

HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2022
7:00 PM

Present at meeting:	Michael N. Geraci	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilperson
	Rob Hill	Councilperson
	Robert Olson	Councilperson
	Peter Palmer	Councilperson
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: Assessor Christine Hayes, HS Darian Granger, ZA Matthew Magee, Barb French, Matt Wood, Mary Ann Hill, Rich and Joanne Nawrot, and John Robinson.

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

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH...

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson R. 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 - Septic variance request at 11 Chippewa Loop / Robinson / #71.12-1-19:

-John Robinson, applicant, explained that he will be doing a partial re-build on his home which will result in a total of five bedrooms in the house, therefore he needs to increase the septic accordingly in order to be in compliance. His existing system is a seepage pit, and he is proposing to put the septic down from the house and put the leech field in the common ground of the association property (Mr. Robinson's property is part of the Chippewa Association). He said he is requesting an approximate variance of 2' 2" to the driveway. He noted the specs are all listed in the application documents provided to the Board.

-Councilperson Olson asked why the application does not include a plot plan from the engineer; Mr. Robinson said the site plan is included in the application. Mr. Olson said he wants a set of stamped plans from the engineer which show the detail of the proposed system including the size of the leech field, etc.. Mr. Robinson explained where the various information is in the application. Mr. Olson also asked Mr. Robinson if he owns the "common ground" where he is proposing to put the leech field. Mr. Robinson said everyone in the HOA "owns" the common ground.

-Councilperson Palmer said he feels the application is too vague because everything is approximate and he needs to have more information. He said they have never received an application that did not have a set of stamped plans and did not list the flow rate, etc..

-Mr. Robinson said all of this information is listed on the application that was prepared by the engineer, and he pointed out where the information is in the application.

-Councilperson Palmer said that according to the septic regulations you cannot pump a septic under a roadway to a leech field; Mr. Robinson said he was not aware of that. Mr. Palmer then asked Mr. Robinson how many gallons per person per day the system can handle. Mr. Robinson said it is designed for 550 gallons per day design flow.

-Councilperson Olson said a five-bedroom home on this small of a location is a severe variance and he is not comfortable with what has been presented for an application. He said there are normally stamped plans from an engineer which this application does not have. Mr. Olson said he feels the application is inadequate and he wants more information. Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Olson what additional information he would like. Mr. Olson said he wants a set of stamped plans from a qualified engineer showing what is going in the ground. Mr. Robinson said the application was prepared by an engineer.

-Councilperson Palmer said nothing shows what the leech field consists of.

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-ZA Magee said the application shows the property, the leech field, the perc test, design flow, etc., just like other applications that have been approved before. He noted the only variance needed for this proposal is to the property line. He added that the proposed is a major upgrade from the existing seepage pit.

-Supervisor Geraci asked the Board to let Mr. Robinson know exactly what they want to see.

-Councilperson R. Hill asked ZA Magee if this can be pumped under the roadway; ZA Magee said from what he found this can go under the road. Mr. Hill asked Mr. Robinson if there were any objections from the other homeowners in the HOA. Mr. Robinson said he sent an email to the HOA members about his plan and has received no objections. Mr. Hill asked Mr. Robinson to provide something in writing to this effect. Mr. Robinson asked if that was a requirement because anyone with objections would be able to come to the public hearing if he understands correctly. Mr. Hill said because of the situation with the common ground he would feel more comfortable having something in writing from the HOA.

-Supervisor Geraci asked Mr. Robinson if he would expect members of the HOA to attend the public hearing; Mr. Robinson said he does not expect any of them to attend. Mr. Robinson also said there are other seepage pits in the common property, and when those need to be upgraded they will have nowhere else to put their leech fields except in the common ground. Supervisor Geraci asked ZA Magee if there is any requirement to get written approval from the members of the HOA; ZA Magee said this would be something the Town attorney could answer, however, the HOA members will be receiving the notice of public hearing for this variance request.

-Supervisor Geraci asked the Board members if they had any other questions; there were no questions.

RESOLUTION #73-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson F. Hill introduced Res. No. 73 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, does hereby set a public hearing for a septic variance request at 11 Chippewa Loop (tax map #71.12-1-19), pending receipt of engineered stamped plans, for Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, F. Hill, R. Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson F. Hill, to go back into regular session. The Board moved back into **regular session** at 7:18 PM.

REGULAR MEETING...

Approval of Minutes... Minutes of March 17, 2022 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, R. Hill, F. Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

Financial Report - April 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #74-2022

Councilperson F. Hill Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 74 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 14, 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#4	\$ 41,066.30
Highway Vouchers	#4	\$ 100,574.89

Ayes: 5 (F. Hill, Olson, R. Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

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Correspondence to the Board:

- Rachel Crouthamel RE: Request to waive 30 day waiting period for liquor license for the General Store
- APA RE: Letter of determination on the Letts septic variance

RESOLUTION #75-2022

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 75 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO WAIVE 30-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby waive the 30-day advance notice requirement for the General Store LLC in regard to their application to the NYS Liquor Authority for their business.

Reports: Town Clerk, Justice, Assessor, Zoning, Tax Collector, NWEMS, Landfill, Historian, Food Pantry

Supervisor’s Report March 18 – April 13, 2022:

DATE	ACTIVITY
03/18	WC Board of Supervisors Meeting
03/21	WC Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
03/22	WC Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
03/24	Meeting with WC Planning and Community Development. GPS Invasive Species Mapping Project
03/24	Meeting with Horicon Highway Superintendent
03/24	Diversity Development online seminar
03/25	Meeting with President of Brant Lake Association
03/28	WC Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
03/29	Grant preparation online seminar
03/29	WC ARPA meeting
03/29	North Warren Chamber meeting for special events
03/29	Meeting with security camera rep in reference to a Town Hall system
03/30	Meeting with Brant Lake Association ref ARPA
03/30	WC Office of Planning and Community Development online seminar on new GPS mapping program for milfoil tracking
03/31	WC Board of Supervisors 2nd monthly meeting and sub-committee meetings
04/01	NYS DMV Distracted Driving press event
04/04	Meetings with WC Sheriff rep regarding traffic safety issues on Rt. 8 in the area of Mill Pond
04/06-07	NYS DMV & State Police Traffic Safety Conference, Syracuse, NY
04/08	Tri-Lakes Committee Meeting
04/11	WC Department-head Goals status meeting
04/11	NYS Road Salt Reduction Task Force Meeting
04/13	Monthly Town Hall Staff Meeting
04/13	CPR Training for Town Employees
04/13	American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Public Information Meeting

Town Board Committee Reports:

1) Town Board Member Robert Olson - Activity Report March 18 to April 14:

DATE	ACTIVITY
March 22	Attended ZBA meeting. The area variance for Robinson was resolved after negotiations with neighbors. ZBA handled the compromise well.
April 13	Attended Town Board ARPA Informational meeting and heard proposals from seven organizations was very pleased with the ideas.
April 14	Interviewed applicant for Beautification along with Rob Hill. Reviewed Librarian compensation.
April 14	Attended Town Board meeting.
Incidental meetings	Zoning Administrator – enforcement action Bookkeeper – Librarian compensation Library BOT President - Compensation

2) Town Board Member Robert Hill - Activity Report March 18 to April 14:

DATE	ACTIVITY
March 21	Contacted Chris Powers at DEC. New boat launch sign will be up by end of April (or by Memorial Day weekend). Curb stops will be replaced as well.
March 24	Met with Paul at Garnet signs and drew up a list of proposed signage for use in Town Hall. Garnet Signs will provide the Town with a quote.
March 29th	Chris powers of DEC Fisheries and Aquatics will be available for the De-icer informational meeting - mostly to observe and hear concerns.
March 29th	Worked with Crosscut Construction to install new lighting and fan at the Heintzelman.
APR 5th	Received grave flags. Working with American Legion to find a date to replace all flags at both Chestertown and Horicon cemeteries.
APR 13th	Talked with Nikki Rising about community garden; discussed a 2yr approach. This year - work on making the lot usable by cutting down old trees and possibly put flowers in for now when sign posts are not in use. Next year - put lot to work if speeding issue is resolved.
APR 13th	Met with Matt Strickland of Great Brant Lake Canoe race. He would like assistance with traffic control and safety precautions for the day of the race (AUG13th). He will also have vendors available to let people try different canoes.

In addition, Councilperson R. Hill that work has begun to get everything opened up for the busy season.

3) Town Board Member Frank Hill:

- He has been around all the roads in town and they have all been swept.
- Highway Superintendent Granger has been hauling a lot of gravel for work on Johnson Road.

4) Town Board Member Pete Palmer - Activity Report March 17 to April 1:

DATE	ACTIVITY
March 17	Met at Landfill regarding alternate.
March 18	Met with Tim Meade regarding Landfill
March 21	Made copies at Town Hall of bathroom layout in Adirondack.
March 23	Met with Brian Johnson about bathroom at Adirondack ballfield. Called Greg Sales and Bill Millington for estimates to build bathroom.
March 30	Met with Greg Sales about bathroom. Met with Angie Mead about church. Talked to Mark Carpenter about de-icer insurance.
April 1	Discussed Landfill / bottle redemption contract

In addition, Councilperson Palmer reported on the following:

- He has three quotes coming for the bathrooms in Adirondack. He said Jason Hill will be doing the plumbing and the Highway Department will be doing the concrete.
- He had wanted to change the Zoning Ordinance to give the Zoning Administrator the authority to inspect and approve projects that have been issued a Zoning Compliance Certificate before the homeowner gets the CO from the County. Councilperson Palmer said the Attorney feels the Zoning Administrator already has the authority to do this, but it has just never been used.

Supervisor Geraci added that the Town is also discussing building regular bathrooms for Brant Lake.

Resolutions:

Councilpersons Olson and F. Hill introduced Resolutions #76 - #81 and moved their adoption:

Ayes: 5 (Olson, F. Hill, R. Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #76-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF AED

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the purchase of a new AED from CardiacLife at a cost of \$1,096.95.

RESOLUTION #77-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CPR TRAINING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Town employees to participate in a CPR/AED training class taught by Corinna Woods at a cost of \$25.00 per person.

RESOLUTION #78-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH YMCA ADIRONDACK CENTER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with YMCA Adirondack Center for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for community services to the Town and its residents. Funds are to be taken from A7310.4.

RESOLUTION #79-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REPAIRS AND PAINTING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize repairs and painting of the offices in the Community Center by Andy Frasier at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00.

RESOLUTION #80-2022

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Claudia Librett, Leona Denny, Roselynn Denny, and Owen Librett as lifeguards to cover the Brant Lake beach and the Adirondack beach on a rotating schedule for the 2022 summer season at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. The Brant Lake beach will be open every day from 11:00am – 6:00pm and the Adirondack beach will be open 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Thursday through Monday.

RESOLUTION #81-2022

RESOLUTION TO HIRE BOAT STEWARDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Mikayla Clench-Matteo and Devin Clench-Matteo as Boat Stewards at a pay rate of \$13.66 per hour.

Old Business:

Beautification Laborer position: Councilperson R. Hill said two applications were received for the Beautification Laborer position and he and Councilperson Olson interviewed one candidate; they have tried contacting the second candidate several times with no response. Councilperson R. Hill said he and Councilperson Olson ask that the application process remain open for another three months. Councilperson Olson agreed and made a motion to hire.

RESOLUTION #82-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 82 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE BEAUTIFICATION LABORER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Shane Westerkamp as Beautification Laborer at the pay rate of \$15.25 per hour to start Monday, April 25, 2022.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, R. Hill, F. Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

Supervisor Geraci confirmed with councilperson R. Hill that Rob Wallace will start work on Monday April 18th.

Route 8 traffic safety update: Supervisor Geraci explained that the pedestrian safety issue on Route 8 by the Post Office is being researched. He said they have met with NYS DOT and he has met with the Warren County Sheriff's Department. He said the Warren County Sheriff's Department is going to set up a device to collect data on the speed of vehicles traveling through this particular section of road.

