

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 19, 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 Present: ZA Matthew Magee, Assessor Christine Hayes, HS Darian Granger, Barb French, Chris Belden, John Robinson, Bob and Sylvia Smith, and Mary Ann Hill.

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 F. 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.

Septic variance request at 7586 State Rt 8 / Brant Lake Camp / #55.-2-14:

-Nick Berlin of Cedarwood Engineering presented the proposal to install a new septic system which will serve a new dance studio building. They are asking for a variance of 10' from the absorption field to the building foundation.

Councilperson Olson asked if the application includes all the necessary documentation; ZA Magee said it does.

RESOLUTION #88-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 88 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO DEEM APPLICATION COMPLETE AND 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 Cedarwood Engineering PLLC for a septic variance at 7586 State Rt 8 (tax map #55.-2-14) complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

Septic variance request at 11 Chippewa Loop / Robinson / tax map #71.12-1-19 continued:

Supervisor Geraci asked the Board if they had any comments or questions on the proposed application.

Councilperson Rob Hill thanked Mr. Robinson for the letter from the Homeowner's association and said he is satisfied with the proposed project.

Councilperson Olson said he agrees and noted there is no reason to tie this up with legal requirements.

Councilperson Palmer asked what was going to be done with the old septic; Mr. Robinson said it will be removed.

RESOLUTION #89-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 89 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO DEEM APPLICATION COMPLETE

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 Consultant Engineering Services PLLC for a septic variance at 11 Chippewa Loop (tax map #71.12-1-19) complete.

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

Public Hearing for septic variance request at 11 Chippewa Loop / Robinson / tax map #71.12-1-19:

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing for a septic variance request at 11 Chippewa Loop, tax map #71.12-1-19, at 7:05 pm.

Mr. Robinson briefly explained the proposal again and noted that all of the recommendations made by Cedarwood Engineering have been incorporated into the plans.

Councilperson Olson asked Mr. Robinson if he has complied with all of Cedarwood's recommendations; Mr. Robinson said they are in compliance with all of Cedarwood's recommendations.

There being no further comment, Motion made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson R. Hill to close the public hearing. Public hearing was closed at 7:10 pm

RESOLUTION #90-2022

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 90 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 11 CHIPPEWA LOOP IN BRANT LAKE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Consultant Engineering Services PLLC (project #0017579), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for an alternative septic system at 11 Chippewa Loop, Brant Lake (Tax Map #71.12-1-19) because the strict application of the minimum setback requirements, or the minimum lot size requirement, would result in a specified practical difficulty to the applicant. Further, the alternative proposed would not be materially detrimental to the purpose of this regulation, or to the property or natural resources in the area in or near the site of the proposed individual sewage disposal system, or otherwise conflict with the description, purpose, or the objectives of any plan or policy of the Town, and that the alternative proposed is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specified practical difficulty as found by the Board to affect the applicant.

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

There being no further comments Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Palmer, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:11 PM.

Regular Meeting:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 14, 2022 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill, all Ayes.

Approval of May 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #91-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 91 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MAY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the May 19, 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	5	\$ 39,707.63
Highway Abstract	5	\$ 36,271.84

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

Correspondence to the Board:

- Neil Brandmaier RE: Letter of resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals

Reports... Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice, Assessor, Zoning, and Historian

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Supervisor Geraci asked Assessor Hayes to update the Board on the results of the reval. Assessor Hayes said the reval is complete and Grievance Day is May 24th. She said although she expected quite a few appointments because of the reval she only has sixteen. She said the reval added about \$155 million to Section 1 of the tax roll and raised the total assessed value for the Town of Horicon to approximately \$848 million.

Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report April 14 – May 19, 2022

04/14	Horicon Town Board Meeting
04/18	Lake George Regional Convention Bureau
04/18	Horicon Library Board
04/18	Adirondack Broadband Monthly meeting
04/18	NYS Budget Webinar
04/18	Horicon Historical Society
04/19	National Grid Community Leaders
04/20	National Grid Community Leaders
04/19-21	Several meetings with Warren County Director of Emergency Services ref weather emergency
04/21	Adirondack Broadband Alliance
04/21	Warren County Administrator
04/25	Warren County BOS Committee meetings
04/26	Warren County BOS Committee meetings
04/26	Demo-Texting program / community notifications
04/27	Meeting with Health Benefit Broker / Review of Health Benefits
04/29	Prep meeting for Brant Lake Canoe Race – August 13
04/29	Warren County Crime Victims Ceremony
04/29	Meeting with Adirondack – Glens Falls Transportation Council ref pedestrian safety area of the Mill Pond
05/02	Adirondack Health Clean-Air Council ref updated tobacco/smoke free policy
05/03	Warren County BOS Committee meetings
05/03	Meeting with Highway Superintendent and Council Member Palmer ref road repair plans
05/03	Meeting with Supervisor Leggett ref various issues
05/04	NW Chamber of Commerce meeting
05/04	Meeting with TextmyGov representatives ref emergency notification system for Town residents
05/05	Warren County Board of Supervisors sub-committees and full Board meeting
05/06	Meeting with Chestertown Supervisor, NWEMS Board Chair and Word of Life reps ref need for new Ambulance for NWEMS
05/06	Meeting with Warren County DPW Superintendent, Horicon Highway Superintendent and Council Member Palmer ref to several highway issues Town wide
05/09	Meeting Woofstock Revisited event committee
05/09	Horicon Museum / Adirondack Church Tour / Heintzelman Condition Assessments
05/09	Horicon Historical Society meeting
05/10	Warren County ARPA
05/11	Town Hall staff meeting
05/12	Meeting on animal control local ordinances

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05/13	Tri-Lakes Council Meeting
05/13	Meeting with National Grid and WC Emergency Services ref snowstorm de-brief
05/13	ARPA follow-up meeting with WC Asst. Planner and Town Clerk
05/16	Meeting with Warren-Washington County IDA Executive Director
05/16	Introductory meeting with Horicon Boat Stewards
05/17	Warren County BOS Legislative Rules and Gov't Operations Committee meetings
05/17	Meeting with representative ref Town Hall technology upgrades
05/17	Adirondack Broadband monthly meeting
05/17	Prep for WC Public Safety committee meeting with WC Sheriff and Undersheriff
05/17	Meeting with Northern Rivers Services ref WC mental health emergency services
05/18	North Warren Chamber of Commerce meeting
05/19	ARPA funding award decision meeting
05/19	Town Board Meeting

Town Board Committee Reports:

1) Town Board Member Bob Olson - Activity Report April 14 to May 19:

DATE	ACTIVITY
April 18	Attended meeting
April 18	Set public hearing on Robinson septic variance. Report on ARPA meeting
April 21	Visited bridge replacement sited on Palisades – no activity
April 27	Mtg with Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Bookkeeper re: Librarian's compensation
April 27	Met with Don Butler to coordinate Horicon for Woolstock and set up next meeting
May 2	Meeting with Library Chair re: Librarian's compensation
May 3	ZBA dismissal
May 4	ZBA dismissal
May 11	Supervisor's staff meeting
May 16	Meeting with ZA re: Robinson septic variance
May 17	ZBA meeting
May 18	Site visit to Robinson residence 11 Chippewa Loop

2) Town Board Member Pete Palmer - Activity Report April 13 to May 19:

DATE	ACTIVITY
April 13	Town Hall / Employee meeting Town Hall / public info meeting
April 23	Dam inspection
April 24	Landfill / construction

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May 3	Met with Mike and Darian / road funding for Johnson Rd
May 6	Met with Mike, Darian, Kevin Hajos - Warren County road shoulder repair
May 11	Met with Rob at Firehouse / Wayne Monroe and Scott Hayes funding requisition
May 15	Landfill – checked on new employee
Additional Items:	
Adirondack Bathrooms	Asked for three estimates and has only heard back from one. Waiting for an estimate from Brian Johnson who will do the work for free. Brian is also working with Curtis Lumber who will donate the materials at their cost. Darian will start the concrete slab at the end of next month.
BTI program	He and Frank have promised a lot of people they would look into a new BTI program. They have researched a program but the prices are just too high. He was told he should talk to Kathy Vanselow about a program. He noted there were issues with her in the past, he does not know what the issues were, but it does not matter because that is in the past. He said Kathy wants to meet with the Supervisor and a Board member in the next month or two to discuss this. He said if the Board wants to entertain this idea then he will go from there.

2) Town Board Member Rob Hill - Activity Report April 13 to May 19:

DATE	ACTIVITY
Apr 29	Met with Supervisor Geraci, Kris O’Conner of Camp Read and Matt Strickland to discuss The Great Brant Lake Canoe Race. Date, time, and several requirements were covered.
May 3	Visited all Horicon cemeteries to check on conditions and to identify any severe storm damage. (Underwood had fence damage)
May 4	Councilman Palmer and I attended a walkthrough of Horicon Fire Department with Chief Hayes and Horicon VFD Board member Wayne Monroe. Extensive walkthrough that highlighted advanced capabilities, and some only available through this FD for the northern region of NY. Also highlighted needs for updated equipment and facilities.
May 7	Worked with American Legion to get grave flags and markers on all veteran sites.

May 9	Inspection of Athletic fields completed. (ADK need fencing fixed, Horicon has gate ordered and needs outer fence fixed.)
May 12	Attended Memorial Day Parade meeting. All town officials are invited. Will take place May 30 th in Pottersville. Gerald Contois (AKA Frawg) will be the Grand Marshall.
May 16	Met with town historian to discuss options and ways to better display and make public the Heintzelman Library. Further discussion on maintenance issues.

Town Board Member Frank Hill said Town Board Member Palmer has picked up a lot of his responsibilities in his absence and he thanked Pete for that.

Resolutions:

Councilpersons F. Hill and Olson introduced Resolutions #92- #96 and moved their adoption:

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

RESOLUTION #92-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Mike Geraci to attend the AATV Membership Meeting in Lake Placid June 6, 2022 at a cost of \$55.00, plus reimbursement for mileage.

RESOLUTION #93-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE WARREN COUNTY TOURIST & CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Warren County Tourist & Convention Development Agreement for their sponsorship of Food Truck Fridays in the amount of \$14,000.00.

RESOLUTION #94-2022

RESOLUTION TO AMEND NUMBERING OF LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2021 TO LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2022

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to change the number of Local Law #2 of 2021, a Local Law opting out of licensure and establishment of cannabis retail dispensaries and/or cannabis on-site consumption establishments within the Town of Horicon, to Local Law #2 of 2022 based on filing requirements.

RESOLUTION #95-2022

RESOLUTION TO SET STANDARD WORKDAY FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon hereby establish the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the official to the clerk of this body:

Name & Title	Standard Work Day	Term Begin/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System	Days/Mo.
Matthew Magee (Zoning Admin)	8	1/1/22-12/31/22	No	21.72

Krista Wood (Town Clerk)	8	1/1/22-12/31/25	No	22.38
Robert Olson (Town Board Member)	8	1/1/22-12/31/25	No	1.92

RESOLUTION #96-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ARROW AUTO GLASS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment to Arrow Auto Glass in the amount of \$304.16 for replacement of a windshield in one of the Town trucks.

Old Business...

Traffic study update: Supervisor Geraci said there were some concerns at last month's meeting about traffic and speed on Route 8 around the Mill Pond. He spoke to both the Sheriff and the State Police. He said the Sheriff, over the course of a week, placed a radar device by the lower dam that recorded data for several days. Mr. Geraci said the summary of the data showed that 81% of the drivers were at the posted speed limit or under, and 19% of the drivers were over the limit in the 36 to 45 miles per hour range.

New Business...

Agreement to Expend Highway Funds: Supervisor Geraci asked HS Granger for comments on the agreement. HS Granger said he had planned to do 1.8 miles on Johnson Road, but with material prices so high he will do as much as he can with the funds available.

RESOLUTION #97-2022

Councilperson F. Hill and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 97 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY MONIES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the 2022 Agreement to Expend Highway Monies, submitted by the Highway Superintendent, in the amount of \$574,644.00 for reconstruction on a 1.8-mile section between 237 Johnson Rd and 625 Johnson Rd.

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

Proposed Local Law #3 of 2022: Supervisor Geraci said there is a proposed Local Law regarding smoking on property owned or leased by the Town. He said the Town currently has a policy that needs to be updated to incorporate all Town properties in an effort to promote public health. Chris Bradley, of the Clear the Air in the Southern Adirondacks, addressed the Board and said his organization will provide all the signage and public education to promote healthy living. Mr. Geraci asked the Board if they want to pass a Local Law prohibiting smoking on Town property.

RESOLUTION #98-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 98 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2022

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #3 of 2022 Prohibiting the Use of Tobacco, Tobacco Products, Electronic Cigarettes, Cannabis, and Herbal Cigarettes on all Property Owned or Leased by the Town of Horicon for Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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

Chris Belden – Local Waterfront Revitalization grant: Chris Belden, Local Economic Development Coordinator, discussed a grant application for the Brant Lake Watershed Management Plan. He said he can submit a funding application for the \$75,000 grant and explained the cost to the Town for the plan would be \$18,750. Mr. Belden said the Brant Lake Association committed to paying half of that cost. Mr. Belden said the benefit of the watershed

management plan is that once it is created the Town can pursue implementation funding for many other projects. He said the grant applications are due by end of July and the grant awards will be made in December. Mr. Belden said he is optimistic the grant application will be approved.

RESOLUTION #99-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 99 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LC-LGRP B TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon ("Town") recognizes the benefits of developing a Watershed Management Plan for Brant Lake, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State ("NYSDOS") has announced the availability of funding to communities wishing to develop watershed management plans through the New York State Department of States Local Waterfront Revitalization Program ("Grant Program"), and

WHEREAS, through the Grant Program eligible communities may submit applications for projects with a 25% match requirement, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board ("LCLGRP B") will prepare an application for the Town and if awarded the LCLGRP B will assist the Town with grant administration and development of the Watershed Management Plan, and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon authorizes the LCLGRP B to submit an application to the NYSDOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to allow for the development of a Watershed Management Plan for Brant Lake.

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

ZBA Alternate vacancies:

RESOLUTION #100-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 100 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR ZBA ALTERNATES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for Zoning Board of Appeals alternate members.

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

Zoning Law amendment: Supervisor Geraci said there is a proposed amendment to the Horicon Zoning Law that would allow the Zoning Administrator to inspect projects before Warren County issues a certificate of compliance. He thanked ZA Magee and Councilperson Palmer for doing the research on this and asked the Board if they wanted to move forward with a Local Law to amend the Zoning Law.

RESOLUTION #101-2022

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 101 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING LAW

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve an amendment, by Local Law, to the Horicon Zoning Law regarding issuance of a certificate of compliance, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Privilege of the Floor...

-HS Granger said there are stockpiles of material on Johnson Road, by the tennis courts in Adirondack, and another at the Town Shed for the Johnson Road project.

-Sylvia Smith said there is a private collection of Adirondack books, owned by her cousin Randy Ellsworth, that he donated to the NWCS Library. She spoke to the School Superintendent and asked if the book collection could be brought back to the Town of Horicon and displayed in the Heintzelman Library. Mrs. Smith said some of the books date back to the 1800's. She said they have a crew that can move the books and asked the Board if they were in favor of this. The Town Board members all agreed this should be done.

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-Barb French told the Board she has been getting questions on why they cannot take brush at the Landfill. She asked if brush could either be chipped or if a spot could be designated to dump the brush. Councilperson R. Hill said he will look into it but was told the cost is quite high to get rid of it. Supervisor Geraci asked for recommendations at the next meeting.

-Supervisor Geraci made several announcements:

The Memorial Day parade will be in Pottersville

Woolstock re-visited will be having live music at The Hub from 6pm to 11pm on Saturday, June 4th.

Food Truck Fridays will start on Friday, July 1st.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk