

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 16, 2014
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
Mark Schachner Town Counsel

Also: HS Paul Smith, Sandy Smith, Edna Trumble, Tom Johansen, Jane Smith, Bill McGhie, Paul Holmes, Harvey and Herta Leidy, Bob Smith, Dan Freebern, Randy Duell, Gary Frenz, Cindy Mead, Teri Schuerlein, Brandon Himoff, Harry Balz, Wayne Butler, Georgia McMeekin, Christine Hayes, and others.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of December 30, 2013 and January 6, 2014 were approved by Motion of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all Ayes.

Approval of January 16, 2014 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #28-2014

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 28 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JANUARY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the January 16, 2014 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	# 1 - 37	\$ 47,812.79
Highway Vouchers	# 1 - 15	\$ 19,352.01
General Abstracts	1	\$ 15,631.58
Highway Abstracts	1	\$ 15,596.74

Correspondence to the Board:

-NYSATV RE: Information for 2014 Annual Training School and Meeting
-AATV RE: Request for Town information for new book – Adirondack 102 Club
-Karthryn Varney RE: Warren County Bicycle Plan & Creating Healthy Place to Live, Work and Play project

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #29-2014

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 29 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

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, 2014.

RESOLUTION #30-2014

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 30 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

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 2013 Town Clerk records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 16, 2014 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

RESOLUTION #31-2014

Messrs. Higgins and Hill introduced Res. No. 31 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

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 2013 Justice Court records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 16, 2014 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

RESOLUTION #32-2014

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 32 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #1-2014 (DESIGNATING COMMITTEES)

WHEREAS, Supervisor Matt Simpson appointed Committees in Resolution No. 1 of 2014, and WHEREAS, Sylvia Smith was later appointed to fill the unexpired term on the town Board so Supervisor Simpson wishes to amend Resolution 1 of 2014 making changes to the following Committees, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following changes will become effective immediately for the Committees hereby named below:

- FACILITIES, GROUNDS, PUBLICITY,
- BEAUTIFICATION, CABLESMITH & HILL
- FIRE & AMBULANCEOLSON & SMITH
- CEMETERY & LIBRARYSMITH & HILL
- PLANNING, COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, ZONING, REAL PROPERTY
ASSESSMENT, DATA PROCESSING,
- HORICON DAYOLSON & SMITH
- *THERE WILL BE NO STARBUCKVILLE DAM COMMITTEE

No other Committees will be affected.

RESOLUTION #33-2014

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 33 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS TRAINING SCHOOL

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 16-19, 2014, 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 19, 2014. No alternate will be appointed.

Old Business:

Procurement Policy review: The Board was given a draft Procurement Policy to review. The Board members will review this and discuss further at the next meeting.

Highway Pickup truck: Councilman Hill said they are looking at a ¾ ton work truck with the possibility of putting a sander on it and asked HS Smith if he was agreement with this. HS Smith said he agreed with purchasing a ¾ ton as long as they were going to put a sander on it. Councilman Hill noted it should be budgeted for 2015. Councilman Olson asked if any money had been budgeted. Supervisor Simpson noted that there was \$20,000.00 budgeted, but the price was coming in around \$24,000 to \$25,000. He will meet with HS Smith for further review.

Monolith Solar update: Supervisor Simpson noted that Monolith has hired the contractor to install the solar panels on both buildings. Councilman Olson asked if there would be discussion with the engineer prior to installation and Supervisor Simpson said there would be. Harry Balz noted that Monolith needs to prepare documents to take to Warren County so the Town can get the proper permits from the County for installation.

Water testing: Supervisor Simpson advised the Board that the price for the water tests at the Landfill and the Highway Garage would be more than the original estimate. The price will be \$620 per test not \$500 per test. The Board was fine with this and agreed the tests should be done.

ZBA and Planning Board vacancies: There are applicants for each Board seat so the Personnel Committee will move forward with interviews. Councilman Olson will recuse himself from one interview as the applicant is his son; Councilman Hill will sit in for him on that interview.

New Business:

Committee Organization responsibilities: Supervisor Simpson introduced an organizational chart for the Board and the Committees in an effort to function more effectively. He noted that many people come directly to the Supervisor for answers, but things need to be decided by the Board. The Committees are set up to research items and then come to the Board with recommendations. Supervisor Simpson said that issues should come to the Town Board, then be researched by the appropriate Committee, and ultimately be brought back to the Town Board by the Committees for discussion and resolution.

Attendance at Training School: Sylvia Smith attended the training offered by OSC January 15th to the 16th. Sylvia gave a brief report of what was covered in the training.

RESOLUTION #34-2014

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 34 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENSE FOR TRAINING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the cost of training and hotel expense for Sylvia Smith for the OSC training held January 15 to January 16, 2014.

Approval of 2013 HVFD Service Award Program points listing:

RESOLUTION #35-2014

Messrs. Higgins and Hill introduced Res. No. 35 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon has reviewed the 2013 certified Horicon Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program points listing and does hereby approve the points listing.

Milfoil Harvesting on Schroon Lake: Supervisor Simpson said that there are currently three different permits that are issued for the harvesting of milfoil on Schroon Lake, and there are three areas that are not covered because they are private property. He said WCSW recommended that the three Towns combine their efforts under one permit and attempt to harvest the three areas that are on private property. He noted that permission needs to be obtained from the property owners. AIM is currently doing the harvesting and Counselor Schachner advised the Board that AIM should be contacted to see how they want this to be handled.

RESOLUTION #36-2014

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 36 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A JOINT MILFOIL PROGRAM ON SCHROON LAKE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the pursuit of a joint milfoil program on Schroon Lake.

Proposed change to Grievance Day date: Assessor Christine Hayes explained that Grievance Day is currently held on the first Thursday after the fourth Tuesday in May. She noted that since the Town is no longer part of a Coordinated Assessing Unit they have the option of amending the Local Law to change Grievance Day back to the NYS Standard Grievance Day which is held on the fourth Tuesday in May. The Board agreed that Grievance Day should be changed.

RESOLUTION #37-2014

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 37 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL LAW REGARDING GRIEVANCE DAY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the Local Law to change Grievance Day to the fourth Tuesday in May. The Public Hearing is set for Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. All those wishing to attend will be heard.

Friends of the Library program: Supervisor Simpson told the Board that the Friends of the Library have asked permission to hold a six week "Mommy and Me" program at the Library on Wednesday mornings. The instructor is certified and will be paid by the Friends of the Library. The Board noted that approval needs to be obtained from the Librarian and proper insurance coverage needs to be verified before a final decision can be made.

Supervisor Updates: Supervisor Simpson told the Board he has been working on the Emergency Action Plan, which needed updating, and he is almost finished with that. He has been contacted about converting the lights in the Community Center to LED and he will evaluate the program to see if it is feasible for the Town. Lastly, Supervisor Simpson said he has spoken with Laberge who said it looks promising that the Town will be able to do a remedial project on the dam. Supervisor Simpson also spoke to Jeff Tennyson who said that if the dam stays he may be able to look at putting in a superstructure. The report is due to DEC by January 31st regarding the inspection.

Privilege of the Floor

-Brandon Himoff, Tri-Lakes Business Alliance, gave a brief overview of the Winter Carnival being held in Brant Lake on February 8th and invited all to attend. Brandon further thanked the Town Board for their help with funding.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk