

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Present at meeting:	Michael Geraci	Supervisor
	Kayla Carlozzi Hodgson	Councilmember
	John Francisco	Councilmember
	Teri Schuerlein	Councilmember
	Ed Sim	Councilmember
	Krista Wood	Town Clerk

Also: Barb French, Assessor Christine Hayes, HS Darian Granger, John Dunn, Jim Ventura and Janet Early, Bob and Sylvia Smith, Matt Wood, Becky Ross and Curt Smith, Angela Cugini-Girard, Tom Luciano, Scott Hayes, Anna Whitman, Heidi Webster, John Caruso, John and Sharon Dunn, Dianne Dreyer, ZA Craig Leggett, and others.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting approved by Motion of Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Sim.

Ayes: 5 (Schuerlein, Sim, Francisco, Hodgson, Geraci) Nays: 0

Monthly Abstract:

RESOLUTION #99-2024

Councilmember Hodgson and Councilmember Francisco introduced Res. No. 99 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JULY 2024 ABSTRACTS

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

General Vouchers	#7	\$ 33,586.55
Highway Vouchers	#7	\$ 7,878.71

Ayes: 5 (Hodgson, Francisco, Schuerlein, Sim, Geraci) Nays: 0

Correspondence to the Board:

- NYS DOH RE: Letter of determination on the Grenier wastewater system replacement
- Cedarwood Engineering RE: Report on Brant Lake Museum

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

Supervisor's Report: see copy attached.

Town Board Liaison Reports: see copies attached.

Additional comments:

Councilmember Francisco said he has formed a group to address bubblers on the lake. He stressed this is not a committee; this is a group of people that will help write the bubbler regulations.

Councilmember Schuerlein gave an update on Food Truck Fridays. She noted the volunteers hear from a lot of people that they look forward to, and really appreciate, this event. She explained that it is the same small group of volunteers that are here every Friday night and they do a great job, however, more volunteers are needed as the group cannot do it all. Councilmember Schuerlein asked anyone willing to volunteer to please reach out.

Resolutions:

Councilmember Sim and Councilmember Hodgson introduced Resolutions #100 to #104 and moved their adoption:

Ayes: 5 (Sim, Hodgson, Schuerlein, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #100-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN MOU FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to sign the Agreement between the Town of Horicon, Brant Lake Association, and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District for the 2024-2025 Brant Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Control Program, and further authorizes payment to the Brant Lake Association in the amount of \$45,000.00 as per said agreement.

RESOLUTION #101-2024

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

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Warren County Local Tourism Promotion and Convention Development Agreement in the amount of \$20,000.00 pursuant to the Warren County 2024 Occupancy Tax Spending Plan.

RESOLUTION #102-2024

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #90-2024

WHEREAS, at the June 12, 2024 meeting the Town Board hired Gina DePace as part-time Zoning Clerk and now wishes to amend that job title, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend Resolution #90-2024 to change the job title of the clerk in the Zoning office from part-time Zoning Clerk to Clerk, Part-Time.

RESOLUTION #103-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR TO ATTEND CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Assessor Christine Hayes to attend the NYSAA Fall Conference in Fairport, NY September 23-26, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. The total cost of the classes, lodging, and reimbursement for food and mileage, will be split between the Town of Horicon (40%) and the Town of Bolton (60%).

RESOLUTION #104-2024

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE POSITION OF UPPER DAM MANAGER AND APPOINT UPPER DAM OPERATOR

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby terminate the position of Upper Dam Manager, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Darian Granger be appointed Upper Dam Operator and Tom Turcotte, Matt Lynch, and Anthony Lashway be appointed as members of the Upper Dam Advisory Committee.

Old Business:

Highway tandem truck: Supervisor Geraci explained that HS Granger has had two tandem dump trucks on order, the first ordered in 2021 and the second in 2023, and there is currently no estimated delivery date for either. He noted that all municipalities are in the same boat; the County put out a bid and no one submitted one. Supervisor Geraci said HS Granger has found a company that can deliver a new truck in 6-8 months. He said HS Granger has canceled the original order from 2021 and would like to order a truck from Tenco Industries.

RESOLUTION #105-2024

Councilmember Sim and Councilmember Schuerlein introduced Resolutions #105 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TANDEM DUMP TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has canceled the order for a tandem dump truck that was placed in 2021, and, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new 2025 Western Star 49X tandem dump truck from Tenco Industries at a cost of \$334,025.00.

Ayes: 5 (Sim, Schuerlein, Francisco, Hodgson, Geraci) Nays: 0

Comprehensive Plan update – appointment of initial committee: Supervisor Geraci explained the LCLGRP is working with the Town to update the Comprehensive Plan which is expected to be a two-year project. To move forward the Town needs to appoint an initial committee, and there are sixteen people that want to serve on the committee. Supervisor Geraci said anyone else interested is welcome to attend the meetings. He asked for a motion to appoint the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

RESOLUTION #106-2024

Councilmember Hodgson and Councilmember Schuerlein introduced Resolutions #106 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon is going to be updating its Comprehensive Plan and a Planning Committee is needed to work with the LCLGRP to provide community input and feedback to ensure the Plan reflects the needs and goals of the community, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint the following people to the

Comprehensive Planning Committee:

Wayne Butler (BLA)

Drew Cappabianca (The Hub)

Kayla Carlozzi Hodgson (Town Board member)

Jeanne Clement (ESSLA & ALA)

John Dunn (BLA)

Brandon Himoff (Point O’Pines)

Craig Leggett (Horicon Zoning Administrator & NW Chamber)

Carol Molino (ESSLA & ALA)

Steve Mullins (Chair, Horicon Planning Board)

Colleen Murtagh (Horicon Historian)

Frank Murtagh (Community member)

Casey Palmer (Community member & NWCS)

Becky Ross (Deputy Supervisor)

Curt Smith (Community member)

James Ventura (Horicon Historical Society)

Cheryl Erickson (Chair, Horicon ZBA).

Ayes: 5 (Hodgson, Schuerlein, Sim, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

Watering Tub: Councilmember Francisco explained that Schroon Lake Park District (SLPD) owns the property the watering tub rock is on, and the Town owns the actual rock. He said he asked Billy Mueller if he would move the rock to the Town Hall lawn and the Town could put flowers around it. Sylvia Smith, Horicon Historical Society, said the HHS looked at it and feels the rock should be left where it is because the site is the original place of the watering tub, but the rock is not the original rock. She said the rock should be left where it is and a plaque put on the rock noting it is the site of the original watering tub. She then asked Tom Luciano, SLPD Commissioner, if the Town *has* to move the rock; he replied no. Supervisor Geraci asked if the Town could leave the rock where it is and put a plaque on it; Mr. Luciano said it can be left where it is, a plaque can be put on it, nothing needs to change, and nothing else needs to be done.

Motion made by Councilmember Francisco to accept the Watering Tub rock and move it to the Town Hall lawn. No second, motion does not move forward.

Supervisor Geraci asked if there was a motion to leave the rock where it is now.

Motion made by Councilmember Hodgson, seconded by Councilmember Sim.

RESOLUTION #107-2024

Councilmember Hodgson and Councilmember Sim introduced Resolutions #107 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO LEAVE WATERING TUB ROCK AT CURRENT LOCATION

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board will leave the Watering Tub rock in its current location; it will not be moved.

Ayes: 5 (Hodgson, Sim, Schuerlein, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

New Business:

Transfer Station scale: Barb French said she is having trouble with the scale at the Transfer Station, and it needs to be replaced. She has a quote from Rice Lake Floor Scale for a 5'x5' scale. She researched other companies, but they would not give quotes.

RESOLUTION #108-2024

Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Francisco introduced Resolutions #108 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SCALE FOR TRANSFER STATION

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a 5'x5' Rice Lake Floor Scale for the Transfer Station at a cost of \$4,320.00 plus delivery and installation.

Ayes: 5 (Schuerlein, Francisco, Sim, Hodgson, Geraci) Nays: 0

Removal of dead tree from Adirondack beach: Supervisor Geraci explained there is a dead tree on the beach in Adirondack that needs to be removed. He said the Town received two quotes, one from Mueller Tree Service for \$3,800.00, and one from Harold Parker Tree Service for \$1,600.00; a third company was asked but they would not give a quote due to the location of the work.

RESOLUTION #109-2024

Councilmember Hodgson and Councilmember Sim introduced Resolutions #109 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF DEAD TREE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Harold Parker Tree Service to remove a dead tree from the Town beach property in Adirondack at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00.

Ayes: 5 (Hodgson, Sim, Schuerlein, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

Proposed Local Law to authorize the award of purchase contracts based on best value: Supervisor Geraci explained the that the Town's current Procurement Policy states the Town must go with the lowest bid price, however, the Board would like to be able to award contracts based on best value. He said the Town Board needs to pass a Local Law that would allow this.

RESOLUTION #110-2024

Councilmember Hodgson and Councilmember Schuerlein introduced Resolutions #110 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS ON THE BASIS OF BEST VALUE

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider adoption of Local Law #1 of 2024 entitled, "A Local Law Authorizing the Award of Purchase Contracts on the Basis of Best Value", a Local Law that would authorize the Town to award purchase contracts, which would otherwise be subject to the "lowest bidder" on the basis of "best value", as defined in §163 of the New York State Finance Law, as determined by the Town Board upon the recommendation of the appropriate officer, board, agency, commission or department, which would include the specific factors to be applied in determining best value reflecting, wherever possible, objective and quantifiable analysis; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this legislation is authorized by New York General Municipal Law §103 and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10; and

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WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law §20 requires the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of any Local Law, and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board shall meet and hold a Public Hearing at the Horicon Town Hall, 6604 State Route 8, Brant Lake, New York 12815, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024 to hear all interested persons and take any necessary action provided by law concerning proposed Local Law #1 of 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Horicon Town Clerk to publish and post a Notice of Public Hearing concerning proposed Local Law #1 of 2024 in the manner provided by law and to make a copy of the proposed Local Law available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office following the adoption of this Resolution and until the Public Hearing is closed.

Ayes: 5 (Hodgson, Schuerlein, Sim, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor:

Heidi Webster said she lives on Sherman Lake and expressed her concern about jet skis on the Lake. She said they are noisy, reckless, and disturb the peace. Ms. Webster said half the lake is in Horicon and the other half is in Bolton. She explained that the Town of Bolton had passed an Ordinance regulating the speed of boats; she asked if the Town of Horicon could do the same.

Angela Cugini-Girard said she lives on Sherman Lake and has a jet ski. She said there are five people on the lake that have jet skis who, along with herself, support allowing jet skis on the lake. She said she would like a reasonable solution to this issue, for example, having set hours or defining areas that are off limits. Ms. Cugini-Girard said she feels compromise is attainable.

Councilmember Francisco said the jet ski manufacturers need to put different muffles on them because the sound is annoying.

Supervisor Geraci asked if there is a public launch on Sherman Lake; Ms. Cugini-Girard said there is not. He encouraged Ms. Webster and Ms. Cugini-Girard to meet and see if a reasonable compromise can be reached; if this does not work then they can come back and petition the Town.

John Dunn, BLA, said the ProcellaCor treatment was successful. He said the studies are not complete, so he does not have the final numbers yet but expects to have them by the September meeting. He said the divers are running out of milfoil to harvest; they had scheduled 80 harvest days this year but will probably stop at 58 days. He said the BLA will have a presentation ready for the September meeting. He thanked the Board for their support.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Councilmember Hodgson, seconded by Councilmember Sim, to move to Executive Session for discussion regarding collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the NYS Civil Service Law, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:15 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:55 PM and Councilmember Schuerlein made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hodgson, to return to Regular Session, all in favor. Supervisor Geraci said collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the NYS Civil Service Law were discussed and no action was taken.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by MOTION of Councilmember Hodgson and Councilmember Sim, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report
June 21, 2024 – July 18, 2024**

June 21	Warren County Board of Supervisors (BOS) Monthly Meeting
June 24	Social Media Policies and the First Amendment Webinar
June 25	Warren County BOS Committee Meetings
June 25	Warren County Hazard Mitigation Community Resiliency Webinar
June 26	Adirondack Gateway Safety Partners
June 26	Town Hall Staff Meeting
June 26	CSEA negotiations session
June 27	Thomas Johansen Memorial Service
June 27	CSEA Contract work session
June 27	Digital Equity Webinar Equity for Small and Rural Communities
June 28	Warren County BOS Committee Meetings
June 28	Meeting with Warren County DPW Superintendent ref Palisades Rd project
July 1	CSEA negotiations prep work session
July 1	Meeting with DEC ref Horicon Boat launch parking and maintenance
July 2	CSEA Negotiation session
July 3	Warren County BOS Committee Meetings
July 4	Town Hall closed
July 5	Food Truck Friday
July 8	Out of office
July 8	Horicon Historical Society
July 10	Meeting with contractor for Heintzeman and Vault projects
July 10	CSEA Negotiation session
July 10	NYS AOT Supervisors Roundtable webinar
July 11	CSEA contract work session
July 12	Comprehensive Plan meeting with LCLGRPB
July 12	Food Truck Friday
July 13	Town of Chester 225th Anniversary events
July 16	CD3 Decontamination Unit Advisory Committee meeting
July 15-17	Out of the office
July 18	ESSLA meeting at Town Hall
July 18	CSEA Contract negotiations session
July 18	Monthly Town Board Meeting

Town Board Member Kayla Carlozzi
Activity Report May 16 – July 16, 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wed. May 22, 2024	Warren County 2040 Small Group Discussion
Wed. June 5, 2024	Interviews for Board Members with Mike & Becky
Sun. June 9, 2024	Volunteered/Attended Woof Stock
Wed. June 12, 2024	Town of Horicon Special Board Meeting
Tues. July 9, 2024	Caught up with Mike regarding the missed Board Meeting
Wed. July 10, 2024	Attended Warren County Republican Committee Meeting

John Francisco

Activity Report June 19th - July 18th

June 24th 2024 The Horizon Beach has two washouts. Saw SHANE and John asked to please fill it

June 25th 2024 Hezelman Building saw Brian Johnson when ready. I'll set rigging for windows over water

ISSUE with Watering Tub saw Mullers Heavy Duty Towing. They have agreed to move ~~for~~⁹⁵ Donation

July 8th 2024 telephone complaints on cemeteries (high grass and wandering about mowing) I took tour of all cemeteries

July 9th 2024 saw Rob explained situation about cemeteries they would be doing them

July 10th Horizon Museum
set live trap to try and catch woodchuck
1/16 → ck trap nothing pull trap for weekend

July 15th 1st ice bubbler mtn. very productive have good ideas

July ~~16th~~ 16th 2024 I signed bills, Board MTN. - Rock for Watering Tub stay's there. (Don't Move)

Town Board Member Teri Schuerlein

Activity Report June 21, 2024 – July 18, 2024

June -2024	Met with Library Board. Introduced myself and learned more about library activities, reports
June 25	Met with Barb French. Discussed Town Landfill issues.
June 27	Horicon Historical Society- caught the end of special service for Tom Johanson.
July 2	Met with Barb French.
July 5	Volunteer- Food Truck Friday
July 6	Brant Lake Association- Ice Cream Social at The Hub
July 9	Met with Barb French
July 12	Volunteer- Food Truck Friday
July 13	Attend BLA general meeting

Town Board Member Edward Sim
Activity Report June 21- July19, 2024

June 26, 2024	Completed required NYS Sexual Harassment training and submitted certificate.
June 26, 2024	Completed required Workplace Violence Prevention training and submitted certificate.
June 27, 2024	Met with Zoning Administrator Craig Leggett.
June 27, 2024	Met with Town Clerk Krista Wood.
June 28, 2024	Met with Highway Superintendent Darian Granger. We went to a road reconstruction site where I witnessed the highway crews working. We discussed the imminent need for a dump truck.
June 29, 2024	Met with Silvia Smith and toured the Horicon Museum.
June 30, 2024	Contacted Gary Karl from ESSLA by email.
July 1, 2024	Toured 3 cemeteries and met the maintenance crew.
July 1, 2024	Spoke to Supervisor Geraci about the Highway Department need for a dump truck and available funds.
July 11, 2024	Spoke to Highway Superintendent Darian Granger about Supervisor Geraci's comment on the dump truck.
July 12, 2024	Attended Food Truck Friday and introduced myself to BLA personnel.
July 18, 2024	Attended ESSLA meeting
July 18, 2024	Attended Town Board meeting.