will still pay the occupancy tax money to them if the race is cancelled. Supervisor Simpson said he is not comfortable with paying that money out if the event does not happen, and Councilperson Hill agreed. There was brief discussion and the entire Board was in agreement that there will be no Occupancy Tax payment to the Adirondack Marathon for the 2020 event if it is cancelled.

New Business...

-*LOSAP*: Supervisor Simpson explained that Penflex has managed the LOSAP program for years. He said Craig Relyea, a previous Penflex employee, has started his own company called Firefly and is interested in managing the LOSAP program for the Town. Supervisor Simpson he is interested in hearing what Mr. Relyea has to say, noting that Penflex is very difficult to deal with and to get information from. The Board agreed to invite Mr. Relyea to the July Town Board meeting to do a presentation. Councilperson Olson insisted the Fire Department be invited to hear the presentation. Supervisor Simpson said anyone can attend the meeting. He clarified this is a presentation on the management of the LOSAP plan, and does not in any way, shape, or form affect the benefit portion of the plan. He noted it is the sole decision of the Town Board as to which company manages the LOSAP, and this decision does not affect the firemen or their benefits under the plan; there will be no change in the benefits.

Privilege of the Floor...

-Assessor Christine Hayes said the last revaluation (reval) was done in 2008, and there has been discussion in the last couple years about doing another one. She said this would be a good time to do one as a lot of other towns are cancelling their revals due to the Covid situation, therefore Mike Maxwell is slow right now. She added that the Town would need to let the State know their intent in July. Assessor Hayes explained that right now the equalization rate is 100% but she cannot guarantee that she can keep it that way. She said Mike Maxwell gave a rough quote that would be less than \$80,000 split over two years which is quite reasonable. She can also get other quotes if the Board would like. Supervisor Simpson said it is important to think about this because if properties are overvalued then the town will lose significant sales tax monies. He noted this expense would come out of the 2021 and 2022 budget. Councilperson Olson said he is in favor of getting more information. The Board asked Assessor Hayes to get quotes for the July meeting.

Executive Session...

Councilperson Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to go into Executive Session to discuss highway contract negotiations. The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:17 PM and Councilperson Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to return to Regular Session. Highway contract negotiations were discussed, and no decisions were made.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk