

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 15, 2015
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: Tom Johansen, Skip Ostrander, Gary Frenz, Assessor Christine Hayes, Thad and Jane Smith, HS Paul Smith, and Bobby Smith.

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

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

Approval of Minutes... Minutes of September 17 and September 28, 2015 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Higgins.

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

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts...

RESOLUTION #143-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 143 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OCTOBER 2015 ABSTRACTS

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

General Vouchers	# 311-333	\$ 27,775.94
Highway Vouchers	# 176-193	\$ 93,098.07
General Abstracts	29 & 30	\$ 20,441.17
Highway Abstracts	29 & 30	\$ 13,869.81

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

Correspondence to the Board:

- Gary Muller RE: Letter commending Jim Steen for doing a good job as ZA
- Thurman Book Connection RE: Letter of appreciation for donating the book shelves
- APA RE: Buttino variance application does not need to be referred to APA

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #144-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 144 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has prepared a tentative budget for the Town of Horicon for 2016 and said Budget has been reviewed by the Town Board and certain changes have been made, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby adopt the tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2016. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing for said Budget on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

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

RESOLUTION #145-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 145 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT NANCY FREEBERN TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby re-appoint Nancy Freebern to a new term on the Horicon Board of Assessment Review. The new term is to run from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION #146-2015

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 146 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER AND ADVERTISE FOR ALTERNATE

WHEREAS, Laurie Hughes has resigned as Board of Assessment Review member because she has moved, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint current Board of Assessment Review Alternate Karen Burka to fill the vacant unexpired seat of Board of Assessment Review member, effective immediately, to complete the term that will expire on September 30, 2019, and be it further RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for Board of Assessment Review Alternate.

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

RESOLUTION #147-2015

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 147 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER FUNDS

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

From:	To:	Amount:
<i>General:</i>		
1990.4 (Conting.)	6772.4 (Prog for Aging)	\$ 558.07

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

RESOLUTION #148-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 148 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROOF INSULATION WORK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids for Contract TH-2015-10, which is the Community Center insulation and piping repairs project, as per the specifications of Cedarwood Engineering. Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk at the Community Center until November 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

Committee Reports...

-Gary Frenz reported on the NWEMS. He noted the Squad had 34 runs last month, is doing well financially, is continuing to work with Schroon Lake and Warrensburg to share services in an effort to keep costs down for winter, and is currently looking for ambulance drivers.

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-Councilperson Smith told the Board the Lazy Moose has donated all the mums to the Town, a follow-up email has been sent to Selective Insurance advising them the work on the playgrounds is expected to be done in the spring, the fall clean-up in the cemeteries will be done next week, and she and Supervisor Simpson plan on meeting with the Historian to discuss priorities for the upcoming year. Lastly, Councilperson Smith noted there will be a Veterans Concert on November 15th at the Glens Falls High School at 3:00 pm for Veterans and anyone else that wishes to attend.

-Supervisor Simpson told the Board he has confirmation from Senator Little that the Town has been awarded the \$100,000 grant for the 1881 Union Church. He also noted the County is continuing their work on the lower dam, and they have begun removal of the bridge over the upper dam.

Old Business...

Brant Lake Survey: Supervisor Simpson said he does not feel any action should be taken in regards to the Brant Lake Survey that was proposed by the Brant Lake Association. Councilperson Olson agreed noting that if the Brant Lake Association wants to do another survey they certainly can, but he feels issues are being addressed as they come up and the Town is responsive to the taxpayers.

Brant Lake Taxing District: In regards to the discussion on a possible Brant Lake taxing district last month, Supervisor Simpson has had Assessor Christine Hayes identify properties that have lake access. She said her records indicate there are approximately 374 parcels that would be affected by a taxing district. He asked the Board to review the information, and noted they need to do some calculations and work out a plan to determine if a taxing district would make sense. Supervisor Simpson and Councilperson Olson will work out the numbers and present to the Board.

New Business...

Fleetmatics: Supervisor Simpson told the Board he had been contacted by a company that offers a fleet management program. He explained the program does a number of things including tracking maintenance and providing data on vehicle location, speed, idle time, etc. The cost is \$35.00 per vehicle per month. He noted that he and Councilperson Hill were in favor. Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins did not feel it was necessary and thought it was too costly. No action was taken.

Privilege of the Floor...

-Jane Smith thanked the Board for their support and assistance with the Boat Stewards and the Boat Wash Station. In turn, the Board thanked Jane for all of her help with the projects.

ADJOURN... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk