

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

**DECEMBER 17, 2015  
7:00 PM**

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

Also: Bob Smith, Tom Johansen, John Donovan, Dan Freebern, Joe Koch, Barbara Blum, Kelly Duggan, Sally Joiner, Teri Schuerlein, HS Paul Smith.

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**Approval of December 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

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Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 165 and moved its adoption:

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RESOLVED, that the Second Notice fee be established at \$2.00 for each delinquent notice that is sent, and BE IT FURTHER

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**RESOLUTION TO SET END OF YEAR MEETING**

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

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Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 170 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set the Organizational Meeting of the Town of Horicon for Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

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WHEREAS, there is significant lead time required for the Architect's services beyond foundation work including: examination of physical condition of church structure above the foundation; preparation of plans and specifications documents for New York State-compliant public competitive bidding; bid period; receipt and evaluation of bids received; due diligence and recommendation to award; AND

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Ayes: 3 (Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Smith) Absent: 1 (Higgins)

**Committee Reports:**

-Councilperson Hill said he and Councilperson Smith will be meeting soon to get the signs figured out so they are in place by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He also said something needs to be done about the lights around the Mill Pond. Supervisor Simpson said the lights have been an ongoing problem. He spoke to an electrician who suggested doing an initial test of the first and last poles at a cost of \$250.00.

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**Privilege of the Floor...** No Comments

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**RESOLUTION TO SET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set the Organizational Meeting of the Town of Horicon for Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

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a new concrete foundation; and

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**Committee Reports:**

-Councilperson Hill said he and Councilperson Smith will be meeting soon to get the signs figured out so they are in place by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He also said something needs to be done about the lights around the Mill Pond. Supervisor Simpson said the lights have been an ongoing problem. He spoke to an electrician who suggested doing an initial test of the first and last poles at a cost of \$250.00.

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**New Business:**

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 175 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Warren County for Solid Waste Disposal.

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

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 176 and moved its adoption:

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Ayes: 3 (Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Hill) Absent: 1 (Higgins)

**RESOLUTION #177-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 177 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JOE KOCH AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Joe Koch as Alternate Schroon Lake Park District Commissioner effective January 1, 2016 for a term that will expire December 31, 2016.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Hill) Absent: 1 (Higgins)

**Privilege of the Floor...** No Comments

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk

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

**DECEMBER 17, 2015  
7:00 PM**

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

Also: Bob Smith, Tom Johansen, John Donovan, Dan Freebern, Joe Koch, Barbara Blum, Kelly Duggan, Sally Joiner, Teri Schuerlein, HS Paul Smith.

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened the Public Hearing for the 2016 Contracts. No comments were made. Supervisor Simpson stated he would leave the Public Hearing open in case anyone had any comments later on in the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 19 and December 7, 2015 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith.

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

**Approval of December 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

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Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 165 and moved its adoption:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the December 17, 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	# 377-408	\$ 21,390.34
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Ayes: 4 (Hill, Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Higgins)

**Correspondence to the Board:**

-NYSDEC RE: Town is no longer required to submit monthly inspection reports for Upper Dam

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #166-2015**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 166 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTION**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Office of Tax Collector to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$200.00 for the 2016 tax collection period.

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

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Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 167 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SECOND NOTICE FEE FOR THE 2016 TAX COLLECTION PERIOD**

WHEREAS the Town is required by Sec. 987 of the Real Property Tax Law to mail a Notice of Delinquency to land owners who are delinquent in making real property tax payments and charge the landowner a second notice fee of \$1.00, AND

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RESOLVED, that the Second Notice fee be established at \$2.00 for each delinquent notice that is sent, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Town of Horicon to impose the \$2.00 second notice fee on each delinquent notice sent to cover the cost of preparing and mailing the delinquent notice.

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

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF HORICON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO PROCEED WITH ARCHITECT'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR REHABILITATION OF THE FORMER 1881 UNION CHURCH FOR HISTORICAL MUSEUM USE**

WHEREAS, the Horicon Historical Society is in the process of rehabilitating the Town owned former 1881 Union Church in Adirondack, for use as a historical Museum Annex under Charter of the Historical Society, and has retained the services of Rucinski Hall Architecture (the "Architect") to perform architectural services for this work; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon has received formal written Notice of Award of a \$100,000 Grant from New York State for the church's rehabilitation for said historical Museum use, said grant to be implemented by a Grant Disbursement Agreement to be executed between New York State and the Town of Horicon; and

WHEREAS, the Architect already has performed its first phase services for replacement of the church's failing stone foundation to the point of pending award of a construction contract to the low bidder for

a new concrete foundation; and

WHEREAS, there is significant lead time required for the Architect's services beyond foundation work including: examination of physical condition of church structure above the foundation; preparation of plans and specifications documents for New York State-compliant public competitive bidding; bid period; receipt and evaluation of bids received; due diligence and recommendation to award; AND

WHEREAS, the Society therefore wishes to authorize the Architect to proceed with its services for subsequent construction work, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Horicon Historical Society to authorize the Architect to proceed with its services for the subsequent construction work required for the church's rehabilitation, using funds raised by the Society for this purpose, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that, as anticipated from the New York State Grant Notice of Award, to the extent the Architect's fees are reimbursable under the pending Grant Disbursement Agreement, the Town of Horicon agrees to include Society incurred Architect fees in the Town of Horicon's requests for reimbursement under said Grant.

Ayes: 3 (Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Smith) Absent: 1 (Higgins)

**Committee Reports:**

-Councilperson Hill said he and Councilperson Smith will be meeting soon to get the signs figured out so they are in place by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He also said something needs to be done about the lights around the Mill Pond. Supervisor Simpson said the lights have been an ongoing problem. He spoke to an electrician who suggested doing an initial test of the first and last poles at a cost of \$250.00.

**RESOLUTION #174-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 174 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO TEST MILL POND LIGHTS**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon authorizes the Supervisor to spend up to \$250 to do an initial test of the Mill Pond lights.

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

Councilperson Hill suggested the sign at the Landfill be re-done to note the days the Landfill will be closed with an added line it will be closed federal holidays. Lastly, he thanked the Highway Department for all the work they have been able to do with the nice weather we have been having.

-Councilperson Smith said the septic at the Museum needs to be pumped out; the Board agreed this should be taken care of right away. She has been told there is a volunteer for Beautification for next year so she will contact the person in regards to next summer. Councilperson Smith also suggested the Board think about sending a letter to the organizations that use the Community Center reiterating the rules and what is acceptable and what is not. This led to further discussion on how groups are expected to leave the Community Center after an event. The Board noted that each group that uses the building needs to clean up and leave the building in acceptable condition when they are done.

-Councilperson Olson said ZA Jim Steen spoke to him about moving forward with the Zoning Regulation revisions. Councilperson Olson told ZA Steen he feels there should be a workshop to review the changes before bringing them to a Public Hearing. He suggested ZA Steen make a list of the changes to be given to the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for review. He said once the Town Board feels the regulations are acceptable a public hearing can be scheduled.

-Supervisor Simpson noted that the Town will need to make updates to the Employee Handbook and he is working on this.

**New Business:**

**Agreement with Warren County for Solid Waste Disposal:**

**RESOLUTION #175-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 175 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Warren County for Solid Waste Disposal.

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

**Schroon Lake Park District Commissioner:** Supervisor Simpson explained that Joe Koch is retiring December 31, 2015. In light of this, the Schroon Lake Park District Commissioners recommend Albert Maday be appointed as Commissioner effective January 1, 2016 and Joe Koch be appointed as Alternate Commissioner effective January 1, 2016.

**RESOLUTION #176-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 176 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALBERT MADAY AS SCHROON LAKE PARK COMMISSIONER**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Albert Maday as Schroon Lake Park District Commissioner effective January 1, 2016 for a term that will expire December 31, 2018.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Hill) Absent: 1 (Higgins)

**RESOLUTION #177-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 177 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JOE KOCH AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint Joe Koch as Alternate Schroon Lake Park District Commissioner effective January 1, 2016 for a term that will expire December 31, 2016.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Hill) Absent: 1 (Higgins)

**Privilege of the Floor...** No Comments

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk