

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

Also: John Donovan, HS Darian Granger, Assessor Christine Hayes, Barb French, Tom Hutchins, Matt Wood, Bernie Hill, Priscilla Remington, Poul Carstensen, Cindy Mead, Colleen Murtagh, and Bret Winchip.

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

Local Board of Health...

A Motion was made by Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman 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) Public Hearing for septic variance request at 73 N. Beaver Pond Rd / Llewelyn / tax map #38.1-1-25:

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing for the septic variance request at 73 North Beaver Pond Rd in Adirondack at 7:00pm.

Bret Winchip, of Winchip Engineering, briefly reviewed the proposed project to install a replacement wastewater disposal system which will eliminate several non-conformities and will require three variances.

Councilman Olson asked Mr. Winchip if he will certify the system is installed according to the plans. Mr. Winchip said he will and noted the Horicon Sanitary Code requires this as part of the permit.

Councilman Olson noted the substantial expense incurred by the property owner for this project because they want to do what is right to protect the pond.

There being no further comments Supervisor Geraci closed the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

RESOLUTION #150-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman R. Hill introduced Res. No. 150 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR A REPLACEMENT WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM AT 73 NORTH BEAVER POND ROAD

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Winchip Engineering, and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for a replacement wastewater disposal system at 73 North Beaver Pond Rd, Adirondack (Tax Map #38.1-1-25) 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 (Olson, Palmer, R. Hill, Geraci) Nays: 0

2) Septic variance request for 1593 Palisades Rd / tax map #39.17-1-35:

-Tom Hutchins, Hutchins Engineering, explained the property owners want to rebuild their camp with a modern home. As part of this project, they are proposing to replace the current septic system with a new compliant system. Mr. Hutchins explained that due to the small size of the parcel and the location of the well it is not feasible to install a fully compliant on-site septic system and be able to meet all of the required setbacks. He is

proposing to install a conventional septic tank with an Eljen GSF sand filter absorption bed, and the following variances are being requested:

- 1) Proposed absorption bed to owner's well where 100' is required, 86' is proposed, which is a variance of 14'.
- 2) Proposed absorption bed to property line where 10' is required, 5' is proposed, which is a variance of 5'.

Mr. Hutchins noted that because of the reduced well setback, an ultraviolet disinfection system will be installed on the water supply inside the new residence.

Councilman Palmer asked Mr. Hutchins if Hoyt's own the neighboring property; Mr. Hutchins said they do and is not sure if the owners of this property notified Hoyt's of the proposed project.

RESOLUTION #151-2022

Councilman Palmer and Councilman Hill introduced Res. No. 151 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 Hutchins Engineering for a septic variance at 1593 Palisades Road (tax map #39.17-1-35) complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilman Olson, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:12 PM.

Regular Meeting...

Public Hearing – De-icing Systems:

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing regarding de-icing systems at 7:14 pm.

Priscilla Remington asked what is happening with the de-icing systems. Supervisor Geraci gave the background on the issue and explained there was a request to consider some form of additional safety in regard to thin ice because of the de-icing systems. The Board has held several informational meetings on this and this is the public hearing.

Cindy Mead said she is the one that started this and clarified she is not looking to ban bubblers; she is looking to make the public aware of them and to get people to be more careful and considerate. She suggested sending a pamphlet out notifying residents of the safety issues.

There being no further comments Supervisor Geraci took a motion to close the public hearing from Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman Palmer; the public hearing was closed at 7:17 pm.

Supervisor Geraci said he spoke to Warren County Planning and to Warren County Soil and Water on this issue. He said there is a great deal of interest on behalf of Warren County to produce public information materials that will apply County-wide to make frozen bodies of water safer. He noted the intent is not to ban de-icing systems, instead they want to advocate for, and promote, safety in general. Mr. Geraci said they are not looking to pass a local law to do this. He told everyone he expects there to be further discussion on this, it is progressing in a forward motion, and he will keep everyone posted.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 18th (regular meeting) and September 9, 2022 (special meeting) were approved by Motion of Councilman Olson and Councilman Hill.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #152-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 152 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF SEPTEMBER 2022 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the September 15, 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	9	\$ 36,980.38
Highway Abstract	9	\$ 222,419.64

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

Correspondence to the Board...

-Residents of Shaw Hill & S. Ike Hayes Roads	RE: Request to pave Shaw Hill & S. Ike Hayes Roads
-Brenton Brown	RE: Documentary on Tom Messick
-Nat'l Assoc of Counties Public Safety Comm.	RE: Nomination of Supervisor Geraci as Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee member
-Sandra Carpenter	RE: Letter of resignation from Library Board of Trustees
-Sonny Lifonte	RE: Letter of resignation from the Landfill

Discussion on Correspondence...

Supervisor Geraci said paving has become very expensive and noted that just one mile of Johnson Road cost approximately \$500,000.00 this year. He said HS Granger could have likely done the same project for about \$300,000.00 two years ago. Mr. Geraci said he will discuss the request to pave Shaw Hill and South Ike Hayes roads with HS Granger and get back to the residents.

Reports... Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, Landfill, Library, NWEMS, Food Pantry, Historian

Supervisor's Report... (see copy attached)

Town Board Member Reports... (see copies attached)

Additional comments from Councilman Palmer not included on his written report: Mr. Palmer said he is sorry the Adirondack bathroom was not finished before Frank passed. He said the plumbing work on the bathroom has been started and should be done by the end of the week. Rob Wallace will paint the bathrooms when everything winds down for the season. He noted he has heard complaints about the lake level; the lake is down 4-5" and there is nothing else that can be done.

Additional comment from Councilman Olson on the budget preparation process: He noted that he and the other Board members are more involved than ever before, and said he is amazed at the amount of time and analysis it takes in forecasting the budget. He said this is a big step forward and appreciates the inclusion.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #153-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Hill introduced Res. No. 153 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set the 2023 Budget Workshop meeting for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #154-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Hill introduced Res. No. 154 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AS OFFICIAL HOLIDAY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby recognize the Friday after Thanksgiving as an official holiday for the General and Highway employees.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Hill, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #155-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 155 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ENGAGE FIREFLY ADMIN INC. TO ADMINISTER LOSAP PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to sign the letter of engagement with Firefly Admin Inc. to handle administration of the LOSAP program for calendar year 2023.

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

RESOLUTION #156-2022

Councilman Hill and Councilman Olson introduced Res. No. 156 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH STANDARD MEDICAL TESTING SERVICES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to sign the Agreement with Standard Medical Testing Services for the calendar year 2023.

Ayes: 4 (Hill, Olson, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #157-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 157 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL ORDER ESTABLISHING HORICON AMBULANCE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board has considered forming a Horicon Ambulance District in accordance with Article 12-A of New York Town Law for the purpose of providing emergency medical and ambulance services within the Town; and

WHEREAS, a Map, Plan and Report was prepared concerning the proposed District and was filed in the Town Clerk's Office and made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report describes the boundaries of the proposed District, the proposed method of operation, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the ambulance services and the cost of the proposed District to the typical property and, if different, the typical one or two family home; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the proposed District was determined not to be an Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2022, subsequent to the filing of the Map, Plan and Report with the Town Clerk, the Town Board adopted an Order reciting (a) the boundaries of the proposed District; (b) the proposed services and proposed method of operation; (c) the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the services; (d) the cost of the District to the typical property and the typical one or two family home (if not the typical property); (e) that no capital improvements are anticipated for the proposed District and, therefore, no financing will be employed; (f) the fact that a Map, Plan and Report describing the proposed District, services and capital improvements is on file in the Town Clerk's Office; and (g) the time and place of a public hearing on the proposed District; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Public Hearing Order were duly published and posted and were filed with the Office of the State Comptroller, all as required by law; and

WHEREAS, prior to publication of the Public Hearing Order, a detailed explanation of how the estimated costs of the District to the typical property and typical one or two family home (if not the typical property) were computed was filed with the Town Clerk for public inspection as part of the Map, Plan and Report; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Horicon Ambulance District was duly held on August 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined that establishment of the proposed District will not result in any large or important impacts and, therefore, is one which will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and indicated this determination by checking the appropriate box on Part 3 of the EAF;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2022 the Town Board adopted a Resolution determining that (a) the notice of Public Hearing was published and posted as required by law and was otherwise sufficient, (b) all of the property and property owners within the proposed District would be benefited thereby, (c) all of the property and property owners benefited are included within the boundaries of the proposed District and (d) the establishment of the District as therein described is in the public interest, and approving the establishment of the District as the boundaries are set forth in the Map, Plan and Report subject to permissive referendum in the manner provided in Town Law Article 7; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk duly posted and published the notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum and no Petition for referendum was filed within 30 days after the date of the Resolution, and the Town Clerk has filed a Certificate to that effect in the office of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the permission of the State Comptroller is not required pursuant to Town Law Section 209-f;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, that the Horicon Ambulance District be established as described in the Map, Plan and Report and the services described in the Map, Plan and Report be provided upon the required funds being made available or provided for; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Horicon Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Order to be duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk in the time and manner required by law; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Horicon Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Order to be filed in the office of the State Department of Audit and Control in the time and manner required by law.

Duly adopted this 15th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

Old Business... none

New Business...

EZ Marine - proposed property purchase: Supervisor Geraci said Bernie Hill has requested Town Board consideration to purchase part of Town Highway property. Mr. Geraci said the Board, in fairness, needs to give Mr. Hill a commitment as to whether or not this is a possibility, noting the great expense to Mr. Hill to go through the process. He said he has spoken with HS Granger about this and he said this piece of property is useless to the Town. Councilman Palmer said he is not in favor of giving away road frontage. Mr. Hill (Bernie) pointed out the Town would not be losing road frontage because the Town owns the road so it cannot be blocked. Councilman Hill said he feels it would be a good idea because it would put this unused piece of property back on the tax roll. Supervisor Geraci asked the Board if they want to move forward with this; the Board agreed to move forward.

Clemente - request for use of Town septic: Supervisor Geraci said the Clemente's, who are interested in purchasing the church next door for some type of commercial business, have requested that they be allowed to hook into the Town's septic. He said he and ZA Magee met with the Clemente's and told them they will need to do an official proposal to be presented to himself and ZA Magee. Councilman Palmer said last year Mr. Kruz (the current owner) offered to deed the property across the road to the town in exchange for the hookup.

Insurance Agent/Broker: Supervisor Geraci explained the increasing costs for the Town health care plans and said he is doing his due diligence to research all options. He also noted customer service is very important. Mr. Geraci said they are looking at all options and asked the Board if they would allow him to sign with a broker

before the October 20th meeting if necessary because time is getting short to make any changes. Councilman Olson said he is fine with that and feels Supervisor Geraci should take the opportunity to act quickly if there is a benefit to the Town. The Board agreed.

Proposed Local Law to Override the 2% Tax Cap: Supervisor Geraci said the 2023 budget is being prepared now and there may be a need to exceed the 2% tax cap. He stressed that it may not be necessary to exceed the tax cap, however, if it is necessary then there will need to be a Local Law authorizing the override. He noted they are working hard to keep the budget under the tax cap but the cost of everything is rising; he noted the Town is financially strong though.

RESOLUTION #158-2022

Councilman Palmer and Councilman Olson introduced Res. No. 158 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2022

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #5 of 2022 To Override the 2% Tax Cap for Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

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

Privilege of the Floor....

-Colleen Murtagh commented that the Clemente's have asked the Episcopal Church if they could put a septic on the Church property. She said as a Vestry member she is not in favor of that.

-Poul Carstensen asked the Board to consider getting four or five umbrellas for the Mill Pond beach for next year. It would enhance the looks of the beach and make it nicer for visitors.

-Matt Wood said he does not feel it is right to let the owners of the church next door hook into the Town's septic. He said the town should not get back into another mess with letting the church hook into the septic like they did before.

-Bernie Hill asked the Board to consider getting a scale for the landfill. He said many people would utilize the scale rather than having to go to Warrensburg or to Peckhams. He said with his business, for example, he has to weigh trailers and other things. He said it would be very valuable to many people, likely make the landfill employees job easier, and it would get a more accurate cost to the consumer. Mr. Hill suggested looking into Warrensburg's setup. Supervisor Geraci asked Councilman Palmer to look into this. Councilman Palmer said it was discussed before. Mr. Hill asked, on a separate topic, if Town Shed Rd can be fixed. He said he understands HS Granger has other priorities but he asked if the County could fix the road instead. He listed all of the municipalities that use the road along with the NWEMS, Fire Department, the school, and Warren County to get fuel. Supervisor Geraci said he has spoken to the County and they cannot fix it because it is not a County road, but he will continue to work on it.

Announcements...

- Be aware that the Adirondack Marathon will be held this Sunday starting at 10:00 am.
- Food Truck Fridays was a great success once again, and Supervisor Geraci thanked Bernie Hill for volunteering his time to do the pontoon boat rides which everyone loves. Mr. Geraci also recognized the wonderful team of volunteers that work so hard to make this a success.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

Town Board meetings will now be held at 6:00 PM beginning with the October 20, 2022 meeting.

Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report

August 18-September 15, 2022

August 18	Meeting with Warren County Director of Emergency Services
August 18	Meeting with Director of Warren County Economic Development
August 18	Town Board Monthly Meeting
August 19	Warren County Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 19	Food Truck Friday
August 21	Town of Chester Sumy Photography Historical Event
August 22	Warren County BOS Sub-Committee Meetings
August 22	Gore Mountain Foundation Grant Awards Event at Horicon Town Hall
August 22	Meeting with Horicon Librarian at North Warren Central School ref historical book inventory / Relocate books to Horicon Library
August 23	Warren County BOS Sub-Committee Meetings
August 24	Zoom meeting ref FISU World University Games in Lake Placid
August 26	Warren County Department Budget Meetings
August 26	Food Truck Friday
August 29	Personnel meetings
August 30	Warren County Budget Preparation meetings with Department Heads
August 31	Warren County Budget Preparation meetings with Department Heads
September 2	Meeting with Zoning Office Staff and Council Member Palmer on zoning operations
September 2	Food Truck Friday
September 5	Labor Day, offices closed

September 6	Follow-up meeting on de-icing systems
September 7	2023 Horicon Budget meetings with Town Board member, department heads and staff members
September 8	Meeting with BLA President re funding for invasive species control
September 9	2023 Horicon Budget meetings with Town Board member, department heads and staff members
September 9	Special Emergency Town Board Meeting, appointment of an interim Zoning Administrator, Appointment of a Deputy Town Clerk
September 9	Attend Town Board Member Frank Hill's Wake Services at Town Hall
September 10	Attend Town Board Member Frank Hill's Funeral Service
September 12	Discussion with Warren County Director of Public Affairs and Warren County Planning Office reference de-icing public information materials
September 13	Discussion on solar energy operations at Town Hall
September 15	Town Board Meeting

Town Board Member Robert Hill
Activity Report 18AUG-15SEP2022

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ACTIVITY

7 Sep 2022	Met with North Warren Chamber of Commerce. 1) Sep 26 th General meeting and mixer @6:30 w/ Warrensburg Chamber. 2) 1 st and 2 nd Oct townwide garage sale. 3) 8 Oct Duck race. 4) discussed 2023 budget.
7 Sep 2022	Followed up with Garnet signs to get signage up in and around town hall before winter.
7 Sep 2022	Received quote from Kelley Bros to do work on front entrance to automate one door set to be handicap compliable.
8 Sep 2022	Received quote from Northwoods concrete for replacement of front sidewalk. Waiting to get dirt work estimate back.
9 Sep 2022	Attended pre-budget meeting to review both Facility and personnel budget worksheets. Followed the Budget meeting later in an executive session.
9 Sep 2022	Attended visiting hours for councilman Frank Hill at the town hall. (Great job done by Vicki, Rob and Shane as well as other staff members to get the building prepped.)

12 Sep 2022	Worked with EZ Marine to get a quote on a new trailer for parks and Rec. Received and waiting on two additional quotes from other downstate dealers.
12 Sep 2023	Met with Youth Commission to discuss possible program to certify lifeguards and get them trained early in the year if they want to work as town life guards. More to follow.

TOWN BOARD MEMBER ROBERT E. OLSON

ACTIVITY REPORT

08/18/2022 - 09/14/2022

- 08/18/2022** **Attended Town Board Meeting**
- 08/19/2022** **Returned 2023 Budget Forecast forms
and discussions to Budget Officer**
- 08/22/2022** **Attended CFGMD Awards event**
- 09/02/2022** **Attended final Food Truck Friday and
Fireworks Display**
- 09/06/2022** **Attended Ice Eater Meeting with Supervisor
and Cindy Meade**
- 09/07/2022** **Attended Budget Forecast Meeting with
Supervisor and Department Heads, Assessor,
Court, Transfer station, Finance and
Insurance, and Town Clerk**
- 09/13/2022** **Site Visit with John Donavon on septic
variance at 73 N. Beaver Pond Road.**

Town Board Member – Peter Palmer

Activity Report 8/19-9/15

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8/29	adirondaCK BATH HOUSE JASON HILL
9/2	TOWN HALL /METTING
10/9	TOWN HALL /SPECIAL METTING