

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 18, 2024
6:00 PM**

Present at meeting:

Michael Geraci	Supervisor
Kayla Carlozzi	Councilmember
John Francisco	Councilmember
Robert Olson	Councilmember
Peter Palmer	Councilmember
Becky Ross	Deputy Town Clerk

Also: Gary Ferree, Liam Harrison, Barb French, Scott Olson, Joan Johnson, Rob Wallace, Anna Whitman, Cade DeLisle, Wayne Butler, Craig Leggett, John Dunn, Cindy Mead, and Teri Schuerlein.

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

A Motion was made by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Palmer, to go into session as the Local Board of Health. The Board moved into session as Local Board of Health at 6:00 PM.

Local Board of Health...

Septic variance request for Grenier / 7296 State Rt 8 – trailer B-1 / tax map #72.6-1-2:

Liam Harrison, KSPE LLC, said they are proposing to upgrade the existing cesspool and metal holding tank to an Eljen GSE Trench System which does not meet the setback requirements. The proposed system will require the following variances:

- 1) Absorption field to dwelling – 20’ required, 13’ proposed, variance of 7’
- 2) House sewer to water line – 10’ required, 6.25’ proposed, variance of 3.75’

Supervisor Geraci asked ZA Leggett if he sees any issues with the application; ZA Leggett said no.

RESOLUTION #64-2024

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Palmer introduced Res. No. 64 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO DEEM THE APPLICATION COMPLETE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board, acting in its capacity as the Local Board of Health, considers the application made by KSPE PLLC for a septic variance at 7296 State Route 8 – Trailer B1 (tax map #72.6-1-2) complete, and does hereby set a Public Hearing for Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

A Motion was made by Councilmember Carlozzi, seconded by Councilmember Palmer, to go back into regular session. The Board moved back into **regular session** at 6:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 21, 2024, meeting were approved by Motion of Councilmember Francisco and Councilmember Carlozzi.

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

Financial Report – April 2024 Vouchers and Abstracts...

RESOLUTION #65-2024

Councilmember Olson and Councilmember Palmer introduced Res. No. 65 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF APRIL 2024 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the April 18, 2024 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#4	\$ 80,041.29
Highway Vouchers	#4	\$ 90,765.68

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

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Correspondence to the Board...

- NYS Agriculture and Markets RE: Dog Control Officer Inspection Report
- APA RE: Conditional approval and issuance of Permit #2023-0037 to the Brant Lake Association for the application of ProcellaCOR in Brant Lake to treat milfoil.

Reports... Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, Tax Collector, NWEMS, Fire Department, Landfill, Library, and Historian

Supervisor's Report – see copy attached.

Supervisor Geraci acknowledged ZA Leggett, who also serves as North Warren Chamber of Commerce President, for putting together the Builder's Breakfast at the Community Center on March 28th. He said he spoke to several companies about getting quotes to do the Hazmat survey on the existing garage behind the Community Center. Regarding hiring, Supervisor Geraci stressed to the Board that anyone that is going to be hired by the Town for any number of hours needs to be approved by the Town Board. Lastly, Supervisor Geraci said all agenda items must be in to the Town Clerk no later than the Monday before the Town Board meeting. This will allow time to get the agenda, resolutions, and other information compiled and organized before the meeting.

Town Board Committee Reports – see copies attached.

Additional comments not included in reports:

Councilmember Palmer said both furnaces are installed at the Highway Garage and the Town should save thousands of dollars on propane.

Councilmember Francisco said he met with ZA Leggett about bubblers on the lake; he has drafted a proposal for an amendment to the Zoning Law regarding this and reviewed his proposal. Supervisor Geraci clarified the Board is not voting on anything tonight, they are simply putting this out to the public for feedback. He suggested the Board might consider holding a public hearing on this in July. Supervisor Geraci said there are many steps that would have to take place before this could be put in place. Councilmember Francisco said a decision needs to be made on what to do with the Watering Tub stone and suggested it be put at the Museum.

Councilmember Carlozzi said she attended the Warren County 2040 meeting and encouraged everyone to attend these meetings if they can.

Resolutions...

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Francisco introduced Resolutions #66 to #73 and moved their adoption:

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

RESOLUTION #66-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF AN AIR CONDITIONER IN THE FOOD PANTRY

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the installation of an air conditioner in the Food Pantry by Chuck's Heating and Cooling at a cost not to exceed \$4,665.00, and be it further RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes a deposit in the amount of \$2,800.00 be paid to Chuck's Heating and Cooling, with the balance due upon completion of the installation; funds for this will come from A1620.4 (Buildings- Contractual).

RESOLUTION #67-2023

RESOLUTION TO HIRE SEASONAL PARKS AND RECREATION LABORER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby hire Shane Westerkamp as a seasonal Parks and Recreation Laborer, with a start date of May 1, 2024, at a pay rate of \$16.56 per hour.

RESOLUTION #68-2023

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARD FOR 2024 SUMMER SEASON

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Willow Browne as Lifeguard for the Adirondack beach for the 2024 summer season at a pay rate of \$16.56 per hour.

RESOLUTION #69-2023

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH ADIRONDACK

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to sign the Adirondack Rural Revitalization Program (ARRP) Subgrant Agreement with Adirondack Architectural Heritage in the amount of \$56,000 for the Heintzelman Library Historic Preservation Project.

RESOLUTION #70-2023

RESOLUTION TO HIRE BOAT STEWARDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Rick Olm and Barbara Olm as Boat Stewards for the 2024 season at a pay rate of \$16.56 per hour.

RESOLUTION #71-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF TOWN PROPERTY TO BERNARD F. HILL

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon owns a parcel of land with an address of 10-20 Town Shed Road, Town of Horicon with Tax Map No. 88.10-1-52; and

WHEREAS, Bernard F. Hill (hereinafter "Purchaser") owns a parcel of land adjacent to the Town parcel with an address of 6480 State Route 8, Town of Horicon, bearing Tax Map No. 88.10-1-63; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon Planning Board, on April 17, 2024 approved a boundary line adjustment between the two parcels which increased Purchaser's property by .343 acres and decreased the Town's property by .343 acres; and

WHEREAS, the land conveyed is vacant and not needed by the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds the portion of Tax Map No. 88.10-1-52 to be conveyed to Purchaser is not needed for Town purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the sale of the .343-acre portion of Tax Map No. 88.10-1-52 to purchaser for a total price being \$4,420; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes any expenses on the part of the Town relating to costs associated with such conveyance including but not limited to payment of recording fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 64(2) and Article 7 of Town Law and shall not take effect until such time as provided therein and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to post and publish the notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such instruments and documents as may be necessary to effectuate the conveyance of the property.

RESOLUTION #72-2023

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT THE ADIRONDACK PLANNING FORUM

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize ZA Craig Leggett, Troy Scripture, Larry Bell, Ross Schoembs, and Rich Nawrot to attend the Adirondack Planning Forum in Saranac Lake on April 25, 2024. The cost is \$99.38 per person plus reimbursement for mileage.

RESOLUTION #73-2023

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISHING DERBY AND POSTING OF THE MILL POND

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize radio coverage to advertise the annual fishing derby at the Mill Pond in Brant Lake at a cost not to exceed \$450.00. The Board further authorizes payment in the amount of \$350.00 to the Chestertown Conservation Club to be used for prizes for the fishing derby, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the posting of "NO FISHING" signs from the time the Mill Pond is stocked until the day of the derby which will be Saturday, May 18, 2024. Expenditures to come from A6410.4.

Old Business...

New garage behind the Community Center:

Supervisor Geraci explained there has been discussion about building a new garage behind the Community Center. He noted the first step is to research whether any hazmat abatement will be needed. He said the second step is the need for the Board to come to a consensus on what option is best. Supervisor Geraci said the old garage needs to come down and there is a great need for a work area and for general storage. He said the most recent option is to tear down the old garage and build a new one which would include a maintenance shop, storage area, bathrooms, and the food pantry. Supervisor Geraci said he feels the latest proposed option is the best one. He said the Board needs to put thought into this and decide what they would like to do.

Councilmember Francisco said he has a problem with public bathrooms and thinks there will be issues such as cleanliness, maintenance, operations, etc. Mr. Ferree addressed Councilmember Francisco's concerns by explaining how the design of the bathrooms would mitigate these issues. Supervisor Geraci said there is a long way to go and many things to consider.

New Business...

Charter Communications – Franchise Agreement:

Supervisor Geraci explained that the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications has expired, and the Town is currently working with them to negotiate a new agreement. He explained that as part of this agreement the Town receives a franchise fee that is put into a reserve account to be used for future build outs. The Town has the option to raise the franchise fee from 3% to 5%, however, that fee is billed to the customer. He asked the Board if they want to raise the fee to 5% or keep it at the current amount of 3%. The Board agreed to keep the fee at 3%.

Privilege of the Floor...

-John Dunn, Brant Lake Association, announced that according to the APA the Brant Lake Association is the first lake association in the Adirondack Park to have 100% agreement on the use of ProcellaCor. He spoke about the upcoming ProcellaCor treatment plan which includes working with the Town on funding sources. He thanked the Town for its commitment to this process.

-Wane Butler, Brant Lake Association, spoke to the Board about the status of the previous year's harvesting. He said the BLA is proposing to work with the Town in two areas which are restoring water quality and seeking additional revenue sources beyond the Town and the BLA. He also requested the Board contact DEC to see if the stewards can hand out maps showing the work zones and to ask people to stay away from those areas.

-Cindy Mead thanked the Town for funding Woofstock on the Mill Pond.

Announcements...

-Supervisor Geraci recognized the NWCS boys' basketball team on their Class D state championship.

-People need to be aware that putting trash, such as furniture, etc., out along the sides of the road needs to stop.

-The Highway Department will be starting work on Hayesburg road soon, and the County will begin work on Palisades Road.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM by MOTION of Councilmember Francisco and Councilmember Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report
March 22, 2024 – April 18, 2024**

March 24	Meeting with National Grid ref storm damages
March 25 & 26	Out of the office
March 27	Warren County meeting
March 28	Builders breakfast event at Town Hall
March 28	Finance Committee meeting
March 29	Warren County Committee meetings
April 2	CSEA contract negotiations session
April 9	Attend wake service for Supervisor Dennis Dickinson
April 9	Meeting with Zoning Administrator and APA rep Robyn Burgess
April 10	Distributed employee manuals and briefed Highway Dept. employees
April 11	Spoke with potential vendors for Haz-mat abatement in garage behind Town Hall and the Adirondack Museum
April 11	Meeting with Spectrum reps to begin wiring Town Hall for new telephone system
April 11	Meeting with SCLPD, Chester and Schroon Lake Supervisors and Highway Superintendents at Starbuckville dam ref required repairs
April 12	Prep meetings for CSEA negotiations, Town Board and Finance Comm.
April 16	Warren County Committee meetings
April 18	CSEA Negotiations session
April 18	Town Board meeting

Town Board Member Kayla Carlozzi
Activity Report Mar 20 – Apr 11, 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday, March 21, 2024	Town of Horicon Board Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2024	Warren County 2040 Mtg
Thursday, March 28, 2024	Finance Committee Meeting

John Francisco

Horicon Town Board

Activity Report 3-21-24 to 4-11-24

• Date MARCH 22-2024	meet Craig L. over Zoning issues and ice bubbleis
• Date MARCH 21	BOARD Meeting - Review plans FOR maintenance building
• Date 4-4-24	CALL Cedar wood talked To GARY About building
• Date 4-4-24	DRAFT Zoning Code FOR bubbleis
• Date 4-10-24	TALK To Assessor how it's ^{charges} charge FOR Different Parcels OR Regulated Zones
• Date 4-10-24	Talk and show Mike @ my Drafted Rule Becky printed and sent copy's to board member's Also zoning officer Received A copy.
• Date	ck out Rubbermaid Storage sheds FOR beach (Life Guard items needed daily)
• Date 4-11-24	Hand in Activity Report FOR Krista-s going Away.

TOWN BOARD MEMBER ROBERT E. OLSON

ACTIVITY REPORT

03/19/2024 04/18/2024

DATE

ACTIVITY

03/21

Attended Health Ins Meeting

03/26

Attended Zoning Board Mtg

04/15

Attended Library Board Mtg

04/17

Attended Planning Board Mtg

04/18

Audit bills

04/18

Attended Town Board meeting