

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**JANUARY 19, 2017  
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: ZA Jim Steen, Assessor Christine Hayes, HS Darian Granger, Bill McGhie, Thad and Jane Smith, Bob Smith, Tom Johansen, John Donovan, Tom Hutchins, Drew Cappabianca, and Teri Schuerlein.

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

**Local Board of Health...**

A Motion was made by Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go into session as the Local Board of Health. The Board moved into session as Local Board of Health at 7:01 PM. Supervisor Simpson opened the Public Hearing for the septic variance for 37 Gooseneck Rd in Brant Lake.

**Public Hearing - Septic Variance for 37 Gooseneck Rd / tax map #39.9-1-4 / Edwards:**

Supervisor Simpson noted there was an email supporting the proposed variance from adjoining property owner Marc Lustick. ZA Jim Steen said there were no other comments from the public.

There being no further comments, motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to close the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

**RESOLUTION #28-2017**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 28 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 37 GOOSENECK RD**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Hutchins Engineering (project #291033-01), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for an alternative septic system at 37 Gooseneck Rd, Brant Lake, NY (Tax Map #39.9-1-4) because the strict application of the minimum setback requirements, or the minimum lot size requirement, would result in a specified practical difficulty to the applicant. Further, the alternative proposed would not be materially detrimental to the purpose of this regulation, or to the property or natural resources in the area in or near the site of the proposed individual sewage disposal system, or otherwise conflict with the description, purpose, or the objectives of any plan or policy of the Town, and that the alternative proposed is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specified practical difficulty as found by the Board to affect the applicant.

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

A Motion was made by Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:04 PM.

**Regular Meeting...**

Supervisor Simpson took a moment to recognize John Stevens for his service to the community as Horicon Town Justice, and noted the Board was sorry to see him retire. Councilman Olson said Justice Stevens was just what a small town, rural Justice should be and he served very, very well.

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**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of December 28, 2016 and January 3, 2017 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins, all Ayes.

**Approval of January 19, 2017 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

Supervisor Simpson noted there is a bill in the General Abstract for milfoil harvesting in the amount of \$3,470.00 which is actually from 2016 so an adjustment will need to be made in the appropriate code.

**RESOLUTION #29-2017**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 29 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JANUARY ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the January 19, 2017 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	1	\$ 84,260.86
Highway Abstract	1	\$126,129.20
HM Abstract	1	\$ 59,301.00

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

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #30-2017**

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 30 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 2016 Town Clerk records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 19, 2017 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

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

**RESOLUTION #31-2017**

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 31 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 2016 Justice Court records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 19, 2017 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

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

**RESOLUTION #32-2017**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 32 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, 2017.

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

**RESOLUTION #33-2017**

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2016 FIREFIGHTER RECORDS LISTING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon has reviewed, and does hereby approve, the 2016 Service Award Program Firefighter Records listing for the Horicon Fire Department.

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

**RESOLUTION #34-2017**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF SAND BIDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to solicit, by legal advertisement, bids for processed highway sand. Bids are to be opened at the regular Town Board meeting on February 16, 2017.

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

**RESOLUTION #35-2017**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR 2016 YEAR END**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following 2016 year end Budget transfers:

**General:**

<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Debit</u></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>
A9060.800	Health Insurance	\$ 2,092.64	
A1310.100	Director of Finance-Personnel		\$ 92.00
A8160.100	Refuse & Garbage-Personnel		\$ 2,000.64

**Highway:**

DA5130.100	Machinery-Personnel	\$ 900.47	
DA5130.110	Machinery-Personnel – OT		\$ 900.47
DA5142.100	Snow Removal – Personnel	\$ 5,841.23	
DA5142.110	Snow Removal – Personnel – OT		\$ 5,841.23

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

**RESOLUTION #36-2017**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to have the Heintzelman Library considered for inclusion on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the application for State and National Registers Nomination for the Heintzelman Library.

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

**Committee Reports...**

-Councilperson Olson said the plans for replacing the porch at the Heintzelman Library have been received from Cedarwood Engineering. He has given a copy to the Highway Superintendent to review. He said it would save the Town a considerable amount of money if the Highway Department could do the foundation and concrete work. Councilperson Olson also said the fuel tank will need to be removed to do the work. Councilperson Higgins suggested replacing the fuel tank citing its age and its location on the edge of the Mill Pond leaking is a concern. Supervisor Simpson said the Board could also consider an alternative heating system. Councilperson Smith said there may be grants available once the Library is on the National Register that could help pay for a new heating system.

-Councilperson Smith said she, Horicon Historian Colleen Murtagh, WC Historian Stan Cianfarano, and the gentleman from the National Registry met at the Heintzelman Library on December 28<sup>th</sup>. She said

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the gentleman from the National Registry indicated there is a very good chance they could get the Library on the National Registry this year. Councilperson Smith said they were also told the Town may qualify for some of the small grants that are available for the project.

Councilperson Smith said she and Jane Smith went to the Fire Company Board meeting to let them know what the Board discussed about the fireworks for the Horicon event. She said the Fire Department has decided to do an event on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and would likely be asking the Town for occupancy tax funds.

Councilperson Smith said an ad was run for the Town Justice position but only two applications were received. She noted that although both applicants appear qualified they feel it would be better to have more applicants to choose from. Another ad will be run in the Post-Star and in The Sun with a deadline of February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, Councilperson Smith noted the Historical Society will be holding their Potluck Dinner on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

-Supervisor Simpson asked Councilperson Hill if he had checked to see if there is a leak at the Adirondack Schoolhouse. Councilperson Hill said there does not appear to be one. Supervisor Simpson said a meeting with the Fire Department needs to be set up regarding the Schoolhouse. Supervisor Simpson and another Board member will attend the next Fire Department meeting to talk with them about the Schoolhouse.

**Old Business:**

**Drew Cappabianca - Occupancy Tax:** Drew Cappabianca, owner of The Hub, addressed the Board regarding his application for Occupancy Tax monies to be used for a mountain bike park and a hiking trail system on his property behind The Hub. He is requesting \$6,500 of which \$1,500 would be used towards the design cost of the mountain bike park, and \$5,000 would be used to have a hiking trail professionally built.

**Occupancy Tax applications:** Councilperson Sylvia Smith said she and Supervisor Simpson have reviewed the numerous Occupancy Tax applications that have been received. She then read the list of applicants for the Board.

**RESOLUTION #37-2017**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize a total of \$21,500.00 in Occupancy Tax funds, code A6412.4 - Special Publicity, be given to the following as listed:

<b><u>Group/Individual:</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/Event:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount:</u></b>
Tri-Lakes Business Alliance	2017 Winter Carnival	\$4,000.00
Tri-Lakes Business Alliance	Woofstock Revisited on Mill Pond	\$2,000.00
Horicon Historical Society	Five programs	\$1,500.00
NW Chamber of Commerce	New website	\$4,000.00
Shindig Committee	Adirondack Shindig	\$1,500.00
Joel Freeman	Adirondack Marathon/TOH portion	\$2,000.00
Drew Cappabianca	Mountain Bike Park	\$1,500.00

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Drew Cappabianca

Hiking Trail

\$5,000.00

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**New Business:**

**Website update:** Supervisor Simpson suggested contacting North Shore, who is the Town's current website provider, to see what options we have in terms of updating the website. He will also contact Tom Williams for more ideas and options.

**NY Fire & Signal proposal:** Supervisor Simpson said he has spoken with the County Electrician about getting the generator fixed. He also said he has a quote from NY Fire and Signal for the installation of low temperature sensors and CO detectors at the Community Center and Highway Garage. NY Fire and Signal quoted a price of \$495.00 for the Community Center with no additional cost for monitoring as the building is already monitored. The quote for the Highway Garage is higher at \$849.00 because the panel has to be upgraded, and there would be a monthly charge for monitoring.

**RESOLUTION #38-2017**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN PROPOSAL WITH NY FIRE & SIGNAL**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal from NY Fire and Signal for the installation of low temperature sensors and CO detectors at the Community Center and Highway Garage at a cost of \$1,344.00.

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

**Privilege of the Floor...**

-Christine Hayes suggested using Occupancy Tax monies to develop the twenty acres behind the Community Center.

**Executive Session...**

Councilperson Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to move to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:57 PM and Councilperson Smith made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Olson, all in favor. The Board discussed a personnel issue, no action was taken.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk