

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 16, 2018
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor
Frank Hill Councilperson
Robert Olson Councilperson
Kenneth Higgins Councilperson
Sylvia Smith Councilperson
Krista Wood Town Clerk
Mark Schachner Town Counsel

Also: HS Darian Granger, Assessor Christine Hayes, Bill McGhie, Tom Johansen, John Donovan, Bob Smith, Peter Palmer, Robert French (NWEMS Rep), and Skip Ostrander

Supervisor Simpson opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Reports: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice, Assessor

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 17, 2018 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill.

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

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #117-2018

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 117 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF AUGUST 2018 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the August 16, 2018 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	8	\$ 89,076.49
Highway Abstract	8	\$ 204,064.93

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

Correspondence to the Board...

- Horicon Free Public Library RE: Request for additional funding for 2019

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #118-2018

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 118 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the contract with Warren County for roadway maintenance for 2019 according to the 2019 Schedule A Highway Payment Rate. Compensation to the Town of Horicon from Warren County will be in the amount of \$239,177.54, of which \$8,000.00 will be used for equipment upgrades.

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

RESOLUTION #119-2018

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 119 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTIONS #105-2018 AND #112-2018

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby rescind Resolution #105-2018 wherein Vermont Tennis Court Surfaces was authorized to make repairs to the tennis courts in Adirondack at a cost of \$8,003.00 along with the subsequent Budget amendment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby rescind Resolution #112-2018 wherein they authorized another Budget amendment in the amount of \$3,972.00 for the additional cost of the tennis court repairs which were done by Adirondack Sports Surfaces at a total cost of \$11,975.00.

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

RESOLUTION #120-2018

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 120 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ADIRONDACK SPORTS SURFACES FOR TENNIS COURT REPAIR AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$11,975.00 to Adirondack Sports Surfaces for repairs to the tennis courts in Adirondack, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget amendment in the General fund for the tennis court repairs:

Debit	A599	Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$ 11,975.00
Credit	7620.4	Adult Recreation-Contractual	\$ 11,975.00

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

RESOLUTION #121-2018

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 121 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND HORICON LANDFILL FEE FOR C&D

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby increase the Horicon Landfill fee for C&D from \$30.00 per yard to **\$40.00 per yard effective September 1, 2018**, and then **increase the C&D fee to \$45.00 per yard effective January 1, 2019**, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Clerk to place a notice in The Sun regarding this increase.

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

RESOLUTION #122-2018

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 122 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following General fund transfers:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A1990.4 (Contingency)	A8090.4 (Insect-Contr)	\$ 407.82
A1990.4 (Contingency)	A3310.4 (Traffic Ctrl-Contr)	\$ 2,500.00

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

RESOLUTION #123-2018

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 123 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO SANTORE WORLD FAMOUS FIREWORKS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the contract with, and authorize payment to, Santore's World Famous Fireworks for the fireworks display on August 18th at a cost of \$5,000.00. Funding for this will be taken from Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

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

RESOLUTION #124-2018

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 124 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR WINTER RECOVERY (EWR) FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following Budget Amendment in the Highway Fund to increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$22,873.70 to record receipt of Winter Recovery (EWR) funds:

Increase Revenue	D3501 - Consolidated Hwy	\$22,873.70
Increase Expenditure	D5112.4 – CHIPS	\$22,873.70

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

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Sylvia Smith recognized Don and Bonnie Rosbozom who have been volunteering their time to take care of the flowers around Town. She said the Rosbozom's have also offered to help with planting in the spring. She noted the final report for the CFGMR grant awarded to the Town for the Adirondack playground project will need to be completed by June of next year so a strategy needs to be developed for the project; Paradox Consulting had a training session for the Community Center staff on July 23rd; the new sign/banner holder has been in since July and there have been numerous positive comments on the positioning of it and the visibility; she reminded everyone that, as previously discussed and agreed upon by the Board, Kevin and Rob (Beautification crew) will handle hanging all banners and taking them down; the Library has asked for \$5,000 for 2019 and she has asked Joan Johnson for detail as to what the money is needed for; the Adirondack Shindig was a success; the repair work needs to be done on the Horicon Museum and the Historical Society will have three estimates for that; lastly, Councilperson Smith said the Historical Society will be doing a pre-holiday newsletter, which they received a CFGMR grant of \$970 for, and she asked that anyone with stories about the Town please submit them for the newsletter.

-Councilperson Bob Olson said he spoke to Town Counsel Mark Schachner about preparing a draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding travel trailers in the R1 zone that could be taken to public hearing. He said it is important to address travel trailers in the R1 zone promptly, and then re-visit those in the backcountry later. **Motion made by Councilperson Olson to have Counsel prepare a draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for public hearing, no second.** Councilperson Higgins said he feels more information is needed prior to making any changes, as he is not in favor of making any changes and does not see the problem. Supervisor Simpson noted ZA Jim Steen has several other items that need to be addressed so it would be more efficient to address them all in one proposed amendment rather than one at a time. Councilperson Olson said he is in favor of drafting a proposed change and taking this to public hearing. Supervisor Simpson suggested lots could possibly be defined as a campground on which no more than one travel trailer per lot is allowed, however Town Counsel noted campgrounds usually relate to the exchange of money. Councilperson Higgins said he will meet with ZA Steen to get more information on this; Councilperson Sylvia Smith agreed that more discussion is necessary prior to taking action.

-Robert French, Horicon NWEMS Representative, reported to the Board the NW Emergency Squad made 96 calls. He said they have recently reached an agreement with Schroon Lake EMS to bill for Schroon Lake calls.

Old Business...

Planning Board Alternate applications: The Clerk noted no applications have been received. The Board asked the Clerk to advertise for the PB Alternate opening again.

RESOLUTION #125-2018

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 125 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Clerk to re-advertise for a Planning Board Alternate.

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

Horicon Fire Dept. LOSAP Life Insurance Policy:

RESOLUTION #126-2018

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 126 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HORICON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC LOSAP TO SELF-INSURE

WHEREAS, eligible voting residents of the Town of Horicon approved a referendum to establish a Length of Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Horicon Fire Department, Inc., effective March 1, 1999, in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (hereinafter the "Law");

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon (hereinafter the "Board") is the Program Sponsor and

Program Administrator of the Horicon Fire Department, Inc. Service Award Program (hereinafter the "Program");

WHEREAS, under the current Program provisions, if a Pre-Entitlement Age Participant is an active volunteer firefighter of the Horicon Fire Department, Inc. at the time of his or her death, the member's designated beneficiary or Estate if no beneficiary is designated is entitled to an additional lump-sum death benefit in the amount of \$10,000 from the Program;

WHEREAS, the Town currently has a group-term life insurance policy in effect to provide funding in the event that an additional death benefit is payable from the Program;

WHEREAS, the current annual premium to renew the life insurance policy for all Active Members of the Horicon Fire Department, Inc. is \$484;

WHEREAS, such additional death benefit can be funded annually by means of the actuarially-determined contribution made by the Town of Horicon to the Trust Fund (hereinafter, "self-insure"), whereby the benefit would be made payable from the Trust Fund similar to all other entitlement and death benefits provided by the Program, and is consistent with the current provisions of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of self-insuring this additional benefit by means of the Town's annual contribution to the Trust Fund is approximately \$180; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board agrees to terminate the group-term life insurance policy in effect and incorporate the cost of funding the additional \$10,000 Pre-Entitlement Age Death Benefit in the actuarially-determined contribution calculated by the actuary. The 2019 calendar year actuarially-determined contribution for the Horicon Fire Department Service Award Program has been calculated to be \$16,459, which includes reimbursement for all administrative fees paid from the Trust Fund during the 2017 calendar year totaling \$5,300. As a result of this resolution, the annual cost of the Program is estimated to decrease by \$900 for a total estimated cost of \$15,550, which includes an estimated \$4,300 for all administrative fees to be paid from the Trust Fund during the 2017 calendar year.

All other provisions of the Program shall not change as a result of this resolution and the Program shall continue to be administered by the Governing Board of the Town of Horicon in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law.

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

1881 Union Church:

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2018

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 127 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC BIDDING FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION OF THE FORMER 1881 UNION CHURCH FOR HISTORICAL MUSEUM USE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon by Resolutions supports the Town of Horicon Historical Society Project to rehabilitate the Town-owned former 1881 Union Church in Adirondack for use as a Historical Museum Annex under Charter of the Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon has received a \$100,000 Grant from New York State, and the Historical Society has raised additional funds towards this project, and

WHEREAS, the Project Architect, Rucinski Hall Architecture, has prepared contract bidding documents for the Church's remaining required construction work for New York State compliant, competitive public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, the Horicon Historical Society, and Town Counsel agree these contract bidding documents are satisfactory for public bidding, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize and direct the Supervisor to proceed with New York State compliant, competitive public bidding for the Church's remaining required construction using said contract bidding documents prepared by Rucinski Hall Architecture and to report the results of said competitive public bidding to the Town Board for review and consideration.

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

Community Center parking lot: Supervisor Simpson explained to the Board the proposal he received from Peckham's to top the Community Center parking lot at a cost of \$38,000.00. He said this would be an alternative to the \$340,000.00 proposal provided by Cedarwood for the complete reconstruction of the parking lot. The Board will discuss further at Budget time.

New Business...

YMCA Adirondack Outreach Center Agreement:

RESOLUTION #128-2018

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 128 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH YMCA ADIRONDACK CENTER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with YMCA Adirondack Center for the period May 1, 2018 to April 31, 2019 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for community services to the Town and its residents. Funds are to be taken from A7310.4.

Ayes: 5 (Smith, Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0

Pease Hill Road: Supervisor Simpson said HS Granger has told him Pease Hill is on the paving schedule for the week of September 10th.

Privilege of the Floor... No comments

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk