

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

Also: Tom Donahue, Barb French, Wayne Butler, John Dunn, Jim Ventura and Janet Early, Nikki Rising, John Donovan, Matt Wood, and others.

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

Resolution to appoint new Town Board members: Supervisor Geraci explained that the Town Board had four members after the death of Frank Hill. Recently Rob Hill resigned from the Board because he had to move out of Horicon which eliminated his eligibility to hold office in the Town; this left three Town Board members. Mr. Geraci said there was a primary on June 27th and there were four candidates running for three seats. The candidates were Rob Hill, who at the time he announced his candidacy was still a resident of the Town, Tom Donahue, Pete Palmer, and Kayla Carlozzi. Since Rob Hill resigned there were three winners, Tom Donahue, Kayla Carlozzi, and Pete Palmer. Mr. Geraci said, taking into consideration there were no other opponents, the winners of the November election will be Pete Palmer and Tom Donahue for new four-year terms, and Kayla Carlozzi for a two-year unexpired term. Mr. Geraci clarified that since there were no other opponents from any other party the Board felt it was reasonable to appoint the two candidates that will be on the ballot with no opposition, Kayla Carlozzi and Tom Donahue. Mr. Geraci asked for a motion to appoint.

RESOLUTION #97-2023

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 97 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT KAYLA CARLOZZI AND THOMAS DONAHUE, JR. TO THE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, there are currently two vacant seats on the Horicon Town Board, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint Kayla Carlozzi and Thomas Donahue, Jr. to fill the vacant seats on the Town Board through December 31, 2023; this appointment is effective immediately.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting approved by Motion of Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Palmer, Donahue, Geraci) Absent: 1 (Carlozzi) Nays: 0

Brant Lake Association – update on the state of Brant Lake:

-Wayne Butler explained that in 2019 their harvester came to them and said even with 12 weeks of harvesting they could not control the milfoil in the lake; it was out of control. Mr. Butler said in 2021 DEC downgraded the lake quality to “impaired status” due to low levels of oxygen. He said this can be attributed to several different things: Eurasian milfoil and road and homeowner runoff, such as road salt, septic runoff, fertilizer, stormwater, grass clippings, gas and oil, and heavy metals. Mr. Butler said these materials can cause a water body to die thus the downward trend. He said, in an effort to get ahead of this, they are looking at ProcellaCor which was recommended by their harvester. The cost of ProcellaCor for a three-year period, beginning in 2024, would be approximately \$470,000. BLA and the Town would share the cost which would be about \$80,000 per year for the Town.

-John Dunn said they will have another presentation on the proposed use of ProcellaCor on Aug. 19 at 2:00 pm here at the Town Hall. He encouraged everyone to visit the BLA website for more information.

-Mr. Butler said they initially contracted for fourteen weeks of milfoil harvesting. He said Aqualogic has come back to them and said, based on what they are seeing, they are going to need an additional twenty days of harvesting. He said the additional cost for the harvesting will be \$17,606.80. He is requesting the Town, if funds

are available, to fund half of the additional cost which would be \$8,843.30. Supervisor Geraci said he has asked the Budget Officer to review this, and he will let him know.

Monthly Abstract:

RESOLUTION #98-2023

Councilman Olson and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 98 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JULY 2023 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the July 20, 2023 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#7	\$ 43,554.60
Highway Vouchers	#7	\$ 80,418.11

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Palmer, Donahue, Geraci) Absent: 1 (Carlozzi) Nays: 0

Correspondence to the Board:

- Tri-Lakes Community Alliance RE: Final report for Woofstock
- Barb French RE: Letter of resignation from Planning Board

Reports: Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, Transfer Station, Library, Historian, Historical Society, and Youth Commission

Supervisor's Report: see copy attached.

Town Board Committee Reports: see copy attached.

Additional comments:

-Councilman Olson said anyone is welcome to join the Brant Lake Association. He said it is important to get involved and to talk about milfoil so people are aware of what is going on.

-Councilman Palmer said they are looking at buying the Catholic Church next door to use for bathrooms. He said he and Mike met with the engineer who said the building is structurally sound. Mr. Palmer said there is more work to do before purchasing the Church, and he will follow up after he gets more information. He said Dorset Road is paved and the Highway Garage floor is done.

Resolutions:

Councilman Palmer and Councilman Olson introduced Resolutions #99 to #102 and moved their adoption:

Ayes: 4 (Palmer, Olson, Donahue, Geraci) Absent: 1 (Carlozzi) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #99-2023

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW HIGHWAY TRACTOR

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby approve the purchase of a new John Deere 6105E tractor with mower and broom attachments at a total cost of \$118,041.65. Payment to Deere and Company in the amount of \$64,582.18 for the tractor, and payment to Stephenson Equipment in the amount of \$53,459.47 for the mower and broom attachments.

RESOLUTION #100-2023

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE STAGING AND TENT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of an additional 12'x8' stage section from High Peaks Entertainment at a cost of \$3,582.40, and a 12'x24' tent from Fred's Tents and Canopies, Inc. at a cost of \$4,993.00 to be taken from Occupancy Tax (A6410.4).

RESOLUTION #101-2023

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, Dan Freebern, William Siegle, and Barb French have resigned from the Town of Horicon Planning Board, and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint Melanie Fuerst to the full seat of Planning Board member to complete the five-year term that expires December 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION #102-2023

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following budget adjustments in the General and Highway Funds:

General:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A2705	Donations	\$ 200.00	
A7450.410	Museum Annex – Contractual		\$ 200.00
A1410.200	Town Clerk – Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	
A1410.400	Town Clerk – Contractual		\$ 2,000.00
A1990.400	Contingency	\$ 3,300.00	
A7110.200	Parks – Equipment		\$ 100.00
A7110.400	Parks – Contractual		\$ 1,500.00
A7450.400	Museum – Contractual		\$ 500.00
A7450.410	Museum Annex – Contractual		\$ 1,200.00

Highway:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
DA9060.800	Medical Insurance	\$ 54,000.00	
DA5148.400	Services – Other Gov’t	\$ 13,000.00	
DA5130.200	Machinery – Equipment		\$ 67,000.00

Old Business:

Planning Board vacancy update: Supervisor Geraci said there are currently two full seats open on the Planning Board and one alternate seat. He said there have been no applications for these openings so far. The Town will continue to advertise.

Purchase offer for four acres of Transfer Station land: Supervisor Geraci said Craig House, Northwoods Concrete, would like to buy four acres of the Landfill property for \$8,500.00 which is \$2,125.00 per acre. Mr. Geraci spoke to Barb French, the Town Board members, and he contacted DEC and they have no issue with this. He said he has asked several people what the value of undeveloped land would be but has not heard back from them yet. Mr. Geraci said it is his recommendation that the Board look into this further and possibly make a decision at the August meeting. Councilman Olson agreed, noting the Board should not rush into this. Councilman Palmer said he wants a survey done. No other comments from the Board.

Building Evaluation report: Supervisor Geraci noted that Councilman Palmer already mentioned that the engineer reported the Church building is structurally sound. He said there are many more things to look at such as a hazmat assessment, cost to renovate, etc. He said the building is not on the market right now. Supervisor Geraci asked the Board if they would like to move forward with a hazmat assessment.

RESOLUTION #103-2023

Councilman Palmer and Councilman Olson introduced Res. No. 103 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SOLICIT FOR HAZMAT STUDY

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to solicit for a hazmat study on the Church building. The requested work and resulting report shall not exceed \$1,499.00.

Ayes: 4 (Palmer, Olson, Donahue, Geraci) Absent: 1 (Carlozzi) Nays: 0

New Business: None

Privilege of the Floor:

-Barb French asked if the town has received any more money from Joe Brand; Supervisor Geraci said no.

-Nikki Rising asked what the asking price is for the Church; Supervisor Geraci said there is no price as it is not currently on the market. She asked what the Town is looking at buying it for. Supervisor Geraci said they are looking at it for many possible purposes: civic events, community events, bathrooms, etc. Supervisor Geraci asked Councilman Palmer if he knew what the asking price was when it was previously on the market; Councilman Palmer said he thought it was \$160,000 or \$180,000. Supervisor Geraci said there has been no official discussion or an offer.

-John Donovan thanked the Brant Lake Association for all they have done and all they are doing to combat milfoil.

Announcements:

-There is a public hearing for the proposed Zoning amendments related to Travel Trailers and Property Maintenance on Thursday, August 17th at 6:00 pm.

-Brant Lake Association is having a presentation on the proposed use of ProcellaCor on Saturday, August 19th at 2:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM by MOTION of Councilman Donahue and Councilman Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report

June 16 – July 20, 2023

June 19	Juneteenth Holiday Town Hall Closed
June 20	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
June 21	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
June 27	Primary voting at Town Hall
June 28	Monthly staff meeting
June 29	Meeting on operation of upper dam
June 30	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
June 30	Warren County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting
June 30	Food Truck Friday
July 3 & 4	Off
July 6	Employee Policy Manual work session
July 7	Bookkeeper applicant interview
July 10	Horicon Historical Society meeting at Brant Lake Museum
July 11	Meeting with engineer at St. Teresa's Church for initial structural assessment, report to follow
July 11	Tick exposure presentation by Cornell Cooperative Extension
July 14	Food Truck Friday
July 15-16-17	Lakes / dams water level issues
July 20	Town Board Meeting

Town Board Member – Peter Palmer

Activity Report 6/15-7/20

DATE	ACTIVITY
6/29	TOWN HALL MEETING W/MIKE AND DARREN UPPER DAM
6/29	TOWN HALL MEETING W/MIKE AND ZONING ADM
7/9	DAM INSPECTION
7/11	MET WITH ENGINEERS CATHOLIC CHURCH EVALUATION
7/17	TOWN SHED CHECK FLOOR RESEAL