

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

Also: Assessor Christine Hayes, Barb French, Tom Hutchins, Matt Wood, Rich and Joanne Nawrot, George and Barbara Hayes, Janet Early, Bob and Sylvia Smith, Fred Holman, and Neil Brandmaier.

Supervisor Geraci opened the regular meeting at 6:00pm.

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 1593 Palisades Rd / tax map #39.17-1-35:

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing for the septic variance request at 1593 Palisades Road in Brant Lake at 6:00 pm.

-Tom Hutchins, Hutchins Engineering, briefly reviewed the proposal again which is to install a conventional septic tank with an Eljen GSF sand filter absorption bed. Mr. Hutchins noted that only the owner's well is impacted, and because of the reduced well setback an ultraviolet disinfection system will be installed on the water supply inside the new residence.

He said they are requesting the following variances:

- 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'.

-Councilman Olson asked Mr. Hutchins if the proposed plan uses the location of the structure that was approved by the ZBA; Mr. Hutchins confirmed that the structure location on the proposed plan is based on what was submitted and approved by the ZBA. Councilman Olson said he feels the variances are minimal and this is the best possible solution based on the small size of the lot.

-Councilman Hill agreed saying he feels this is the best-case scenario.

There being no further comments Supervisor Geraci took a motion from Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman Hill, to close the public hearing. The public hearing was closed at 6:05 pm.

RESOLUTION #159-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 159 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR A REPLACEMENT WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM
AT 1593 PALISADES ROAD**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Hutchins Engineering, and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for a replacement wastewater disposal system at 1593 Palisades Road in Brant Lake (Tax Map #39.17-1-35) 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

A Motion was made by Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 6:07 PM.

Regular Meeting...

Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Cap:

Supervisor Geraci explained that the public hearing for a proposed Local Law to exceed the tax cap for the 2023 budget is not required, and therefore cancelled, because they do not believe they will exceed the tax cap. He said as a result of the responsible fiscal management of previous Town Boards, along with the recent reval and adjustments to the tax levy, the Board does not feel the public hearing is needed because they will not exceed the tax cap.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of September 15, 2022, a regular Town Board meeting, were approved by Motion of Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer.

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

Minutes of October 12, 2022, a budget workshop meeting, were approved by Motion of Councilman Hill and Councilman Olson.

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

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #160-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 160 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OCTOBER 2022 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the October 20, 2022 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	10	\$ 42,939.60
Highway Abstract	10	\$ 80,602.79

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

Correspondence to the Board...

- Larry Bell	RE: Letter of interest for alternate ZBA member position
- Joel Friedman	RE: Final occupancy tax report for the Adirondack Marathon
- Poul Carstensen	RE: Request for Town to purchase umbrellas for Mill Pond beach
- Joan Johnson, Pres	RE: Request to appoint Sara Mullins to Library Board of Trustees
-Patricia Tunney	RE: Letter of resignation from Library Board of Trustees
-Ann Murphy	RE: Letter of resignation from Library Board of Trustees

Discussion on Correspondence:

ZBA Alternate applicant: Councilman Olson said he has some thoughts on other possible applicants, but he and Councilman Hill will certainly interview Larry Bell.

Library Trustee Appointment:

RESOLUTION #161-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Hill introduced Res. No. 161 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LIBRARY TRUSTEE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Sara Mullins to the vacant seat of Horicon Free Public Library Trustee to complete that term which will expire on December 31, 2023.

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

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

Supervisor Geraci asked Christine Hayes, Interim ZA, what her thoughts are about moving forward. Christine said with winter coming the office will be slowing down, and it would be a good time for the Board to look at any amendments they may want to make in the Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Geraci said one of the issues Councilman Palmer wants to address is "junk" and asked Christine to put that high on the priority list. She said she can meet with Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer to discuss these items.

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

Town Board Member Reports...

Comments from Councilman Olson: Mr. Olson said he has contacted Mark Schachner about doing the Planning and Zoning Board training session. The training will be in-person and will be sometime between mid-March to the end of March.

Comments from Councilman Palmer: Mr. Palmer said Robbie Wallace has painted the bathrooms in Adirondack, the plumbing is ongoing, and he has someone that will do the electric for free. He said the County has finished working on Palisades between Pease Hill and Route 8 and will be moving to the other end of Palisades next. Mr. Palmer said he feels the Zoning Administrator position should be full time as the office is very busy. Supervisor Geraci said he will need to talk to Patty (Town budget officer), as well as with the Town of Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier, as there are many things to consider before any decisions can be made about the position.

Councilman Hill report (see copy attached)

Additional Comments from Councilman Hill: Councilman Hill said there was discussion at the American Legion about holding the Veteran's Day ceremony in Horicon this year. He said the ceremony will be November 11th at 11:00 am. Supervisor Geraci asked the Board for their approval.

RESOLUTION #162-2022

Councilman Hill and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 162 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY IN HORICON

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon wishes to have the American Legion hold the Veteran's Day ceremony in the Town of Horicon on November 11, 2022 at 11:00 am.

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

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #163-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 163 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2023 and said Budget has been reviewed by the Town Board and certain changes have been made, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt the tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2023, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for said Budget on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Horicon Community Center.

Councilpersons Olson and Hill introduced Resolutions #164 - #168 and moved their adoption:

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

RESOLUTION #164-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Warren County for youth recreation program reimbursement for 2022.

RESOLUTION #165-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF FACILITIES EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the purchase of two work tables for the food pantry from ABC Restaurant Supply at a cost of \$1,180.00, and the purchase of a floor cleaner from Charlie's Vacuums at a cost of \$1,499.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes payment of both invoices to be taken from A1620.2.

RESOLUTION #166-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COMPACTOR REPAIRS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize repairs to the Landfill compactor by Maddison's Contracting & Repair at the estimated cost of \$2,845.00.

RESOLUTION #167-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following budget amendments in the Highway fund to account for additional CHIPS monies received:

Increase	D3501 – State Aid	\$ 92,732.21	
Increase	D5112.2 – CHIPS	\$ 92,732.21	

RESOLUTION #168-2022

RESOLUTION 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 Highway and General Funds:

Highway Fund:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Debit:</u>	<u>Credit:</u>
DA5148.4	Svcs Other Gov't-Contr.	\$ 25,000.00	
DA5110.4	Gen Repairs - Contr.		\$ 25,000.00
DA9060.8	Health Insur.	\$ 7,000.00	
DA5112.2	CHIPS		\$ 7,000.00

General Fund:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Debit:</u>	<u>Credit:</u>
A3001	Aim Related Payments	\$ 5,917.00	
A2750	Aim Related Payments		\$ 5,917.00
A1355.2	Assessor – Equip.	\$ 300.00	
A1355.4	Assessor – Contr.		\$ 300.00
A3510.4	Dog Control – Contr.	\$ 150.00	
A1010.4	Town Board – Contr.		\$ 150.00
A1220.4	Supervisor -Contr.	\$ 1,285.50	
A1220.2	Supervisor – Equip.		\$ 1,285.50
A6772.4	Programs/Aging – Contr.	\$ 3,741.00	
A1620.2	Buildings – Equip.		\$ 1,447.00

A8510.2	Beautification -Equip.	\$ 1,544.00
A8010.2	Zoning – Equip.	\$ 750.00

Old Business:

Update on de-icing systems: Supervisor Geraci said he has approached the County on the possibility of partnering on the issue of de-icing systems and most of the Board of Supervisors were in agreement with the idea. He said the partnership has been formed and the offices of Warren County Public Affairs and Warren County Planning will take the lead on this. These offices will handle the design and content of the informational materials as well as the distribution. Supervisor Geraci said they will also apply to the Occupancy Tax Committee to fund this project. He said the intent is to promote best practices in terms of safety on the ice. He is hopeful to have a draft at next month's meeting.

Joe Brand debt to Town: Supervisor Geraci said the Town had contracted with Mr. Brand for bottle recycling at the Landfill. He said, unfortunately, on two separate occasions Mr. Brand picked up bottles but the town was not paid. He said Mr. Brand paid the Town \$160.00 but he still owes the Town a balance of \$527.18. Supervisor Geraci said he has had numerous discussions with Mr. Brand about repaying the money owed to the Town but there has been no movement on this. Councilman Palmer said it should be referred to the police, but Supervisor Geraci said there are other options to recoup the money. He said the amount of money is small but it is the principal of the matter. Supervisor Geraci asked the Board if they would like to move forward with this. The Board agreed to have Supervisor Geraci follow up on this.

Health care broker discussion: Supervisor Geraci said that with the unbelievable increase in health care costs he believes there is a need to get the best benefits possible, and at the best cost, for the retirees and employees. He said the Town is at a point right now where they can change to a new broker. He said that in addition to looking at plans, you also have to look at the customer service provided to the employees. He noted that when employees have questions they need to get answers, and he has found a company that can do this. He recommends Hometown Solutions, a local firm in Glens Falls, independently owned by Debbie Bell. She has agreed to meet with all of the employees soon so people understand what is going on with their insurance. Supervisor Geraci asked the Board how they would like to move forward.

RESOLUTION #169-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 169 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE IN INSURANCE BROKER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the change to Hometown Solutions as the Town's health insurance broker.

New Business:

Fred Holman / Winterization program outreach: Mr. Holman reviewed three programs offered through NYS that would be helpful to residents. The first is the HeatSmart program, through NYSEDA, which is aimed at winterizing low-income residential properties to improve energy efficiency. The second program, Clean Energy Communities, is a program for towns. There are activities that can be done to address issues within the town; the town also gets credit for things that have already been done since 2016. Once the town earns so many credits for these activities they are able to get grant money for other projects related to energy conservation. The third program, Local Climate Action – Energy Smart Communities, is where towns commit to energy conservation, safety, and renewable energy. This program also allows towns to earn credits in order to obtain grant money. Mr. Holman said he has spoken to representatives at the State and the County and both are willing to come and discuss these plans with the Town.

Planned Maintenance Agreement for generators:

RESOLUTION #170-2022

Councilman Olson and Councilman Hill introduced Res. No 170 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a five-year maintenance agreement with Cummins for the generators at the Community Center and the Highway Garage at a total cost of \$9,700.00 for the five-year term.

Town Mission Statement: Supervisor Geraci explained that the Town does not have a mission statement. He has prepared a draft mission statement that reads:

“To deliver quality professional public services to all residents, businesses and visitors, and pledge a commitment to highly responsible environmental and financial stewardship.”

Supervisor Geraci asked the Town Board for their consideration on this for next month’s meeting.

Privilege of the Floor...

-Rich Nawrot asked if he understood correctly that the public hearing for the tax cap was cancelled because the budget did not go over the tax cap, and part of that was the funding of the Ambulance District? Supervisor Geraci explained that the tax cap applies to the entire budget of which the Ambulance District is a part of. He said the Ambulance District is now broken out into its own separate line in the budget. Mr. Nawrot said he thought the tax cap was going to be exceeded because of the Ambulance District. Mr. Geraci said that was not the case. He clarified that the Board set the public hearing in case the budget as a whole exceeded the tax cap.

-Rich Nawrot asked if there should be a ZBA member on the committee that will be reviewing possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Interim ZA Christine Hayes said absolutely not; the ZBA does not have any authority for any of the laws, the Town Board has the authority to make the laws of the Zoning Ordinance. She noted the ZBA interprets the Ordinance when there is an appeal to a decision made in the Zoning office, but they do not make the rules.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report

September 16 - October 20, 2022

September 16	Warren County Board of Supervisors Monthly meeting
September 18-20	New York State Association of Counties Public Safety Committee Meeting in Buffalo
September 20	New York State Assessors Conference Installation of Officers event in Lake George
September 21-22	2023 Town Budget Preparation meetings with staff members
September 23	Meeting with boat steward coordinators ref boat steward operations for 2023
September 23	Horicon Historical Society by-law committee meeting
September 26	Warren County BOS sub-committee meetings
September 26	North Warren Chamber of Commerce event at the Hub
September 27	Warren County BOS sub-committee meetings / De-icing systems discussion with Committee members
September 28	Monthly Town Hall staff meeting
September 29	Warren County BOS sub-committee meetings
September 29	Tentative 2023 budget prepared, submitted to Deputy Town Clerk
September 30	Horicon Historical Society by-law committee meeting
October 4	Warren County BOS sub-committee meetings
October 5	Meeting with Jesse Jackson from Look TV
October 8	Mill Pond Duck Race event
October 12	2023 Town Budget Workshop with Town Board members
October 14	Warren County BOS ARPA sub- committee meeting
October 15-18	International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, no cost to the Town
October 19	Monthly Town Hall staff meeting
October 20	Town Board Meeting

Town Board Member Robert Hill
Activity Report 15SEP-20OCT 2022

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ACTIVITY

26 SEP 2022	North Warren Chamber Mixer with Warrensburg.
Sept/Oct 2022	Worked with Highway supervisor and paint reps to find a company to refinish the radiant floors of the highway dept. Continue to work this issue.
12 OCT 2022	Budget Workshop.
13 OCT 2022	American Legion: Would like to conduct 2022 Veterans day ceremony in Horicon. Will present to board on next meeting (10/20/22). Ceremony Only no Parade.