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REGULAR MEETING**

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Sylvia Smith Councilperson
Krista Wood Town Clerk
Absent: Frank Hill Councilperson

Also in attendance: ZA Jim Steen, HS Darian Granger, Bob Smith, Tom Hutchins (Hutchins Engineering), NWEMS Rep Robert French, John Donovan, George Hill, Cheryl Hayes, Richard Osborne, and Tom Johansen.

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.

Request for Septic Variance at 6692 State Rt. 8 / tax map #88.7-1-3 / Wesleyan Church property (contract buyer)

Tom Hutchins, Hutchins Engineering, explained he is representing Scott Campbell who is in contract to buy the Wesleyan Church located at 6692 State Route 8 in Brant Lake. He said Mr. Campbell plans to open a performing arts center in the building to be used primarily from May to October. Mr. Hutchins said the existing septic is reportedly a cesspool type wastewater system, the age of which is unknown, that is very deep with the top of the cesspool at least eight feet below grade. He said in order for Mr. Campbell to use the building he needs to replace the existing system which requires the following variances: proposed absorption bed to two property lines – 10' required, 0.6' proposed, variance of 9.4 requested; proposed absorption bed to building – 20' required, 6.4' proposed, variance of 13.6' requested; proposed septic tank to building – 10' required, 8' proposed, variance of 2' requested; proposed septic tank to property line – 10' required, 0.6' proposed, variance of 9.4' requested. He noted he is reasonably confident this is the best option they have due to the constraints of the property.

Councilperson Olson asked if this would resolve the problem of when, or if, the system failed; Mr. Hutchins said it would, and noted they will also remove the drains and plumbing fixtures in the basement. Councilperson Olson then asked if Mr. Campbell was going to charge for events at the building; Mr. Hutchins said he did not know, as his involvement is strictly related to the engineering of the septic system but said he will find out. Councilperson Olson also noted there is a discrepancy between Mr. Campbell's estimated number of parking spaces and what the Zoning Ordinance allows.

Supervisor Simpson asked if the existing cesspool was going to be filled in; Mr. Hutchins said they will remove the entire existing system and fill in the cesspool.

ZA Steen said the application has all the necessary information, and he believes this is the best that can be done. He noted the Wesleyan Church has had several interested buyers in the past, but they have backed out because of the septic issue. He said the question relating to the number of allowed parking spaces will be addressed by the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #129-2018

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 129 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 Hutchins Engineering, on behalf of Scott Campbell (Wesleyan Church property), for a septic variance at 6692 State Route 8 in Brant Lake complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:10PM.

Regular Meeting...

Reports: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice, Assessor

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 16, 2018 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith.

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

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #130-2018

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 130 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF SEPTEMBER 2018 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the September 20, 2018 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	9	\$ 69,524.20
Highway Abstract	9	\$ 40,014.35

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

Correspondence to the Board...

-Dave Iasevoli RE: Letter of interest in alternate Planning Board seat
- Sally Joiner/Friends of the Library RE: Request to park several cars up on hill during event

Action on Correspondence...

-The Board agreed to check with Town Counsel about any possible conflicts with Mr. Iasevoli serving on both the Planning Board as well as the Board of Ethics.

-The Board agreed to allow the Friends of the Library to park several cars up on the hill during their pumpkin painting workshop.

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #131-2018

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 131 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Budget Workshop Meeting for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm to discuss the 2019 Preliminary Budget.

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

RESOLUTION #132-2018

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 132 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT SOUTHER ADK PLANNING & ZONING FORUM

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Bill McGhie, Bill Siegle, Gary Frenz, Rich Nawrot, and Scott Olson to attend the Southern Adirondack Planning and Zoning Conference in Lake George on October 4, 2018. The cost is \$25.00 per person plus reimbursement for food and mileage.

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

RESOLUTION #133-2018

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 133 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT NORTH COUNTRY STORMWATER TRADESHOW & CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Planning Board Chair Bill McGhie and Town Councilman Bob Olson to attend the North Country Stormwater Tradeshow and Conference in Queensbury on October 18, 2018. The cost is \$90.00 per person plus reimbursement for food and mileage. Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Smith, Olson, Simpson) Absent: 1 (Hill) Nays: 0

Committee Reports...

-Robert French, Horicon Rep to NWEMS, reported the Squad had 57 calls this past month and gave a breakout of those calls.

-Councilperson Sylvia Smith reported on the following: the swimming lessons at the Brant Lake beach were very successful with 48 kids participating; both the Adirondack beach and the Brant Lake beach were closed by August 31st; the Boat Stewards will finish their season on October 8th; Kevin, Rob, and Bob Smith did a great job cleaning up all the garbage at the Brant Lake Boat Launch which was supposed to have been cleaned up by DEC; Jason Hill and Bill Millington will check the plumbing in the attic area to see what can be done to keep it from freezing up in the winter; the Historical Society has received two estimates so far for painting at the the Museum; there was a meeting with Tom Williams and the Community Center staff to resolve several issues and review expectations; the Beautification crew will begin working on removing the poison ivy in Adirondack soon; lastly, the other two trees in the cemetery will be taken down this fall.

-Councilperson Bob Olson addressed the travel trailer issue noting he underestimated the number of opinions on the subject. He said the Zoning Administrator, the Assessor, and the Planning Board believe something needs to be done about this issue. Councilperson Olson suggested appointing a Planning Commission to explore all the possibilities and then bring a recommendation to the Town Board. Councilperson Higgins said he spoke with ZA Steen who said he is looking for guidance on how the Board wants him to handle travel trailers. Councilperson Higgins said Supervisor Simpson said it is not affecting the assessments, so he does not see this as a big problem. Councilperson Smith pointed out the Board had previously discussed reviewing all the items in the Zoning Ordinance that need to be addressed and taking care of it all at once; Councilperson Higgins agreed. ZA Steen said travel trailers are the main item to be addressed and pointed out many surrounding towns struggle with the best way to handle travel trailers as there is no clear-cut solution. Supervisor Simpson said he does not see the assessment as a real issue. Councilperson Olson said the Assessor feels people using travel trailers are getting a free ride because they are being taxed for vacant land and not for a residence. Councilperson Smith said she is surprised this is such an issue because the Board has only received one letter of complaint about travel trailers. Supervisor Simpson noted this issue needs further discussion as there are varying opinions. He suggested researching other areas around the region to see if, and what, the real issues are and how they are being handled.

-Supervisor Simpson said he recently went to Washington, D.C. to meet with the administration about what is currently happening and their goal of returning power back to the states.

Old Business...

1881 Union Church Bid: Supervisor Simpson said one bid was received and opened on September 13th from Catalfamo Construction. He noted the architect, Ethan Hall, feels confident in Catalfamo's abilities, and the bid came in within budget, so no additional funds will be needed.

RESOLUTION #134-2018

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 134 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION OF THE FORMER 1881 UNION CHURCH FOR HISTORICAL MUSEUM USE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon has by Resolutions authorized a Project for creation of a Museum facility by rehabilitation of the Town-owned former Union Church built in 1881 in the Hamlet of Adirondack under the Charter of the Horicon Historical Society, and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon has received a \$100,000 Grant from New York State and the Historical Society has raised additional funds from hundreds of individuals and businesses dedicated to seeing this new Museum facility Project realized, and

WHEREAS, using said Grant and Society-raised funds, the Church's failed stone foundation already has been replaced with a new concrete foundation under a New York State compliant, competitive publicly-bid construction contract awarded by the Town of Horicon to the low bidder, and

WHEREAS, the Project Architect, Rucinski Hall Architecture of Glens Falls, New York prepared contract bidding documents for the Church's remaining required construction work for New York State compliant, competitive public bidding, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution of August 16, 2018, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon authorized and directed the Town Supervisor to proceed with New York State compliant, competitive public bidding for the Church's remaining required construction using said contract bidding documents, and

WHEREAS, said New York State compliant, competitive public bidding occurred with a bid deadline of September 13, 2018, and

WHEREAS, a responsible low bid for all said remaining required construction was received by the bid deadline from the firm of A. J. Catalfamo Construction Co., Inc. of Hudson Falls, NY [Catalfamo] in the Lump Sum amount of \$72,500.00 and unit price per foot costs for potable water well drilling of approximately \$7,500.00 for a total cost of \$80,000.00, and

WHEREAS, Project Architect Ethan Hall of Rucinski Hall Architecture reports the Catalfamo bid is in order; that the Architect has worked with Catalfamo on several projects in the geographic area and has always found Catalfamo to be professional having done excellent work in a timely fashion and that they are a qualified bidder with the ability to complete the project as it is specified in the project manual prepared by Rucinski Hall Architecture, and

WHEREAS, there currently is available the sum of \$80,000.00 for this construction contract using remaining funds from the Project's awarded New York State grant and Historical Society-raised funds without reliance on Town of Horicon funding, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize and direct the Town Supervisor to award a Contract, subject to review by the Town Attorney, for the Church's remaining required construction to A. J. Catalfamo Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 and authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to submit reimbursement requests for said Contract costs to New York State under the \$100,000 New York State grant.

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

New Business... none

Privilege of the Floor... no comment

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk