

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

Also Present: MaryAnn Hill, Kayla Carlozzi, Bob and Sylvia Smith, Kathy Hill, John Dunn, Ed Sim, and others.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 13, 2022 ARPA informational meeting were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill, all Ayes.

Discussion on ARPA applications:

Supervisor Geraci explained this meeting is a follow-up to the April 13th informational meeting. He said Ethan Gaddy, of the Warren County Planning Department, has reviewed the applications and feel they all qualify. Supervisor Geraci added that all of the proposals are very valuable to the community. He explained to the Board that the goal of this meeting is to get a consensus and decision on how best to award the ARPA funds. He noted the funds need to be awarded by 2024 and spent by 2026; the funds are considered spent once they are awarded to the applicants. He also said the Town will have an agreement with each organization to ensure the money is spent as requested and awarded. Supervisor Geraci then reviewed the seven applications briefly and asked the Board members for their thoughts and recommendations. There were no comments.

Supervisor Geraci said he has reviewed the applications and offered his recommendations to the Board for consideration. He recommends the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission, Horicon Historical Society, North Country Ministry, and the NWEMS be funded fully. He said the other applications cannot be fully funded but recommends awarding \$35,000 each to the Brant Lake Association and Horicon Fire Department. Supervisor Geraci said he researched other funds for the proposed Town of Horicon projects but there is nothing available. He is proposing the Town use \$26,000 for proposed projects and hold the remaining \$12,640.61 in reserve for future unknown costs. He asked the Board for comments on the proposed awards.

Councilperson Rob Hill said he feels all the applicants are very deserving and would like to fund all of them but, unfortunately, that is not possible. He said he feels Supervisor Geraci's recommendations are very fair and reasonable.

Councilperson Frank Hill said he agrees.

Councilperson Olson said he feels Supervisor Geraci's recommendations are very good; no one has been left out and the recommendations treat all applicants fairly.

Councilperson Palmer said everyone gets something. He likes the idea of the having the agreement so the money is used correctly. He said he is in favor of the reserve.

Supervisor Geraci noted that Warren County received \$12 million in ARPA funds and encouraged all applicants to reach out to them for additional funds. He then asked if there were any questions from the audience.

John Dunn of the Brant Lake Association, Ed Sim of the NWEMS, Sylvia Smith of the Horicon Historical Society, and Kayla Carlozzi of the North Country Ministry were all in attendance and individually expressed their appreciation to the Town Board for their support.

Supervisor Geraci noted the Town currently has half of the funds and the remaining funds are expected in June. He said some of the projects have potentially higher priority so those will be funded first. The agreements will be forthcoming.

Supervisor Geraci asked for a motion to award the ARPA funds.

RESOLUTION #86-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 86 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD ARPA FUNDS TO CHESTER-HORICON YOUTH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby award ARPA funds in the amount of \$2,000 to the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission for the purchase of new equipment.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Palmer, F. Hill, Geraci) Abstain: 1 (R. Hill) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #87-2022

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 87 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD ARPA FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby award the ARPA funds as follows:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>For purpose of:</u>
Brant Lake Association	\$ 35,000.00	Milfoil control
Horicon Fire Department	\$ 35,000.00	Safety equipment and capital improvements
Horicon Historical Society	\$ 7,000.00	Website, social media, and capital
improvements		
North Warren EMS	\$ 15,000.00	Paramedic training, new ambulance
North Country Ministry	\$ 5,000.00	Horicon case worker costs
Town of Horicon	\$ 26,000.00	Technology upgrades, security system, bridge
repairs		
Town of Horicon	\$ 12,640.61	Reserve for future use

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

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk