

**HORICON TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**JUNE 16, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Mike Geraci	Supervisor
	Rob Hill	Councilperson
	Robert Olson	Councilperson
	Peter Palmer	Councilperson
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	
Absent from meeting:	Frank Hill	Councilperson

Also: Bob and Sylvia Smith, Barb French, Nikki Rising, Matt Wood, Sally Joiner, Joan Johnson, Joyce Greenidge, Assessor Christine Hayes, ZA Matthew Magee, Bret Winchip, Nicholas Bandel, Teri Schuerlein, and others.

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.

**Public Hearing - Septic Variance Request – 7586 State Rt 8 / tax map #55.-2-14 / Brant Lake Camp:**

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm and asked for comments.

Councilperson Olson said the application looks pretty straightforward.

ZA Magee said there are no issues with the proposal; it is pretty straightforward as Councilperson Olson said. He said the variance being requested is necessary but is not severe.

Nicholas Bandel, representing Cedarwood Engineering and Brant Lake Camp, said they are asking for a fifty percent reduction in the required setback which is a minor variance and poses no health risk.

**There being no further comment, Motion made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Palmer to close the public hearing. Public hearing was closed at 7:05 pm**

**RESOLUTION #102-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 102 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 7586 STATE RT 8 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 Cedarwood Engineering Services PLLC (project Brant Lake Camp), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for a new septic system at 7586 State Rt 8, Brant Lake (Tax Map #55.-2-14) 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: 4 (Palmer, Olson, R. Hill, Geraci) Absent: 1 (F. Hill) Nays: 0

**Septic variance request at 121 Grassville Rd / Willsey / #72.-1-9:**

Councilperson Olson asked if the application includes all the necessary documentation; ZA Magee said it does and said he has no concerns with the application.

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Bret Winchip, Winchip Engineering, explained the proposal to install a replacement wastewater disposal system which will serve an existing three-bedroom home. He said they will be eliminating the existing seepage pit which is only 122.5' from the owner's shallow well when 225' is required. They are requesting a variance of 0.75' for the proposed cut and fill trench system existing useable soil below system bottom where 3' is required and 2.25' is being proposed. He said he feels this is the best option.

Councilperson Olson said the application seems complete and has provided the information needed for a site visit. He recommended the application be deemed complete and a public hearing set.

**RESOLUTION #103-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 103 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 Winchip Engineering PC for a septic variance at 121 Grassville Rd (tax map #72.-1-9) complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson R. Hill, to go back into regular session. The Board moved back into **regular session** at 7:10 PM.

**Regular Session...**

**Public Hearings:**

**1) 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.**

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing on proposed Local Law #3 of 2022. He explained that the Town currently has a two-sentence policy that states there is to be no smoking on Town property. He said the Board is suggesting a much more comprehensive policy, with the intent of protecting public health, which covers all Town property as well as Town vehicles. Supervisor Geraci said they are being assisted by Clean Air in the Southern Adirondacks who will also provide signage for all town properties.

Councilperson Olson said he believes Supervisor Geraci covered the topic well. He asked if it includes vaping; Supervisor Geraci said it does. Councilman Olson noted it is a comprehensive approach.

Councilperson R. Hill said he feels this is a good step forward, noting it is always an issue at ball games. He said this not only alleviates the need for interaction between adults, but it is better for the kids.

Chris Bradley, of Clear the Air in the Southern Adirondacks, explained the background for this comprehensive policy. He noted that more and more communities are adopting these policies.

Joe Gensheimer asked why it does not just say "smoke free" rather than naming the different types. Chris said the goal is to protect the health of the public, and the wording gives leeway that allows the Town to have the conversation.

Barb French asked if people could smoke in their own vehicles on Town property. Supervisor Geraci said if the vehicle is on Town property they would not be allowed to smoke.

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Joyce Greenidge asked if there would be appropriate distance between signs. Supervisor Geraci said the signs will be very prominent and are at no cost to the town.

Nikki Rising asked what the follow-up plan will be to people smoking. Supervisor Geraci said enforcement is addressed in the proposed Local Law. He said the initial step will be notification of the policy, and can go from there up to, and including, fines or appearance in court.

Joan Johnson asked whether or not people with prescriptions for marijuana will be allowed to smoke on Town property. Chris Bradley said marijuana is complicated but that will not be allowed as the goal is to create a smoke-free area.

Supervisor Geraci summarized, noting the current policy says there will be no smoking in Town parks or recreational area. The proposed policy is very comprehensive and the intent is to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by eliminating the exposure to second hand smoke.

**There being no further comment, Motion made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Palmer to close the public hearing. Public hearing was closed at 7:20 pm**

**RESOLUTION #104-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 104 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 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**

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing regarding prohibiting the use of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, cannabis, and herbal cigarettes, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has heard all interested parties who attended the public hearing, now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt 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, and a copy of said Local Law will be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. The Board further authorizes the Clerk to file Local Law #3 of 2022 with the Secretary of State.

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

**2) Proposed Local Law #4 of 2022 amending Section 16.60 of the Town of Horicon Zoning Law**

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing for proposed Local Law #4 of 2022 and asked Councilperson Palmer if he would like to explain how it got to this point. Councilperson Palmer said he would let ZA Magee explain this.

ZA Magee said the purpose of this amendment is to give him the authority to inspect a project before Warren County issues a Certificate of Occupancy. He explained that in the past when someone obtains a building permit there has been no inspection when the project is complete to ensure the approved plans were followed. He said the inspection allows him to go in to perform final compliance checks in terms of the actual layout of the home, and with any variances issued by the ZBA or Planning Board, more specifically, but not limited to, wastewater systems. He would then issue the Zoning Compliance Certificate and they could go to the County for their Certificate of Occupancy.

Councilperson Olson said he is very impressed. He asked if the APA needs to give their approval. Supervisor Geraci said there is a letter in the Board packets from the APA notifying the Town that this amendment does not need their review or approval.

Nikki Rising asked if any other Towns are doing this. ZA Magee said there are several towns in Warren County with this stipulation and they have been doing this for some time.

**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 7:30 pm**

**RESOLUTION #105-2022**

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

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2022 AMENDING SECTION 16.60 OF THE TOWN OF HORICON ZONING LAW**

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing regarding an amendment to Section 16.60 of the Town of Horicon Zoning Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has heard all interested parties who attended the public hearing, now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt Local Law #4 of 2022 Amending Section 16.60 of the Town of Horicon Zoning Law, and a copy of said Local Law will be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. The Board further authorizes the Clerk to file Local Law #4 of 2022 with the Secretary of State.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of May 19, 2022 Town Board ARPA meeting and May 19, 2022 regular Town Board meeting were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill.

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

**Approval of June 16, 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #106-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 106 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JUNE ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the June 16, 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	6	\$ 91,933.95
Highway Abstract	6	\$ 43,295.94

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

**Correspondence to the Board...**

- YMCA RE: Letter of thanks to the Town for their support
- Adirondack Marathon RE: Request for letter of support and approval
- APA RE: Letter of notification that the Zoning Law amendment is not subject to APA review and approval

**Reports...** Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, NWEMS, Transfer Station, Library, Food Pantry, Historian, Historical Society

**Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report May 20 – June 16, 2022 – SEE ATTACHED**

**Town Board Member Reports May 19 to June 16, 2022 - SEE ATTACHED**

**Additional from Councilperson Palmer:**

Adirondack Bathrooms: Councilperson Palmer said he asked for three quotes for the bathrooms in Adirondack and only received one back over the last month. That quote was from Brian Johnson who said he will try to build the bathrooms at no cost. He said Curtis Lumber has agreed to supply the framing materials at their cost which will be

\$3,541.86. He said Darian Granger will be doing the concrete work. Councilperson Palmer said he feels \$3,541.86 is extremely reasonable to build the bathrooms.

**RESOLUTION #107-2022**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE WORK ON BATHROOMS IN ADIRONDACK**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$3,541.86 to Curtis Lumber for materials and further authorizes Brian Johnson to frame the building at no cost.

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

**Landfill Slab:** Councilperson Palmer was going to get quotes on the slab for the C&D pile at the Landfill, but Highway Superintendent Granger said he and the Highway crew will do the slab.

**RESOLUTION #108-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 108 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONCRETE WORK AT LANDFILL**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$3,716.00 for the concrete work for the C&D pile at the Landfill. Work is to be completed by the Highway Department

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

***Resolutions...***

**RESOLUTION #109-2022**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REPAIRS AND PAINTING**

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

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

**Floor cleaning:** The floors have never been stripped and cleaned nor have the carpets. Three quotes for this work were received and the lowest was from Briggs Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning.

**RESOLUTION #110-2022**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FLOOR CLEANING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the cleaning of the floors and carpets in the Community Center by Briggs Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning at a cost not to exceed \$3996.50.

