

HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 16, 2024
6:00 PM

Present at meeting:	Michael Geraci	Supervisor
	Kayla Carlozzi	Councilmember
	John Francisco	Councilmember
	Robert Olson	Councilmember
	Krista Wood	Town Clerk
Absent:	Peter Palmer	Councilmember

Also: ZA Craig Leggett, HS Darian Granger, Becky Ross, Liam Harrison, Barb French, Jean Olson, Scott and Amy Olson, Bob and Sylvia Smith, Janet Early and Jim Ventura, Wayne Butler, Diane Dreyer, Teri Schuerlein, and John Caruso.

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

Councilmember Bob Olson announced that due to health reasons this will be his last Town Board meeting. He said he wants everyone to know how proud he is to have served, and it is with great sadness that he must step down.

Supervisor Geraci thanked Councilmember Olson, on behalf of the current Town Board, for his service to the Town over the past twenty-six plus years. He told Councilmember Olson the Town owes him a large debt of gratitude and he should be very proud of his accomplishments. Supervisor Geraci expressed to Councilmember Olson that he has made a big difference to the Town over the past twenty-six years; adding that a lot of what the Town is proud of today is in part because of the work Councilmember Olson has done.

Supervisor Geraci then asked for a motion to convene the Local Board of Health. Motion was made by Councilmember Carlozzi, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to go into session as the Local Board of Health. The Board moved into session as Local Board of Health at 6:05 PM.

Local Board of Health...

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

Supervisor Geraci opened the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

Liam Harrison, KSPE LLC, briefly explained the proposal to install a replacement wastewater disposal system. He said they recently learned the property is classified as a “campground,” therefore this project must also be reviewed by the Department of Health. Mr. Harrison said the NYS DOH representative said they hoped to have approval on this within the next couple of weeks. He asked the Board for conditional approval of the variance pending review and approval by the NYS Department of Health.

There being no further comments Supervisor Geraci took a motion from Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Francisco, to close the public hearing. The public hearing was closed at 6:10 pm.

RESOLUTION #74-2024

Councilmember Olson and Councilmember Francisco introduced Res. No. 74 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR A REPLACEMENT WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM

AT 7296 STATE RT 8, BRANT LAKE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from KSPE LLC, and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance, pending approval by the NYS Department of Health, to install a wastewater disposal system (Eljen GSE Trench System) at 7296 State Route 8 in Brant Lake (Tax Map #72.6-1-2) 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

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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 (Carlozzi, Francisco, Olson, Geraci) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Palmer)

A Motion was made by Councilmember Carlozzi, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to go back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 6:12 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 18, 2024, meeting were approved by Motion of Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Olson.

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

RESOLUTION #75-2024

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Francisco introduced Res. No. 75 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MAY 2024 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the May 16, 2024 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#5	\$ 105,662.98
Highway Vouchers	#5	\$ 29,569.47

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

Correspondence to the Board:

- Theresa Katsch RE: Letter of resignation from position of Zoning Clerk
- Christine Hayes RE: Letter of resignation as Interim Zoning Administrator
- Library Board of Trustees RE: Handicap access into the Library
- Kevin Hajos, Supt. of Public Works RE: Palisades Road concerns

Discussion on correspondence:

Handicap access to Library: Supervisor Geraci said he and Councilmember Francisco looked at the building and there is handicap access into the Library both in front of the building and in the rear. Councilmember Francisco said Joan had mentioned something about an automatic door, but he is not sure that is what she is talking about as the letter does not specify what type of handicap access.

Palisades Road: Supervisor Geraci said Kevin Hajos, Superintendent of Public Works, had provided a written response to the people that had voiced concerns over some of the work being done on Palisades Rd. Supervisor Geraci clarified that Palisades Road is a County road, and over the next several years the County hopes to re-do the entire road.

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

Supervisor's Report – see copy attached.

Supervisor Geraci said there was a request to DEC to consider modifying the hours at the Brant Lake Boat Launch, specifically closing it for certain periods of the day. There are a couple of reasons for this; one is the ProcellaCor treatment which will begin soon, and the thought is if the hours could be reduced to just when stewards are there it might help the lake in general. He said DEC was not in favor of this because the lake is taxpayer funded, it is a public body of water not a private lake, and people other than those on the lake can use it. So, the launch will not be closed, and the hours will not be modified.

Councilmember Francisco asked if the number of boats on the lake could be limited on the days of the ProcellaCor application; Wayne Butler said no, the areas that are being treated will be buoyed off.

Supervisor Geraci spoke about the lack of broadband access in parts of the Town. He explained the cost to provide access to these areas would be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Supervisor Geraci said there is state funding coming down from the Federal government for broadband, but it is very difficult to access. He has made an official request to Warren County to seek funding for all in the County. He said the Board of Supervisors is going to have a workshop meeting specific to this issue.

Town Board Committee Reports – see copies attached.

Councilmember Francisco said he wants a resolution to move the watering tub rock. He said the SLPD is fine with the Town moving it. Councilmember Francisco said he spoke to the Historical Society about putting it at the Museum. Supervisor Geraci asked Sylvia Smith if the Historical Society is in favor of this. She said the HHS Board did vote to take the rock, however, they do need the full history of the Watering Tub as this is not the original rock. Mrs. Smith said they will also need to meet with HS Granger to decide where it can be placed. There was additional discussion related to the history of the rock.

RESOLUTION #76-2024

Councilmember Francisco and Councilmember Olson introduced Res. No. 76 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO MOVE THE WATERING TUB ROCK

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Department to remove the “watering tub” rock from the property of the SLPD and relocate it to the Horicon Museum.

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

Councilmember Carlozzi said she attended the Community Fund for Gore Mountain Region meeting. She said the Finance Committee had a very productive meeting regarding bond options, etc.

Resolutions...

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Francisco introduced Resolutions #77 to #85 and moved their adoption:

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

RESOLUTION #77-2024

RESOLUTION TO HIRE PART-TIME TRANSFER STATION HELPER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby hire Danielle Cole as part-time Transfer Station helper from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend at a pay rate of \$15.97 per hour.

RESOLUTION #78-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOME RULE REQUEST AND SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL #7696-A AND ASSEMBLY BILL #8183-A

WHEREAS, there is currently pending legislation before the State Legislature, Senate Bill No. 7696-A and Assembly Bill No. 8183-A, entitled, “An Act to amend the real property tax law and the real property law, in relation to the taxation of property owned by a cooperative corporation,” and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the enactment of the requested legislation because the New York State Real Property Tax Law does not currently allow the Town Assessor to alter the methodology for assessing condominiums, and the Town does not have any express statutory authority allowing it to do so by Local Law, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby express its support for this legislation, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to prepare and execute all needed Home Rule forms in the form presented and forward the completed Home Rule Forms with eight (8) engrossed copies of this Resolution to New York State Senator Daniel G. Stec, 5 Warren Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801, along with any other documents needed.

RESOLUTION #79-2024

RESOLUTION TO HIRE HIGHWAY MEO

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Highway Superintendent Darian Granger to hire Joshua Ricci as a full-time MEO at a pay rate of \$24.74 per hour.

RESOLUTION #80-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES MEMBERSHIP MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Michael Geraci to attend the AATV Membership Meeting in Lake Placid June 3, 2024 at a cost of \$65.00.

RESOLUTION #81-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Warren County Youth Bureau for the youth recreation program reimbursement for 2024 in the amount of \$2,541.00.

RESOLUTION #82-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ASBESTOS SURVEY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER GARAGE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC to perform an Asbestos Survey for the Horicon garage behind the Community Center at an estimated cost of \$2,972.00.

RESOLUTION #83-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LIMITED HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SURVEY AT THE MUSEUM ANNEX

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC to perform a Limited Hazardous Material Survey for the Museum Annex in Adirondack at an estimated cost of \$1,298.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town and the Horicon Historical Society will each pay half.

RESOLUTION #84-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR 2024 CFGMR GRANT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to apply for a 2024 Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region grant.

RESOLUTION #85-2024

RESOLUTION TO AMEND CEMETERY REGULATIONS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board, due to a price increase from the vendor, does hereby amend the Cemetery Regulations to increase the cost of one set of corner markers from \$260.00 per set to \$275.00 per set effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #86-2024

Councilmember Francisco and Councilmember Olson introduced Res. No. 86 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET STANDARD WORKDAY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon hereby establishes the following as standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the official to the clerk of this body:

Standard Name & Title	Work Day	Term Begin/Ends	Participates in	
			Employer's Time Keeping System	Days/Mo.

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Darian Granger (Highway Supt.)	8	1/1/24 – 12/31/27	No	34.36
Kayla Carlozzi (Town Board member)	6	1/1/24 – 12/31/27	No	1.78

Ayes: 3 (Francisco, Olson, Geraci) Abstain: 1 (Carlozzi) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Palmer)

Supervisor Geraci noted the Town is currently looking for a Zoning Clerk and asked for the Board's support to fill the position prior to the June Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #87-2024

Councilmember Olson and Councilmember Carlozzi introduced Res. No. 87 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO HIRE ZONING CLERK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to hire the selected candidate, at the agreed upon salary, for the position of part-time Zoning Clerk prior to the June meeting.

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

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan update: Supervisor Geraci said the Town was awarded a grant to develop a new Comprehensive Plan. He said in the next few months he will be providing more information on this process and will be looking for people interested in being on the committees that will work on this plan. He said the LCLGRP is going to be the contractor for this plan, and Allison Gaddy, who is the point person, will be at the June meeting to discuss the process.

Brant Lake upper dam update: Supervisor Geraci said he and HS Granger had a meeting with Laberge to discuss the upper dam. He said although the dam is supposed to be automatically controlled it is currently being controlled manually. He said Laberge will be doing some work on this.

New Business

Condition of Town Hall roof: Supervisor Geraci said Councilmember Francisco brought up the fact that the Town Hall roof does not look very good. Supervisor Geraci said he had Cedarwood Engineering do an assessment of the roof and they found the roof itself to be in good shape, however the fascia is not. He said they will be getting estimates to repair the fascia.

Privilege of the Floor

-Jean Olson said the lake level has been a source of contention for years. She thanked the Town for staying involved in the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages; Horicon was one of the founding members of this association. Mrs. Olson said the Town gave the State of New York the boat launch; she believes there is a stipulation in the contract that allows the Town to take it back. Supervisor Geraci said he is not sure if the stipulation to take the launch back is still in the contract but he will review this.

-Wayne Butler first thanked Councilmember Olson for his years of service to the Town. Mr. Butler then gave an update on the education plan regarding the ProcellaCor treatment and expects this to start next week. Lastly, he noted some of the work the County is doing on Palisades Road is to actually manage some of the water run off from going into the lake.

-ZA Craig Leggett told Councilmember Olson he will be missed, and he has served the Town well over the years.

-Councilmember Carlozzi thanked Councilmember Olson for his years of service, noting she is the third Carlozzi to have been able to work with him. She told him he will be missed and his legacy will go on.

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-Diane Dreyer expressed concern about the amount of trash left around from Food Truck Fridays. She suggested the vendors be asked to use recyclable food containers and the Town to use clearly marked recyclable receptacles. Supervisor Geraci said there are recycling receptacles provided, and all the trash is collected at the end of the night and taken to the Transfer Station. He asked if her concern is recycling or the volume of trash. She said she is concerned that when the recyclable receptacles are full, people start throwing bottles in the garbage. Barb French said several of the volunteers empty the garbage and recyclable receptacles throughout the night, but you cannot monitor everyone. Ms. Dreyer asked that the vendors encourage people to handle their trash properly. Supervisor Geraci said that really is not the vendors responsibility. Sylvia Smith noted that at the end of the night it is amazing that there is no garbage on the grounds. She added that the volunteers and the vendors do a very good job keeping everything picked up. Teri Schuerlein said from what she has seen most of the vendors use cardboard or recyclable containers not styrofoam.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM by MOTION of Councilmember Olson and Councilmember Carlozzi, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report
April 18, 2024 – May 16, 2024**

April 19	Warren County Board of Supervisors meeting
April 20	Warren County Committee meetings
April 20	CSEA Negotiations Session
April 24	NYS Traffic Safety Conf at the Sagamore
April 25	Spectrum new telephone system training
April 30	Finance Comm meeting with Town Counsel ref the Bonding process
May 1	CSEA Negotiations prep session
May 1	Recognition event at the Capital Center for Warren County District Attorney Carusone
May 2	Warren County Committee meetings
May 2	Warren County BOS workshop
May 3	Meeting with residents, Zoning Admin & Dep. Supervisor ref a citizen complaint
May 3	Comprehensive Plan work session
May 6	Meeting with leadership of the Adirondack Heritage ref Heintzelman Library grant
May 7	Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages event at the NYS Capital
May 7	Meeting with County Commissioner of Jurors and County Court Judges
May 8	Warren County Committee meetings
May 8	Meeting with Cedarwood Engineering rep ref condition of the Town Hall roof
May 9	CSEA Negotiations Preparation
May 9	NYS DEC ref Brant Lake Launch hours
May 10 & 13	Out of the Office
May 14	Warren County Board of Supervisors meeting
May 15	Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages Board meeting in Essex
May 16	Town Board Meeting

Town Board Member Kayla Carlozzi
Activity Report Apr 12 – May 15, 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Town of Horicon Board Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2024	Gore Mtn Community Fund meeting at Tannery Pond
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Finance Committee Meeting with Town Attorney to discuss options for new building finance
Monday, May 6, 2024	Met with Supervisor Geraci to discuss a few matters.
Monday, April 29, 2024	Met with FTF committee members