

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 18, 2022
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Michael Geraci	Supervisor
	Rob Hill	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Peter Palmer	Councilman
	Krista Wood	Town Clerk
Absent:	Frank Hill	Councilman

Also: Assessor Christine Hayes, ZA Matthew Magee, Barb French, John Dunn, John and Joan Caruso, Mike and Kathy Hill, John Donovan, Bret Winchip, Janet Early, Scott Hayes, and Wayne Monroe.

Supervisor Geraci opened the regular meeting at 7:00pm.

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

Local Board of Health...

Septic Variance request for 73 North Beaver Pond Rd / Llewelyn / tax map #38.1-1-25:

-Bret Winchip, Winchip Engineering, reviewed the proposed plan to install a replacement wastewater disposal system to serve an existing three-bedroom home. He said there is no obvious failure of the existing system but they want to avert any issues since the home is close to the pond. Mr. Winchip explained the proposed plan will eliminate four non-conformities, and they are requesting three variances as follows:

Eliminated non-conformities:

- Existing seepage pit to mean high water. 100' required, 42.6' actual, which is a nonconformity of 57.4' or 57.4%.
- Existing septic tank to mean high water. 50' required, 45.5' actual, which is a nonconformity of 4.5' or 9.0%.
- Existing seepage pit to clients drilled well. 150' required, 94.0' actual, which is a non-conformity of 56.0' or 37.3%.
- Existing septic tank to house. 10' required, 1.8' actual, which is a non-conformity of 8.2' or 82.0% .

Requested Variances:

- Proposed septic tank to mean high water. 50' required, 44.4' proposed, which is a variance of 5.6' or 11.2%.
- Proposed pump station to mean high water. 50' required, 44.2' proposed, which is a variance of 5.8' or 11.6%.
- Proposed field. 15% maximum allowed, 20.6% proposed, which is a variance of delta 4.6% or 37.3%.

-Councilman Olson asked ZA Magee if the application is complete, and ZA Magee said it is complete.

RESOLUTION #140-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Palmer introduced Res. No. 140 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, considers the application made by Winchip Engineering for a septic variance at 73 North Beaver Pond Road (tax map #38.1-1-25) complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

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

Regular Meeting...

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 21, 2022 (regular Town Board meeting) and August 4, 2022 (Special meeting & Public Hearing – proposed Horicon Ambulance District) were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson R. Hill.

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

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #141-2022

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 141 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF AUGUST 2022 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the August 18, 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	8	\$ 106,021.02
Highway Abstract	8	\$ 83,724.16

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

Correspondence to the Board...

- North Country Ministry RE: Letter thanking the Town for their generous support of the North Country Ministry case work through Town ARPA funds
- Craig Relyea (Firefly) RE: Horicon Fire Dept Annual Report and Benefit Statements

Presentation of ARPA Funds...

-Supervisor Geraci briefly explained that the ARPA money is funding the Town received from the federal government for covid relief. The Town Board recently awarded these funds to several local organizations that were affected by covid. Supervisor Geraci said there are two more organizations that will receive these funds. Supervisor Geraci then presented the checks as follows:

- Brant Lake Association - \$35,000
- Horicon Fire Department - \$35,000

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

Supervisor's Report: See attached.

Town Board Committee Reports: See attached.

Additional comments...

-Councilman Olson said the library has been open during Food Truck Fridays, and 189 people attending FTF during the month of July visited the library. (Councilman Olson's full report is attached)

-Councilman Palmer said the estimate from Jason Hill for the plumbing in the bathroom in Adirondack is \$3,545.36. He said this might be less depending on what can be used from the old bathroom. Supervisor Geraci asked if the building will be painted; Mr. Palmer said it will. Councilman Palmer said, in regard to taking brush at the Landfill, he talked to Benny Newton who explained a chipper will not work because the brush has to be neatly stacked. Councilman Palmer said Mr. Newton suggested stockpiling the brush and getting a tub grinder to come in and process it. Mr. Palmer said the cost to process a stockpile the size of Mr. Newton's garage would be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. He said he talked with Barb French and that is what they are going to try. He noted this service will be for Horicon residents only. (Councilman Palmer's full report is attached)

-Councilman Rob Hill spoke to Northwoods Concrete regarding the sidewalk in front of the Town Hall and they will provide a quote for the work. He said the Rotary wants to do a Small Business assistance initiative where they will go out to small businesses with minimal workforce and help out for the day as a way to give back to the community. (Councilman Rob Hill's full report is attached)

Resolutions...

Councilmans Olson and R. Hill introduced Resolutions #142 - #145 and moved their adoption:

RESOLUTION #142-2022

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING DE-ICERS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center regarding regulations on de-icers.

RESOLUTION #143-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SEEK QUOTES FOR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

WHEREAS, Broome County has secured contracts with United HealthCare for Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Plans (MAPD plans) for Medicare primary retirees of the participating entities of the Broome County Purchasing Alliance (BCPA), and

WHEREAS, Broome County allows participation of other interested municipalities pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o, and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to obtain quotes from United HealthCare under BCPA's preferred pricing.

RESOLUTION #144-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following transfers

Highway Fund:

Decrease	DA9060.8 – Health Insur.	\$3,000.00
Increase	DA9050.8 – Unemployment	\$3,000.00

General Fund:

Decrease	A1990.4 – Contingency	\$ 800.00
Increase	A1355.4 – Assessor-Contr.	\$ 800.00

RESOLUTION #145-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS EXPENDITURES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment from A6410.4 to High Peaks Event Production for sound equipment and lights for September 2nd not to exceed \$1,200.00, and also a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the City of Albany Mounted Police for their attendance at Food Truck Fridays.

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

Old Business...

Brush at the Landfill: Barb French said she went to all the towns in Warren County and there are only certain ones that take brush. She suggests stockpiling the brush, limiting the brush to 3" in diameter, and limiting it to Horicon residents only. She suggests the following fees: \$15 – full pickup, \$15 – small trailer, \$25 – large trailer, \$40 – single axle, and \$50 – double axle. She said they have the room to stockpile and it would be a help to the residents. Councilperson Olson asked why the Highway chipper could not be used as he feels the cost of the tub grinder is quite expensive. Councilman Palmer said the only way to use a chipper is to lay the brush out neatly in a pile; he said the only way to handle a stockpile of brush is with a tub grinder which can be fed without organizing the brush. Scott Hayes asked if there would be a size limit on the trucks allowed to bring brush in.

Councilman Palmer said he is thinking the biggest would be a one-ton truck but nothing larger; this is for Horicon residents and non-commercial only.

RESOLUTION #146-2022

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 146 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO TAKE BRUSH AT THE LANDFILL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby allow brush to be disposed of at the landfill by Horicon residents only and only for non-commercial applications. Fees for dumping of brush are as follows: \$15 – full pickup, \$15 – small trailer, \$25 – large trailer, \$40 – single axle, and \$50 – double axle.

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

CFGMR event Aug. 22nd at 4:00pm: Supervisor Geraci said the CFGMR will be holding their award reception on August 22nd from 4pm to 6pm under the Town tents. He noted the Town received two grants, one for cemetery headstone repair and one to refinish the floors at the Heintzelman Library.

LGLCRPB Grant application for Heintzelman: Supervisor Geraci said the LGLCRPB has submitted a grant application to New York State for \$92,000 for restoration purposes at the Heintzelman. He noted that if the Town is awarded the grant there will be a \$62,000 match from the Town. There was no cost to the Town for the preparation of the grant or for the application. He said there should be a decision on the application in November or December.

Adirondack bathrooms: Councilman Palmer said he got a quote from Hill Plumbing & Heating of \$3,545.36 for the plumbing work for the bathrooms in Adirondack. He said it will be cheaper if Jason can use some of the things that came out of the old bathrooms. Supervisor Geraci said Councilman Palmer asked for two quotes and the second vendor said he could not do the job.

RESOLUTION #147-2022

Councilperson Palmer and Councilperson R. Hill introduced Res. No. 147 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PLUMBING WORK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Hill Plumbing & Heating to do the plumbing work at the bathroom in Adirondack at a cost not to exceed \$3,545.36.

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

Procurement Policy: Supervisor Geraci briefly reviewed the Town's Procurement Policy as a refresher for the Board.

New Business... none

Privilege of the Floor... no comments

Announcements...

- Town of Chester Historical Society will have the Itsuzo Sumy photo collection on display August 20th and 21st.
- The Democratic primary will be held on August 23rd from 6am to 9pm at the Town Hall.
- Beginning with the October 20th the regular Town Board meetings will start at 6pm rather than 7pm.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by MOTION of Councilperson R. Hill and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk