

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 15, 2015
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor
Frank Hill Councilman
Robert Olson Councilman
Kenneth Higgins Councilman
Sylvia Smith Councilwoman
Krista Wood Town Clerk

Also: HS Smith, Tom Johansen, Jane Smith, Harvey Leidy, Jim Himoff, Brandon Himoff, Skip Ostrander, Robert Smith, Cindy Mead, Don Rhodes (Laberge Group), Wayne Butler, Frank Costello, and Bill McGhie.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of December 29, 2014 and January 6, 2015 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith, all Ayes.

Approval of January 15, 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #30-2015

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 30 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JANUARY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the January 15, 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	# 1 - 28	\$ 26,583.49
Highway Vouchers	# 1 - 13	\$ 13,931.72
General Abstracts	1	\$ 14,385.47
Highway Abstracts	1	\$ 14,074.94

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

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #31-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 31 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF THE TOWN CLERK RECORDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby state that the examination of the 2014 Town Clerk records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 15, 2015 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #32-2015

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 32 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF THE JUSTICE COURT RECORDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby state that the examination of the 2014 Justice Court records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 15, 2015 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #33-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 33 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS TRAINING SCHOOL AND APPOINT DELEGATE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to attend the Association of Towns Training School from February 15-18, 2015, and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Supervisor Simpson to cast the vote for the Town of Horicon at the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns Meeting in New York City on February 18, 2015. No alternate will be appointed.

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith) Abstain: 1 (Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #34-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 34 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIMPSON TO SIGN CONTRACT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Matthew Simpson to sign the contract with Warren County for snow and ice removal according to the 2015 Schedule A Payment Rate. Compensation to the Town of Horicon from Warren County will be in the amount of \$194,557.44.

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

RESOLUTION #35-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 35 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH Glens Falls ANIMAL HOSPITAL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the contract with Glens Falls Animal Hospital for the handling of unidentified dogs. This agreement will be in effect for the 2015 calendar year.

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

RESOLUTION #36-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 36 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD OF ETHICS CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint Jane Smith as Chairperson of the Town of Horicon Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2015.

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

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Smith updated the Board on plans the Library Trustees have for the summer reading program, and said they will also be working on the ad for the Assistant Clerk. Councilperson Smith noted that they are planning a luncheon for the Adirondack 102 Club.

-Councilperson Olson noted that the recent Post-Star article on the Union Church has gained quite a bit of notoriety already.

Old Business:

Upper Dam: Don Rhodes, of the Laberge Group, gave the background on the dam and explained the next step needed is to complete an Engineering Assessment and then develop design plans. The fee for this phase will be \$22,800.00. Since this expenditure was not budgeted, Councilperson Olson asked Supervisor Simpson if there was money in the Budget to do this. Supervisor Simpson said whether

they have to do a Budget amendment or transfer from other codes he will figure it out because the Town has to do this.

RESOLUTION #37-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 37 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the agreement with Laberge Group for the Engineering Assessment and development of design plans at a cost of \$22,800.00.

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

Highway Truck:

RESOLUTION #38-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 38 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE HIGHWAY TRUCK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the purchase of a 2015 Highway plow truck at a cost of \$186,685.00. The purchase will be financed through Daimler for four (4) years at an interest rate of 2.80% with an annual payment of \$49,983.34. The first payment will be due February 1, 2016 and will come from D5130.2.

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

Supervisor Simpson noted that the rate under the new Municipal Energy Program came in just under what the original quote was. Supervisor Simpson also told the Board that he and Councilperson Higgins had worked out a draft Boat Launch Lease with DEC. He included copies in the Board packets and asked the Board member to review it thoroughly and they will discuss it at a later date to make a final decision.

New Business:

Request for Occupancy Tax funds for the Lake George Triathlon Festival:

RESOLUTION #39-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 39 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LAKE GEORGE TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize \$1,250.00 be given to support the Lake George Triathlon Festival Half-Iron Distance race which will run through Brant Lake. This is to come from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

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

Request from Adirondack Lakes Alliance for \$500:

RESOLUTION #40-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 40 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPPORT OF ADIRONDACK LAKES ALLIANCE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize \$500.00 be given to Adirondack Lakes Alliance to help cover the cost of their website. This is to come from the Contingency Fund (A1990.4).

Ayes: 4 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill,) Abstain: 1 (Simpson) Nays: 0

Request from Tri-Lakes for funding for Woofstock:

RESOLUTION #41-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 41 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT WOOFSTOCK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize \$2,000.00 be given to the Tri-Lakes Business Alliance in support of Woofstock. This is to come from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

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

Privilege of the Floor...

-Brandon Himoff gave the Board an update on where the Budget for the Brant Lake Winter Carnival stands.

Jim and Brandon Himoff addressed the Board regarding property they have purchased across the road from Point O Pines. They noted that the right of Group Camps to operate in the R1 zone had been taken away in the Zoning regulations. They asked the Board to consider restoring that right so that they can utilize the property for camp purposes. There was brief discussion and overall the Board felt it would be acceptable to utilize the property for camp purposes. Councilperson Olson said he would contact the APA to research any restrictions they may have.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk