

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 15, 2021  
7:00 PM**

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Present at meeting:	Sylvia Smith	Supervisor
	Michael Geraci	Councilperson
	Frank Hill	Councilperson
	Robert Olson	Councilperson
	Peter Palmer	Councilperson
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: Barb French, Assessor Christine Hayes, Bob Smith, Matt Wood, Bill McGhie, Jim Steen, ZA Matthew Magee.

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

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

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***Local Board of Health...***

***#1 – Septic Variance Request – 18 N. Sand Beach Way / tax map #55.10-1-5 / Letts:***

**RESOLUTION #105-2021**

Councilperson Geraci and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 105 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 17, 2021**

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 C.T. Male Associates for a septic variance at 18 North Sand Beach Way in Brant Lake complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 5 (Geraci, Olson, Hill, Palmer, Smith) Nays: 0

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

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***Regular Meeting...***

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of June 17 and July 2, 2021 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Geraci.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Geraci, Olson, Palmer, Smith) Nays: 0

**Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #106-2021**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Geraci introduced Res. No. 106 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JULY 2021 ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the July 15, 2021 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	7	\$ 48,864.19
Highway Abstract	7	\$ 141,969.06
HM	7	\$ 2,539.15

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Geraci, Olson, Palmer, Smith) Nays: 0

**Correspondence to the Board...**

- Debra Aydinian RE: Donation in memory of her father, Stephen Schreck, for youth programs

**Resolutions...**

**RESOLUTION #107-2021**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Geraci introduced Res. No. 107 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET A WORKSHOP MEETING FOR AUGUST 17, 2021**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a workshop meeting for Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 6:30 pm to discuss the LOSAP program.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Geraci, Hill, Palmer, Smith) Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION #108-2021**

Councilperson Geraci and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 108 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO BANDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment from A6412.4 to the following music groups performing at Food Truck Fridays to be issued on the date of performance as follows:

July 23, 2021 - Willie Playmore Band / Jamie Martin - \$250.00

July 30, 2021 – Three Quarter North / David Rhodes - \$550.00

August 6, 2021 – Andy Smith & Friends / Andy Smith - \$250.00

August 20, 2021 – Big Time Kitty / Dalton Wilson - \$300.00

August 27, 2021 – Angel’s Envy / Steve Pastore - \$599.00

Ayes: 5 (Geraci, Hill, Olson, Palmer, Smith) Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION #109-2021**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 109 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN MOA WITH WARREN COUNTY SWCD**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Smith to sign Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Warren County SWCD in regard to activities related to culvert planning and design work on Alder Brook Road in the Town of Horicon.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Olson, Geraci, Palmer, Smith) Nays: 0

**Committee Reports...**

1) Councilperson Geraci reported on the following:

**NWEMS:** There were a total of 42 calls for service in June with 25 in Chestertown, 5 in Horicon, and 12 mutual aid. Contribution letters have been mailed to all Town residents and any funds received will be used to offset the overall cost of operations. Recruiting efforts are on-going as staffing remains a challenge. In an effort to draw people, hourly rates were raised June 15<sup>th</sup> with paramedics now being paid \$21.00 per hour and EMT’s being paid \$15.50 per hour. Several attempts have been made to recoup payments owed to the Squad for multiple services rendered and one case has been turned over to a collection agency. The Squad will evaluate the process and outcome prior to taking similar actions for other individuals.

**NWCS Transportation:** It is very difficult to find bus drivers for the school so the school has raised the pay rate and will offer health benefits and asked that the Town help get the word out.

2) Councilperson Palmer reported on the following:

**Highway:** HS Granger has a few issues on New Street so he, along with Frank and HS Granger will meet with the owners of the property. He said the last place on the road has put up a gate and blocked off the turnaround. He said he was told the property owners own the road and the Town only has a right of way. Supervisor Smith said no one should talk to the property owners until the Town Attorney is contacted to see what the proper channels are. Councilperson Palmer agreed saying they cannot meet with the property owners until they hear from the attorney.

3) Councilperson Olson reported on the following:

Beautification: He spoke to Kevin Kilcullen about Beautification who said everything is going well.

4) Supervisor Smith reported on the following:

Beautification/Landfill: Rob Wallace will be working Thursday and Sunday at the current Landfill part-time pay rate, and he will work Beautification Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at the current Beautification Helper pay rate. He has been trained on the loader as well.

Food Truck Fridays: The event is going phenomenally with the first night drawing a crowd of approximately 1,300, and the second night drawing a crowd of approximately 1,800 even with the rain. She thanked the Committee for all their work and also noted Kevin Kilcullen volunteers his time to help with setup and cleanup.

Swim Lessons: Swim lessons are being offered Mondays and Tuesdays, they have thirty kids signed up, and there are three different groups.

Boat Launches: Everything is going well. The stewards are busy some days and slow on others depending on the weather. On the slow days they have mowed and cleaned up garbage so the launches look good. The sheds are in at both launches as well as the tents.

Pop-Up Covid Clinic: The County called and asked if they could do a pop-up Covid vaccination clinic during Food Truck Fridays on July 23 from 5:00 to 7:00. They will be set up in the back office.

Museums: The museums opened July 2 and will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There are new volunteers who will be monitoring the museums and giving tours. Involved are Mike and Lynn Wilson, Camille Dougan, Ruth Brown, Roger and Jane Daby, John Donovan, and Colleen Murtagh our Historian. The Scouts took a tour of the Horicon Museum and they may be able to fix the steps as one of their projects.

Flowers: Lynn Keil did a phenomenal job on the flowers; they look beautiful. The cost was about half of what is usually is because she donated her time as well as some of the flowers.

Highway: HS Granter has completed Red Wing Rd and Church St and is now working on Hayesburg Rd.

**Old Business...**

Brant Lake Watershed Grant: Brant Lake Association has agreed to make a donation of almost \$9,000 towards the Brant Lake Watershed Grant.

**New Business...**

**Schroon Watershed Aquatic Invasive Species Program Grant Application:**

Supervisor Smith received information from Ethan Gaddy, Warren County Planning, about a grant opportunity for the Schroon Watershed Aquatic Invasive Species Program. She noted that Chestertown and Schroon Lake have both approved this, and it will allow the towns to continue the steward program.

**RESOLUTION #110-2021**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 110 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon recognizes the immense environmental, community, and economic value of clean and healthy waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board recently participated in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to assist with the recently updated Schroon Lake Watershed Management Plan and the Upper Hudson River Watershed Management Plan, both of which emphasize the need to protect waterways from aquatic invasive species, and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby resolve to support the submission of an application for a multi-year grant program that will continue ongoing milfoil eradication efforts, help fund boat stewards and decontamination stations, and explore new boat decontamination strategies and technologies,

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with the understanding that the Town's share of the required match will not exceed \$18,000 annually over the course of two years.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Geraci, Palmer, Smith) Nays: 0

**Privilege of the Floor...** No comments

**Executive Session...**

Councilperson Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hill, to go into Executive Session to discuss the collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, all in favor. The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:26 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:48 PM and Councilperson Geraci made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to return to Regular Session, all in favor. Collective bargaining negotiations were discussed, no decisions were made.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Palmer, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk