

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2022
2:00 PM**

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

Also: Budget Officer Patty Monahan and Assessor Christine Hayes

Supervisor Geraci opened the meeting at 2:00pm.

Mr. Geraci noted there was a miscalculation in a line item in the Highway budget. There was no salary included for the wingmen so DA5110.1 has been increased by \$9,095.00. He said this is not a significant change; the Board was fine with the increase.

Supervisor Geraci briefly reviewed a summary of the proposed 2023 budget. He noted one of the goals this year was not to exceed the tax cap. They have been conservative with the fund balance in the past and were therefore able to use some of that fund balance to balance the budget which will eliminate the need to raise taxes.

Supervisor Geraci took a motion from Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Olson, to open the public hearing for the Preliminary 2023 Budget.

There being no comment from the public, Councilman Olson made a Motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to close the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was closed at 2:11 pm.

RESOLUTION #171-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 171 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 HORICON BUDGET

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 2, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center on the Preliminary Budget for the year 2023, AND

WHEREAS, comments were invited from the public either for or against said budget, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget will be the adopted Budget for 2023, with the General Fund Appropriations of \$2,400,182.79 less anticipated revenues of \$2,175,384.26 and an unexpended balance of \$224,798.53 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$0.00. Total Highway Fund Appropriations of \$1,802,079.00 less anticipated revenues of \$1,298,851.00 and an unexpended balance of \$84,752.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$418,476.00 and a total budget of \$4,202,261.79, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the amount to be raised by taxes for the Horicon Ambulance District is \$200,000.00, the amount to be raised by taxes for the Horicon Fire District is \$274,409.00, and the amount to be raised by taxes for the Schroon Lake Park District is \$6,135.00.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

Additional Business:

Change medical insurance coverage for retirees to Humana:

Supervisor Geraci explained that the Town is approaching \$400,000.00 in annual medical insurance costs so they have been looking at other options. He said one of the main things they have kept in mind is that they did not want to hurt the retirees in terms of benefits. He said they have chosen Humana which is a nation-wide company, and many other towns and organizations are using them so they feel confident in moving to Humana. Councilman Olson said he feels this is a good option with comparable benefits for the retirees, and it saves the taxpayers money which is part of the Board's fiscal responsibility.

RESOLUTION #172-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 172 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR RETIREES TO HUMANA

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the change in medical insurance coverage plans for current and future Town of Horicon retirees from CDPHP and Highmark NENY to Humana, effective 01/01/2023.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Palmer, Geraci) Nays: 0

Authorize Order for HRA Administration Services with HealthEquity, Inc.:

RESOLUTION #173-2022

Councilman Palmer and Councilman Olson introduced Res. No. 173 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ORDER FOR SERVICES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Order for HRA Administration Services with HealthEquity, Inc.

Ayes: 3 (Palmer, Olson, Geraci) Nays: 0

Petty cash for Zoning:

Christine Hayes asked if the Zoning office could have petty cash.

RESOLUTION #174-2022

Councilman Palmer and Councilman Olson introduced Res. No. 174 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PETTY CASH FOR ZONING OFFICE

RESOLVED, that the town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize petty cash in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) for the Zoning Office.

Ayes: 3 (Palmer, Olson, Geraci) Nays: 0

Privilege of the floor...

Christine Hayes said she has been sending out notices of violation to residents and there are two that she has not had a response from. She asked the Board if she has the authority to go forward with issuing appearance tickets. Supervisor Geraci asked if this is addressed in the Zoning Ordinance; Christine said she cannot find where it is. Mr. Geraci said if this is something that needs to be addressed then the Board will need to amend the Zoning Ordinance. She and the Town Clerk will look into this further.

Adjourn...

There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM by MOTION of Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk