

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
6:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Michael Geraci	Supervisor
	Kayla Carlozzi	Councilwoman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Peter Palmer	Councilman
	Sylvia Smith	Councilwoman
	Krista Wood	Town Clerk

Also: Barb French, Becky Ross, Bob Smith, Jim Ventura and Janet Early, Assessor Christine Hayes, Debbie Ferree, Matt Wood, Richard Miron, Neil Brandmaier, Fred and Sandra Ferrarra, Camille Dougan, and others.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 17, 2023 (regular meeting) and August 30, 2023 (special meeting) approved by Motion of Councilman Olson and Councilwoman Carlozzi.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Carlozzi, Palmer, Geraci) Abstain: 1 (Smith) Nays: 0

Monthly Abstract:

RESOLUTION #115-2023

Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Palmer introduced Res. No. 115 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF SEPTEMBER 2023 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the September 21, 2023 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	9	\$ 32,583.70
Highway Abstract	9	\$ 16,963.65

Ayes: 5 (Smith, Palmer, Olson, Carlozzi, Geraci) Nays: 0

Correspondence to the Board:

- B.L.E. Association RE: Roadway issues
- Pam Eastman RE: Letter of resignation from Library Board of Trustees
- Matt Strickland RE: Great Brant Lake Canoe Race 2023 post event report
- AOT RE: 2024 Annual Meeting & Training registration information

Discussion on Correspondence:

Regarding the roadway issues in Brant Lake Estates, Supervisor Geraci said he and HS Granger met with a representative of the B.L.E. Association regarding stop signs and other signage they requested. Supervisor Geraci explained that the Town must follow the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices, so, there is a reason certain signs go up in certain places and why others do not. He said following the meeting with the B.L.E. Association representative, someone removed the Yield sign on the Brant Lake Estates loop and replaced it with a Stop sign. He said this is actually larceny, and it creates a risk exposure to the Town. Supervisor Geraci said he contacted HS Granger and had him remove the Stop sign and put the Yield sign back up, the Sheriff's Department was contacted, and they will investigate this and follow up with the Town.

Reports: Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, Transfer Station, NWEMS, Library, Historian, Historical Society

Supervisor's Report – see copy attached.

Additional Comment:

Regarding broadband, Supervisor Geraci said had a meeting with Spectrum in reference to unserved coverage areas in the Town. He said the Town needs to identify those areas with no coverage to see what can be done about it. He has asked Warren County to do an analysis county wide of where there is a lack of coverage. He said it does not make sense for each town to compete against each other for potential funding, but instead to have the County compete for funding that would then help each town. Mr. Geraci said the County has agreed to do this, and hopefully in the next month or two there will be an analysis. He said Spectrum will supply the lines, however, they will not pay to do it and it is very costly. He said it is the Town's goal for everyone in the Town to have service.

Supervisor Geraci said Food Truck Fridays was very successful again this year. He expressed appreciation to the volunteers for all they do to make this a successful event.

Town Board Committee Reports – see copies attached.

Additional comments:

-Councilman Olson noted how many positive comments he has received about Food Truck Fridays, and he recognized the work that goes into making it all happen. He said he and Councilwoman Smith looked at the cemetery vault for potential repairs and improvements.

-Councilman Palmer said Angie Mead reached out to him about the Church because the owner wanted an update on the Town's plans. Mr. Palmer said he reviewed Cedarwood's analysis of the building and what it would take to bring the building up to code with Ms. Mead. He gave Ms. Mead a copy of the analysis to take back to the owner. He said no one knew it would take that much to bring it up to code.

-Councilwoman Carlozzi said she and Councilwoman Smith met with Buildings and Grounds to review plans for this winter and next summer. She said they also asked Rob and Shane what they would like to see done if the Town were to move forward with a garage.

-Councilwoman Smith reported on the following:

She and Councilman Olson had met with Brian Johnson to look at the work needed on the cemetery vault. She said the building needs more than cosmetic improvements; it needs structural repairs. She said they are in the process of getting estimates for the repairs; the goal is to have it done by Memorial Day.

Mrs. Smith said the Historical Society has had a civil war re-enactor join the Historical Society. He is going to try and do an encampment in the spring for children as well as adults.

She spoke with Craig House, Northwoods Concrete, about the sidewalk repair which has already been approved by the Board. She said the quoted price will be held until next spring.

Resolutions:

Councilwoman Carlozzi and Councilman Olson introduced Resolutions #116 to #118 and moved their adoption:

Ayes: 5 (Carlozzi, Olson, Palmer, Smith, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #116-2023

RESOLUTION TO SET 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby set the 2024 Budget Workshop meeting for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

RESOLUTION #117-2023

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE WARREN COUNTY TOURIST & CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Warren County Tourist & Convention Development Agreement in the amount of \$20,000.00 pursuant to the Warren County 2023 Occupancy Tax Spending Plan.

RESOLUTION #118-2023

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 Fund:

General:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A9060.800	Health Insurance	\$ 11,8000.00	
A6410.400	Publicity – Contractual		\$ 7,000.00
A1220.103	Supervisor – Bookkeeper		\$ 4,800.00
A8090.100	Insect Dept – Personnel	\$ 2,000.00	
A8090.400	Insect Dept - Contractual		\$ 2,000.00
A1220.200	Supervisor - Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	
A1220.400	Supervisor - Contractual		\$ 1,000.00
A5132.400	Garage - Contractual	\$ 1,000.00	
A5132.401	Garage – Electric		\$ 1,000.00
A1220.104	Supervisor – Deputy Budget Officer	\$ 400.00	
A1990.400	Contingency		\$ 400.00

Old Business:

Planning Board member:

Supervisor Geraci said there was one application for Planning Board member, however that person has decided to withdraw his application.

New Business:

Public Informational meeting on September 27th at 6:00 pm regarding bridge replacement:

Supervisor Geraci said a Public Informational Meeting regarding bridge replacements will be held at the Town Hall on September 27th at 6:00 pm. He said the bridges to be replaced are the bridge over Mill Brook on East Shore Drive (known as Adirondack bridge) and the bridge over Mill Brook on Johnson Road (known as Beaver Pond bridge). He noted these are both County bridges.

Upper dam inspection September 27th:

Supervisor Geraci said NYS DEC will do the regularly scheduled dam inspection on September 27th and Councilman Palmer and HS Darian Granger will also be present.

Privilege of the Floor:

-Richard Miron, B.L.E. Association Treasurer, addressed the roadway issues in Brant Lake Estates. He said there is a blind spot on the corner and that is why they requested a stop sign be placed there instead of a yield sign. He said there have been issues for years and the 30-mph speed limit is excessive especially with the high volume of traffic in the summer. Mr. Miron said HS Granger did a good job clearing back the corner for better visibility, and he noted the signage requested is to serve as a reminder to people to resolve the speeding issue. Supervisor Geraci responded that it may be difficult to reduce the speed, but each issue will be addressed. In addition, Mr. Miron praised HS Granger and the crew for taking such good care of the Brant Lake Estates road in the winter.

-Matt Massiello, resident of Brant Lake Estates, addressed the Board about the speeding issue as well. He said they are inundated with speeding trucks. He said something needs to be done to prevent an accident, and a stop sign would be very helpful.

-Matt Wood, one of the Food Truck Friday's organizers, thanked the Town Board, Supervisor Geraci, and former Supervisor Sylvia Smith for their support of Food Truck Fridays. He said there have been 39 events over the last four summers that have brought a total of approximately 50,000 people into the town. He also thanked all the volunteers that work very hard to make this event happen.

-Neil Brandmaier said, in regard to broadband, there is no need to wire because Starlink is broadband satellite internet. He said setup is \$600 and it costs \$90 per month for service, and the service works very well.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM by MOTION of Councilwoman Carlozzi and Councilwoman Smith, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report
August 18, 2023 – September 21, 2023**

August 18	Warren County Board of Supervisors
August 21-22	Out of the Office
August 23	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee meetings
August 23	Warren County Committee meetings
August 24	Warren County Department budget meetings
August 24	Meeting with NYS DOS & LCLGRPB ref Comprehensive Plan grant process
August 28	Warren County Department budget meetings
August 29	Meeting Warren County Planning Dept. ref NYS DEC invasive grant
August 29	Meeting with Spectrum Gov't relations rep and Assemblyman Matt Simpson ref unserved broadband areas of Town
August 30	Town Hall staff meeting
August 31	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee meetings
August 31	Meeting with Warren County Planning Dept. ref to unserved broadband areas of the Town and DEC invasive species grant opportunity
August 31	Warren County Dept. head retirements event
September 1	Follow-up from Town Board, Meeting with Cedarwood Engineering rep ref church adjacent to Town Hall and garage behind Town Hall
September 1	Final Food Truck Friday final 2023 event

September 4	Labor Day
September 6	2024 Budget work sessions
September 12	Warren County Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 13	NYS Association of Counties Meeting
September 14	2024 Budget work sessions
September 15	2024 Budget work sessions
September 18	Out of the office
September 20	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee meetings
September 21	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee meetings
September 21	Town Board meeting

TOWN BOARD MEMBER ROBERT E. OLSON

ACTIVITY REPORT

August 29, 2023– September 21, 2023

DATE	ACTIVITY
8/29	Picked up and Reviewed Budget Work Sheets
8/29	Coordinated location of new Library sign
8/30	Special Town Board Meeting
9/06	Attended Land Use Budget Work Shop
9/11	Attended Cemetery Vault Site Meeting to assess possible Rehab Project
9/21	Audit Bills and Attend Town Board Meeting

Town Board Member – Peter Palmer

Activity Report 8/17-9/21

DATE	ACTIVITY
8/30	town hall budget meetings
9/12	met with angie mead church purchase
9/15	town hall budget meetings highway/darren landfill/barb

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August 18 – September 21, 2023

Sylvia L. Smith, Councilperson

Sylvia L. Smith

8/18	FTF Volunteer 3PM – 8:30PM Setup to cleanup
8/19	BLA Meeting and Lake update 2PM - 4PM
8/22	Gore Mountain Community Fund Grant Ceremony 4PM Town of Horicon received 3 grant awards \$1000 each for: Cemetery, Heintzelman, and Horicon Historical Society. Met with Historian, Colleen Murtagh and delivered 2 boxes of ADK Books from Dr. Randy Ellsworth and briefly reviewed inventory list.
8/25	FTF Volunteer
8/28	Follow up call with High Peaks re Sound System for 9/1 FTF
8/30	Horicon Town Hall Staff Meeting 12noon Town Board Special Meeting 3PM (appointed to Board)
9/1	FTF Volunteer Final for this year (1900 plus attendees) 3PM-10PM

9/7	Board Member Kayla C. and I met with Rob and Shane from Buildings and Grounds 7:15AM
9/8	Calls setting up appointments with contractors as well as other follow up contacts
9/11	Meeting with Contractor Brian Johnson and Councilman Olson at Cemetery Vault 8AM (specs for updating vault)
9/11	Horicon Historical Meeting: Website review, special guest Tom LaPlante and town of Hague Historian plus regular monthly business. 7-8PM
9/12	Museum in Brant Lake Tour for State Assemblyman, Matt Simpson 2PM
9/14	Budget Meetings 9AM – 12Noon
9/15	Budget Meeting 11:45
9/18	Conversation with Northwoods Concrete...Sidewalk Project
9/19	Contractor Brian Johnson contact: Set up appointments (Heintzelman & Desk Shelf for Krista's window).
9/20 or 21	Review Town Bills and attend Board Meeting