

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 17, 2024  
6:00 PM**

**Present at meeting:**

|                        |               |
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| Michael Geraci         | Supervisor    |
| Kayla Carlozzi Hodgson | Councilmember |
| John Francisco         | Councilmember |
| Teri Schuerlein        | Councilmember |
| Ed Sim                 | Councilmember |
| Krista Wood            | Town Clerk    |

Also: Becky Ross, Curt Smith, Barb French, Assessor Christine Hayes, Scott Hayes, Matt Wood, Mike Erickson, Neil Brandmaier, Jim Ventura, Janet Early, Wayne Butler, and Dianne Dreyer.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting approved by Motion of Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Francisco.

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

**The following public hearings were scheduled for this meeting but were cancelled:**

#1 - *Public Hearing* for potential local law regarding Ice-Retardant Systems - cancelled.

#2 - *Public Hearing* for proposed Local Law #2-2024 to Override Tax Levy Limit – not necessary, cancelled.

**Monthly Abstract:**

**RESOLUTION #135-2024**

Councilmember Sim and Councilmember Hodgson introduced Res. No. 135 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OCTOBER 2024 ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the October 17, 2024 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

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| • General Abstract | 10 | \$ 28,028.08  |
| • Highway Abstract | 10 | \$ 194,677.58 |

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

**Correspondence to the Board :**

- NYS Div. of Housing RE: Notification of certification as a Pro-Housing Community

**Reports:** Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, Transfer Station, Library, NWEMS, Historian, Historical Society and Horicon Fire Company

**Supervisor's Report:** see copy attached.

Supervisor Geraci noted that the County is continuing their efforts to improve broadband.

**Town Board Liaison Reports:** see copies attached.

Additional comments:

-Councilmember Sim said he heard from quite a few people about the proposed Ice-Retardant local law.

-Councilmember Schuerlein said she also heard from a lot of people about the Ice-Retardant local law. She noted the tone was very negative, and she feels the decision to cancel the public hearing was the right decision.

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #136-2024**

Councilmember Sim and Councilmember Hodgson introduced Resolution #136 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2025 and said Budget has been reviewed by the Town Board and certain changes have been made, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for said Budget on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Horicon Community Center.

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

**Old Business:**

*HVAC bids for 2025:*

The Town Clerk advertised for bids for an annual HVAC maintenance agreement for all Town buildings, and two bids were received. The first bid was from Chuck’s Heating and Cooling at a bid price of \$3,230 for the year, and the second bid was from BPI Mechanical Service at a bid price of \$4,020.00 for the year. There was brief discussion regarding service call response time. Supervisor Geraci asked the Board if they would like to award the bid now, give it further consideration, or re-bid. The Board agreed to award the bid at this time.

**RESOLUTION #137-2024**

Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Francisco introduced Res. No. 137 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD HVAC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board legally advertised for bids for an annual HVAC maintenance agreement, and two bids were received and publicly opened on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby award the annual HVAC maintenance agreement to Chuck’s Heating and Cooling for the bid price of \$3,230.00 per year.

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

**New Business:**

*Heintzelman Library Evaluation report:* Supervisor Geraci said Cedarwood Engineering has completed their evaluation report for the remaining work needed at the Heintzelman Library which includes stonework, foundation work, and the slate roof needs to be replaced. He said the Board needs to be aware of what is needed for the building.

*Carpet replacement in Assessor’s office:* Supervisor Geraci explained the carpet in the Assessor’s office needs to be replaced. There was a quote from Buy Low Flooring for \$3,127.20 and they do not move the furniture. There was also a quote from Hanks Quality Flooring for \$3,366.00 and they do move the furniture.

**RESOLUTION #138-2024**

Councilmember Sim and Councilmember Hodgson introduced Res. No. 138 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT OF CARPET IN THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Hanks Quality Flooring, Inc. to install new carpet in the Assessor’s office at a cost of \$3,366.00.

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

*Staining windows at Heintzelman Library:* Supervisor Geraci said the new windows at the Heintzelman Library need to be stained. Curt Morehouse submitted a quote, and two others were contacted for quotes but did not respond.

**RESOLUTION #139-2024**

Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Francisco introduced Res. No. 139 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAINTING OF NEW WINDOWS AT HEINTZELMAN LIBRARY**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Curt Morehouse to stain the casings and sashes of the eleven new windows at the Heintzelman Library at a cost of \$2,750.00.

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

*RFP for repair of the Community Center roof:* Supervisor Geraci said the Town did receive a quote for the roof repairs, but it exceeds the amount for quotes that can be awarded; anything over \$20,000.00 needs to be put out for formal bid. He asked for a motion to allow the Town to have Cedarwood Engineering develop specs for the roof repairs and to solicit bids for the repair work.

**RESOLUTION #140-2024**

Councilmember Francisco and Councilmember Hodgson introduced Res. No. 140 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR REPAIR OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to solicit, by legal advertisement, bids for repairs to the Community Center roof. Bids are to be received by 6:00 P.M. on November 21, 2024 and will be opened at that time.

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

*Bids for painting of the Museum Annex:* Supervisor Geraci said the Town needs to solicit bids for the exterior repairs and painting of the Museum Annex in Adirondack. Cedarwood Engineering has prepared the bid specifications for this project.

**RESOLUTION #141-2024**

Councilmember Sim and Councilmember Schuerlein introduced Res. No. 141 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR REPAIR AND PAINTING OF THE MUSEUM ANNEX**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to solicit, by legal advertisement, bids for exterior repairs and painting to the Horicon Historical Society Museum Annex in Adirondack. Bids are to be received by 6:00 P.M. on November 21, 2024 and will be opened at that time.

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

*Cemetery Vault repair:* Supervisor Geraci explained that the original quote for the cemetery vault repairs included pine siding, but a wood-like vinyl product would require less maintenance over time. He noted, however, the wood-like vinyl product is an additional \$2,000.00. He asked the Board for authorization to modify the original resolution and add \$2,000.00 to the project. He noted the funds are available in the perpetual care account to cover this.

**RESOLUTION #142-2024**

Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Sim introduced Res. No. 142 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY RES #125-2023 AUTHORIZING CEMETERY VAULT REPAIRS**

WHEREAS, in Resolution #125-2023 the Horicon Town Board authorized the necessary repairs to the Brant Lake Cemetery vault at a cost not to exceed \$19,800.00, and

WHEREAS, for ease of maintenance the Board wishes to change the proposed siding from wood to vinyl, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby amend Res #125-2023 to authorize an additional \$2,000.00 to cover the cost of the vinyl siding. Funds will come from the perpetual care account.

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

*Bids for heating fuel and propane:*

**RESOLUTION #143-2024**

Councilmember Hodgson and Councilmember Schuerlein introduced Res. No. 143 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR HEATING FUEL AND PROPANE**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to Advertise for bids for heating fuel and for propane for 2025. Bids are to be received by 6:00 P.M. on November 21, 2024 and will be opened at that time.

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

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***Privilege of the Floor:***

-Wayne Butler thanked the Board for their efforts regarding Broadband. He then spoke about Hydrilla which is an extremely dangerous invasive species.

-Barb French asked what is going on with the Landfill road. Supervisor Geraci said the easement is moving forward.

-Mike Erickson spoke about the lack of Broadband and noted it is a public safety issue; he appreciates the efforts of the Town on this. He then asked what Pro-Housing means. Supervisor Geraci explained that the designation of a Pro-Housing Community means that affordable housing is a priority for the Town, and it allows the Town to look for related funding opportunities.

-Councilmember Francisco said someone was talking to him about how high the Spectrum fees are and asked if the Town pays Spectrum for services rendered to the residents. Supervisor Geraci said the Town does not pay Spectrum, in fact Spectrum pays the Town a franchise fee. He said the Town sets the franchise fees aside in a reserve account for future build outs. He also noted the Town is in the process of re-negotiating the franchise fee with Spectrum.

-Neil Brandmaier said he does not have Spectrum at his house because it only comes so far down his road; he has Starlink which is very good. He suggested the Board does not follow Town of Chester's policy on Short-term rentals because he feels that policy is excessive. He said the SLPD is a subset of the taxpayers of Horicon, Chestertown, and Schroon Lake and when the Towns do work for the SLPD there should be a chargeback to the SLPD to cover the costs of any type of service.

-Kayla Hodgson, North Country Ministry, said with the holidays coming up if anyone is interested in adopting a child or a family for the holidays please let her know. She said they do ask for lists from the children or family and then purchase from that list. She just wanted to let people know they do offer this program.

***Announcements:***

-There is a public hearing on the Preliminary 2025 Budget on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

-The next regular Town Board meeting is Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

***Adjourn...*** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM by MOTION of Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Francisco, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk

**Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report  
September 20 – October 17, 2024**

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| <b>September 20</b> | <b>Warren County Board of Supervisors meeting</b>                                    |
| <b>September 22</b> | <b>Adirondack Marathon</b>   |
| <b>September 23</b> | <b>CSEA Contract signing</b>   |
| <b>September 24</b> | <b>Warren County Committee Meetings</b>  |
| <b>September 25</b> | <b>Zoning site visits</b>  |
| <b>September 26</b> | <b>Warren County Committee Meetings</b>  |
| <b>September 27</b> | <b>Out of the office through Oct 3</b>   |
| <b>September 30</b> | <b>Warren County Traffic Safety Board</b>  |
| <b>October 4</b>    | <b>NYS Association of Towns &amp; Adirondack Association of Towns &amp; Villages</b> |
| <b>October 7</b>    | <b>Warren County DPW</b>   |
| <b>October 8</b>    | <b>Budget workshop prep session</b>  |
| <b>October 8</b>    | <b>Zoning Administrator ref various Town issues</b>                                  |
| <b>October 8</b>    | <b>Several meetings ref Ice-Retardant Systems Public Hearing</b>                     |
| <b>October 9</b>    | <b>NYS Association of Town's Supervisors Roundtable</b>                              |
| <b>October 9</b>    | <b>Horicon Historical Society</b>  |
| <b>October 10</b>   | <b>Cedarwood Engineering ref various projects bid specifications</b>                 |
| <b>October 11</b>   | <b>DOT ref Rt. 8 projects</b>  |
| <b>October 12</b>   | <b>Duck Race on Mill Pond, Flannel Fest at the HUB</b>                               |
| <b>October 14</b>   | <b>Columbus Day, Town Hall Closed</b>  |
| <b>October 16</b>   | <b>BPI @ Adirondack Museum</b>   |
| <b>October 16</b>   | <b>Brantlaker Article prep</b>   |
| <b>October 16</b>   | <b>2025 Budget Workshop materials &amp; presentation preparation</b>                 |
| <b>October 17</b>   | <b>Town Board Budget Workshop</b>  |
| <b>October 17</b>   | <b>Town Board Meeting</b>  |

**Town Board Member Kayla Carlozzi**  
**Activity Report September 19 – October 15, 2024**

| <b>DATE</b>   | <b>ACTIVITY</b>                                   |
|---|---|
| Wednesday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | Webinar for National Grid Rate Increase           |
| Helped with social media posts while Krista was on vacation |   |
| Tuesday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>                            | EDC Lunch In – State of the Economy               |
| Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>                          | Warren County Republican Meeting                  |
| Tuesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>                            | Healthy Alliance Waiver 11:15 Inaugural Gathering |

# September 20, 2024

Activity Report

John FRANCISCO

I saw Craig about survey map of town dump road area.

Talked to Mike about Stone library windows and estimates for painting project at Adirondack museum.

September 25, 2024

Telephone conversation with Ethan Manning regarding the Community Building roof estimate.

Attended meeting at landfill with Mike, Craig, Becky and Landowners to discuss land boundaries.

September 27, 2024

Phone conversation with Anna over budget.

October 1, 2024

Looked at windows at Stone Library building and got chart to match color.

October 4, 2024

Visited RPI Darrien Freshwater Institute and talked to Brian (who is a research specialist) about bubblers and their effects on winter time waters.

Reviewed ballots at Warren County elections

October 11, 2024

Talked to Ethan Manning regarding roof.

October 12, 2024

Received painting estimate for stone library interior windows.

Met with Anna over budget

Talked to bookkeeper at Town of Chester regarding NWEMS budget request.

October 17, 2024

Attend budget meeting and board meeting.

Talked with Kathy DeDe(sp) from the Chronicle.

## **Town Board Member Teri Schuerlein**

### **Activity Report September 20 – October 17, 2024**

**October 4- Met with Supervisor Geraci to get update  
After being on vacation**

**October 5- Heard from numerous residents who  
wanted to discuss the upcoming Public  
Hearing. Recommended they attend the  
public mtg on 10/17 and/or write a letter.**

**October 12- “Flannel Fest”- Town event**

**October 17- Met with Barb French to get update**

**October 17- Budget meeting**

**October 17- Town Board meeting**



Town Board Member Edward Sim  
Activity Report September 20 to October 17, 2024

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|--------------------|---|
| September 30, 2024 | Spoke with Highway Superintendent Granger about new loader arrival. |
| October 1, 2024    | Spoke with Supervisor Geraci for updates.                           |
| October 3, 2024    | Spoke with Chief Hayes for status updates.                          |
| October 7, 2024    | Spoke to Supervisor Geraci about budget and public hearing.         |
| October 11, 2024   | Spoke with Fire Chief Hayes about September activity.               |
| October 17, 2024   | Attended budget workshop  |
| October 17, 2024   | Attended Town Board meeting.  |