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

**RESOLUTION #111-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 111 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the General Fund to record receipt of additional Occupancy Tax funds:

Increase A1113	Tax on Hotel Occupancy	\$ 15,175.34
Increase A6410.4	Special Publicity	\$ 15,175.34

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

**RESOLUTION #112-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 112 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following budget transfers in the General Fund as follows:

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<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A1990.4	Contingency	\$ 1,000.00	
A5010.4	Supt of Hwy-Contr		\$ 1,000.00
A1620.4	Buildings-Contr	\$ 3,500.00	
A7520.4	Historical Prop-Contr	\$ 1,500.00	
A7510.4	Historian-Contr		\$ 5,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION #113-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 113 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH MIKE COLVIN FOR IT SERVICES**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to sign the contract with Mike Colvin for IT consulting/management services.

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

**RESOLUTION #114-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 114 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the purchase of new laptops (through NY-NY Aggregate Hardware Buy 20-01 [PM20860 RFQ Agg Buy 20-01] contract), installation of a new security system at a cost of \$4,233.00, and installation of a projection system at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 from Mike Colvin; amounts to be taken from the ARPA fund.

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

**RESOLUTION #115-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 115 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW PHONE SYSTEM**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the purchase of a new phone system from Northeast IS, LLC at a cost of \$1,578.95; amount will be taken from the ARPA fund.

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

**RESOLUTION #116-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 116 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR ROADWAY MAINTENANCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to sign the contract with Warren County for roadway maintenance for 2022 according to the 2022 Schedule A Highway Payment Rate. Compensation to the Town of Horicon from Warren County will be in the amount of \$263,973.00 for snow and ice removal.

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

**RESOLUTION #117-2022**

Councilperson R. Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 117 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AMENDED MILEAGE ALLOWANCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend the mileage reimbursement rate for Town Officials who use their personal vehicles in the performance of their official duties in 2022 from 58.5 cents per mile to the new IRS standard mileage rate of 62.5 cents per mile effective July 1, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION #118-2022**

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 118 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ADIRONDACK MARATHON**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon authorizes the Supervisor to send a letter to NYS DOT in support of the Adirondack Marathon to be held Sunday, September 18, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION #119-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 119 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS ENTERTAINMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment from A6410.4 to the following vendors for entertainment at Food Truck Fridays to be issued on the date of performance as follows:

- July 1, 2022 - Jumping Bean Party Rental (dunk tank) - \$574.00
- July 1, 15, 29 and Aug 12, 19 - Jim Snack (magician) - \$225.00 per date
- July 1, 2022 - Willie Playmore Band / Curt Cleveland \$599.00
- July 8, 2022 – Andy Smith & Friends \$250.00
- July 29, 2022 - Warren County Ramblers - \$500.00
- August 12, 2022 - Steve Smith Band - \$650.00
- August 26, 2022 - Joe Adee & The Lug Nuts / Phillip Lanz - \$600.00
- September 2, 2022 - Prydien - \$1500.00

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

**RESOLUTION #120-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 120 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD ARPA FUNDS TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby award ARPA funds in the amount of \$2,000 to the Friends of the Library for educational and social programs for the children in Horicon.

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

**RESOLUTION #121-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 121 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ARPA RECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the ARPA Recipient Grant Agreements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that once the agreement is signed by the recipient payment will be made as follows:

Chester-Horicon Youth Comm	\$ 2,000.00	New equipment
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
Friends of the Library	\$ 2,000.00	Reserve for future use

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

**RESOLUTION #122-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 122 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO CHANGE POSITION OF SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR TO FULL-TIME**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby make the position of Secretary to the Supervisor a full-time position effective September 1, 2022.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Palmer, Geraci) Abstain: 1 (R. Hill) Absent: 1 (F. Hill) Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION #123-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 123 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO CHANGE POSITION OF FACILITY MANAGER TO FULL-TIME**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby make the position of Facility Manager a full-time position effective June 17, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION #124-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 124 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PAY RATE FOR COURT CLERK**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby increase the hourly pay rate for the Court Clerk not to exceed the 2022 budgeted amount effective June 17, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION #125-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 125 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND LIBRARY CLERK COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, the Library Clerk, Kawana Smith, was hired for, and currently works, twenty (20) hours per week, and in addition is required to attend the monthly Library Board of Trustees meetings, and

WHEREAS, the Library Clerk does not currently get compensated for the additional time spent at these meetings, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Library Clerk will be paid at her current rate of pay for the additional time spent attending the Library Board of Trustees meetings, not to exceed two hours per meeting, beginning June 20, 2022 through December 31, 2022; any additional consideration of this compensation may be addressed in the 2023 Budget.

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

**RESOLUTION #126-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 126 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LCLGRPB TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon ("Town") realizes the benefits of maintaining an up-to-date comprehensive plan and wishes to update the Town's plan which was adopted in 2010, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State ("NYSDOS") has announced the availability of funding to communities wishing to develop and/or update comprehensive plans through the Smart Growth Program Community Planning and Zoning Grant Program ("Grant Program"), and

WHEREAS, through the Grant Program eligible communities may submit applications for projects, not to exceed \$100,000 with 10% match required, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board ("LCLGRP") will prepare an application for the Town and, if awarded, the LCLGRP will assist the Town with grant administration and project delivery, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon authorizes the LCLGRP to submit an application to the Grant Program to assist the Town in developing an updated Comprehensive Plan, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town agrees to provide the required 10% local match cash contribution.

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

**RESOLUTION #127-2022**

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 127 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SEEK GRANTS FOR RESTORATION OF HISTORIC FACILITIES**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to seek grants for the restoration of historic facilities that may include a match or in-kind support if need be.

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

\*Proposed Resolution to approve the 2021 Firefighter Records Listing tabled until the July 21st meeting because all of the necessary documentation the Fire Department is required to submit to the Town Board for review has not been received. The records cannot be certified, according to NYS Law, until the Fire Department provides the necessary documentation.

**Old Business...**

*Update on NWEMS special tax district:* Supervisor Geraci said he met with Supervisor Leggett and Town Counsel Bob Hafner to discuss the feasibility of moving forward with a special EMS tax district and it looks very promising. He explained briefly what a special tax district would mean. He said that in the 2022 budget the Town gave the NWEMS about \$120,000; the Town of Chester gave them about \$200,000. It costs the Squad about \$700,000 to operate, they receive some money back from patient services, but this still leaves a shortfall. Supervisor Geraci said what they (Horicon and Chester) are looking to do is formalize what they give the Squad. So, instead of this money coming out of the General fund there would be a dedicated fund specific for EMS services just like the Town does with the Fire Department. The money would be removed from the General fund budget and instead come out of a specific EMS line item; there would be very minimal or no increase in taxes. There is nothing saying this will happen, but the Town may be moving in this direction. Councilperson Olson said he does not see any other option and supports moving forward with this.

**RESOLUTION #128-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 128 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN OF CHESTER TOWN BOARD**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a joint meeting with the Town Board of the Town of Chester for Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Horicon Community Center.

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

**New Business...**

*Museum staff opening:* The Clerk advertised for part-time Museum staff and two applications were received.

**RESOLUTION #129-2022**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 129 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE MUSEUM STAFF**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Dan Smith and Paige Smith as part-time Museum staff at the pay rate of \$15 per hour.

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

*Memorial Day 2023:* Supervisor Geraci noted that the 2023 Memorial Day parade will be held in Horicon, and he would like to form a committee to plan this. Rob Hill will be the head of the Committee so anyone that would like to volunteer can contact Rob.

**Privilege of the Floor...**

-Sylvia Smith had a question on the bathrooms being built in Adirondack. She said they decided that the porta johns were much more cost effective for the two months out of the year that they are used. She thought they were going to make a plan to build bathrooms in both Adirondack and Brant Lake, fix the sidewalks, and to prioritize what was going to be done first. She noted there is a lot more use for bathrooms in Brant Lake, and the Board had already discussed holding off on the Adirondack bathroom project until 2023. She said she does not feel the bathrooms in Adirondack are a priority when there are other more important projects that need to be done like the sidewalks, bathrooms in Brant Lake, or the garage out behind the Town Hall. She said the Board needs to look at the big picture and prioritize the projects that are the most important; it is the need not the want. Councilperson R. Hill said he is

working on a master list to prioritize projects in the town. He said they are trying not to do too many at once but instead to develop a plan and budget for next year. Supervisor Geraci said the Town has submitted capital project requests to Warren County for the sidewalks and for bathrooms in Brant Lake in hopes of getting some funding for these projects. He agreed with Mrs. Smith that projects need to be prioritized, and said these projects are legitimate requests that are not forgotten or disregarded.

-Nikki Rising presented the Town Board with a plaque from the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission thanking the Town for their support of the for girls' youth Hurricanes for the 2022 season.

**Announcements...**

-Supervisor Geraci noted that June 28<sup>th</sup> is Primary day and anyone looking for information can contact Warren County Board of Elections.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk

## Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report

May 20 – June 16, 2022

<b>05/20</b>	<b>Warren County Board of Supervisors (BOS) 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting</b>
<b>05/21</b>	<b>Brant Lake Association Meeting</b>
<b>05/21</b>	<b>Adirondack Lodges Association Meeting</b>
<b>05/22</b>	<b>North Country Ministry / Helpers Friend / Fund Raising event in Chestertown</b>
<b>05/23</b>	<b>Warren County BOS sub-Committee meetings</b>
<b>05/24</b>	<b>Warren County BOS sub-Committee meetings</b>
<b>05/24</b>	<b>Food Truck Friday's Committee Meeting</b>
<b>05/25</b>	<b>Meeting with Town of Chester Supervisor ref mutual projects</b>
<b>05/25</b>	<b>North Warren EMS Board Meeting ref EMS Tax District</b>
<b>05/26</b>	<b>North Warren Chamber of Commerce Event</b>
<b>05/26</b>	<b>Meeting with Town Hall solar panels rep ref status of the operating system</b>
<b>05/30</b>	<b>Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Pottersville and Adirondack Memorial Service</b>
<b>05/31</b>	<b>Meeting with Town Hall Boiler Inspector, mandatory repair is needed</b>
<b>05/31</b>	<b>Meeting with Director of Lake Champlain / Lake George Regional Planning ref to grant opportunities for historical buildings, infrastructure and pedestrian safety</b>

<b>06/02</b>	<b>Warren County BOS Meeting and Sub-Committee meetings</b>
<b>06/04-05</b>	<b>Attended Woofstock and Woodstock events</b>
<b>06/06</b>	<b>Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages meeting in Lake Placid</b>
<b>06/07</b>	<b>Meeting with representatives of Friends of the Library regarding rejuvenating programs</b>
<b>06/07</b>	<b>Attended Complete Streets Webinar ref pedestrian and bicycle safety</b>
<b>06/07</b>	<b>Meeting with Horicon Historical Society President and Treasurer</b>
<b>06/08</b>	<b>Meeting with Assemblyman Matt Simpson</b>
<b>06/13</b>	<b>Meeting with Town of Chester Supervisor and our legal counsel ref creation of an EMS Tax District</b>
<b>06/13</b>	<b>Horicon Historical Society meeting</b>
<b>06/14</b>	<b>Warren County BOS ARPA meeting</b>
<b>06/15</b>	<b>Horicon Town Hall Staff Meeting</b>
<b>06/15</b>	<b>Warren County BOS bi-monthly meeting</b>
<b>06/16</b>	<b>Town Board Meeting</b>

**Town Board Member Robert Hill**  
**Activity Report 20MAY-16JUN 2022**

**DATE**

**ACTIVITY**

26 MAY 2022	Attended North Warren Chamber of Commerce VIP and Business of the year.
30 MAY 2022	Attended Memorial Day event in Pottersville (in both capacity as Town Councilman and American Legion member)
30 MAY 2022	Site visits to both Adirondack (South Schroon Lake) and Horicon boat launches to check on conditions, cleanliness, and amount of use.
6 JUN 2022	Met with Historian to discuss the possibilities of ADK book collection being moved to Heintzleman Library. Came up with a list of questions that need to be addressed before moving forward.
15 JUN 2022	Followed up with Paul from Garnet signs to get finalized quote for signage needed around town hall.
15 JUN 2022	Met with DEC to discuss a possible process and compensation for Horicon to provide mowing and cleaning services at the two boat launches. They cannot currently service these locations as required and we are still waiting to get the signs fixed.

**TOWN BOARD MEMBER ROBERT E. OLSON**

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

**05/19/2022 - 06/16/2022**

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05/19/2022	ARPA Public Hearing Town Board Meeting	Distribution of Funds
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05/30/2022	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Pottersville. Memorial Observance in Adirondack	Parade and Ceremonies
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06/04/2022	Woof Stock Woof Stock Revisited	Attended in Chestertown Attended in Horicon Music on the Pond
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06/15/2022	Wood Stock Wrap up Town Hall	Attended Meeting Audit Bills
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06/16/2022	Town Board Meeting	Regular Town Board Meeting
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