ZBA Committee member attendance:

RESOLUTION #83-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 83 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE ZBA ALTERNATE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does remove first Alternate Brian Logan from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately, due to his violation of the ZBA and Planning Board Attendance Policy.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Palmer, F. Hill, R. Hill, Geraci) Nays: 0

Landfill update: Barb French said Family Tire Recovery will be taking the tires at the Landfill. She said they charge \$3.50 per tire for truck tires, \$5.00 per tire for 18" tires and over, and \$1.17 per tire for car tires. The Town will make a little money because they do charge the customers to dispose of the tires. Barb said the company will pick up every two weeks prior to the Board meeting so they will be paid on the monthly Abstract.

New Business:

New Printer/Copier/Scanners: Supervisor Geraci said several quotes have been received for a new color printer/copier/scanner for the Secretary to the Supervisor's office and a new printer/copier/scanner for the Town Clerk's office as the old machines are obsolete. He reviewed the quotes which listed options for both purchasing the machines or leasing them. One quote came in lower, however, based on the service and reliability of the Ricoh machine the recommendation is to choose the Ricoh machine. He asked the Board for their decision.

RESOLUTION #84-2022

Councilperson R. Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 84 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW PRINTER/COPIER/SCANNERS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the purchase of a new color printer/copier/scanner (IMC3000) for the Secretary to the Supervisor's office at a price of \$5,801.00, and a new printer/copier/scanner (IM550F) for the Town Clerk's office at a price of \$2,200.00 from Ricoh.

Ayes: 5 (R. Hill Olson, Palmer, F. Hill, Geraci) Nays: 0

ARPA re-cap: Supervisor Geraci said the Board had a meeting the previous night to review the ARPA funds the Town has received and the allowed uses for that money. He said the Town could use the money solely for Town projects but the Board felt it was important to help local community organizations as well. He said Warren County has also received money and they are holding public meetings to see where the money can best be allocated. Supervisor Geraci said they received applications from the Horicon Volunteer Fire Department, Horicon Historical Society, North Warren EMS, Chester-Horicon Youth Commission, North Country Ministry, and the Brant Lake Association. Supervisor Geraci said the Board will re-convene to decide how the monies might be distributed and the amounts if any.

Bottle Redemption: Supervisor Geraci said there is a need to change bottle redemption companies due to issues over the last couple of months with the company the Town was using.

RESOLUTION #85-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson F. Hill introduced Res. No. 85 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH NICKEL BACK BOTTLE REDEMPTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize a contract with Nickel Back Bottle Redemption for the bottles and cans from the Landfill.

Ayes: 5 (R. Hill, Olson, Palmer, F. Hill, Geraci) Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor...

-Rich Nawrot expressed his unhappiness with the amount of litter and bottles/cans on East Schroon River Road. He contacted Warren County about the issue but has not received a call back. He said the number of bottles and cans is also an indication that there are a lot of drunks on the road, but the Town gets very little coverage from the Warren County Sheriff's Department to address this. Mr. Nawrot said he feels the Town gets very little service from Warren County for all the taxes they pay. He asked the Board to first contact Warren County DPW to clean up the litter, and second to contact the Sheriff's Department to request more coverage in town. Supervisor Geraci said he will check on this. Supervisor Geraci said he also had similar feelings, however, now that he is involved with the County he realizes all the services Warren County does provide that people are not aware of. Mr. Nawrot disagreed and said he feels the Town does not really get any service. Supervisor Geraci said he would not debate the issue but assured Mr. Nawrot that the County does, in fact, provide many services.

-Supervisor Geraci noted a couple of events coming up:

-Food Truck Fridays will be starting July 1st and run through September 2nd with fireworks on Sept 2nd.

-Adirondack Woofstock will be June 4th and 5th with a portion of the event being held in Brant Lake on June 5th.

-On August 20th and 21st Itsuzo Sumy's photography collection will be on display in Chestertown. He had thousands of pictures of Horicon and Chestertown.

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- On June 29th at 7:00 pm the Town Board will hold an informational meeting on De-Icing systems.
- There are also covid test kits and masks available at the Town Hall.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Krista Wood, Town Clerk