

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 16, 2020
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor
Robert Olson Councilperson
Frank Hill Councilperson
Peter Palmer Councilperson
Sylvia Smith Councilperson
Krista Wood Town Clerk
Also: Teri Schuerlein

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Reports... Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice, Assessor, Tax Collector

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March 19, 2020 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson.

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Olson, Palmer, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Approval of April 2020 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #62-2020

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 62 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF APRIL ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the April 16, 2020 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#4	\$ 55,647.81
Highway Vouchers	#4	\$ 75,758.48
Upper Hudson River	#4	\$ 16,926.25

Ayes: 5 (Hill, Olson, Palmer, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Correspondence to the Board...

-YMCA RE: Letter thanking the Town for the support

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Sylvia Smith reported on the following:

-She met with Karen Burka on February 27th and did the in-depth audit of the Justice Court records that was required by the State.

-She and Councilperson Olson met with the NWEMS in February to set up meeting dates, but with everything going on now those meetings are not possible.

-She spoke with John Donovan regarding the grand opening of the Museum Annex in Adirondack, and it was decided that will be put off until next year due to COVID-19.

-The Beautification crew has come back to work for the season. She asked if the Board wants the guys to put the picnic tables out yet; the Board agreed not to put them out at this time.

-Councilperson Bob Olson reported on the following:

-He noted the financial reports from the NWEMS show them in good shape going into the next quarter, so he questioned why the Board received a letter from them requesting additional funding due to the pandemic. Supervisor Simpson said current cash flow might be a problem, however, the Squad will get reimbursed for their overtime from FEMA. He said he spoke with Izzy Modert and told him to keep a log of all information during this time to provide to FEMA.

-Supervisor Simpson suggested having a brush clean up day at the Landfill for the residents. He said there is a crew that will come in with a chipper and they charge \$3500 for the day. He said with the recent storms there is

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a lot of cleanup to be done. He suggested the Board advertise in May or June and then bring the crew in later on to do the work. The Board felt this would be a good idea and noted it would be for residents only.

New Business:

-Councilperson Pete Palmer complained about the amount of sand on Palisades Road and noted the ditches are full. He asked when the County was going to take care of it. Supervisor Simpson said HS Granger is working with Kevin Hajos on the cleanup.

-Supervisor Simpson said the tentative start date for the Boat Launch Stewards is June 1st. He said the Town needs to buy two iPads for the stewards because AWI only provides equipment for their staff. He said two new 10x10 tents will be needed for the season as well. The Board agreed this would be fine.

-Supervisor Simpson said the situation with COVID-19 is going to have a pretty substantial impact on sales tax revenue in the County. He said the projections indicate the Town could see upwards of a \$600,000 loss in sales tax revenue which would be detrimental to the Town's budget in the next couple of years. To put this in perspective he explained in order to make up this difference the Town would have to double property taxes, which he does not feel is an option. He told the Board members that they will need to look at their departments and make some substantial cuts in the budget in the next couple of years to offset this loss.

-Summer Events: The Board discussed upcoming summer events that were to be funded with Occupancy Tax grants. In light of the current pandemic, the Board agreed it would be best to cancel Food Truck Fridays and Horicon Day; they will make a decision on several other events as they get closer. The Board agreed the Occupancy Tax monies awarded for Food Truck Fridays 2020 will be set aside and earmarked for the 2021 season. The Fire Department can re-apply in 2021. They further noted and agreed that Occupancy Tax monies in 2021 will be used for Food Truck Fridays and the Chamber of Commerce only, unless the Town gets more money.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk