

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 19, 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

Also: HS Smith, Bill and Joanne McGhie, Bob Smith, Christine Hayes, Skip Ostrander, Tom Johansen, John Donovan, Dan Freebern, Patricia Tunney, Joan Johnson, Teri Schuerlein, Jane Smith, and Shawn Clute.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 19, 2015 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Hill.

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

Approval of March 19, 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #52-2015

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 52 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MARCH ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the March 19, 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#63-91	\$ 41,216.38
Highway Vouchers	#40-60	\$ 27,073.92
General Abstracts	6 & 7	\$ 65,005.77
Highway Abstracts	6 & 7	\$ 17,435.63

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

Correspondence to the Board...

-Tri-Lakes Business Alliance RE: Letter of appreciation for Town's support of Brant Lake Carnival

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #53-2015

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 53 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 4-104 of the New York State Election Law, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon must submit to the Warren County Board of Elections a listing of the polling places in the Town of Horicon in each Election District in which Elections are held, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following handicapped accessible locations be and are hereby designated as the respective polling places in the Districts as enumerated:

Election District #1	Horicon Community Center
Election District #2	6604 State Rt. 8 Brant Lake, NY 12815

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

RESOLUTION #54-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 54 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:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
<i>General:</i>		
1990.4 (Contingency)	9050.8 (Unemployment)	\$2,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #55-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 55 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RES# 170-2014 (AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN MOU FOR PREVENTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES)

WHEREAS, in Resolution #170 of 2014 the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding stating the intent of the parties involved to work together to create an effective program for preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species in the Adirondack region, however NYS Agencies were not included in that MOU, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the revised Memorandum of Understanding which includes the verbiage recognizing the work of NYS Agencies toward the prevention of invasive species.

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

RESOLUTION #56-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 56 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT JUSTICE TRAINING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Karen Burka, Court Clerk, to attend a training class in Saratoga. There is no cost for the training, but Karen will receive reimbursement for mileage.

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

Committee Reports...

Councilperson Sylvia Smith updated the Board on several items. She noted that the Cemetery Rules signs are ready, and the map copies will be done next week. She and Councilperson Hill interviewed three people for Beautification. Sylvia said she and Councilperson Olson interviewed six candidates for the Library Clerk position and they have a recommendation. Lastly, she noted that a letter had been sent to the Historian requesting she send the Board a quarterly report.

Councilperson Olson said that he and Councilperson Smith recommend Kawana Smith for the Library Clerk position.

RESOLUTION #57-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 57 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE PART-TIME LIBRARY CLERK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Kawana Smith for the position of part-time Library Clerk at a pay rate of \$10.75 per hour.

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

Councilperson Olson also noted that he had attended the Adirondack Shindig meeting. He said there was some discussion on possibly making a two weekend event between Horicon Day and the Adirondack Shindig.

Councilperson Higgins said that AJ Reyes had called him to discuss fishing in Brant Lake in regards to the Lake Study Mr. Reyes is working on.

Supervisor Simpson said he is still working with DEC on the terms for the proposed lease for the Boat Launch. He did note that DEC has agreed to pave the parking lot as promised under the terms of the old lease agreement. Supervisor Simpson also said that he has had discussions about putting a Boat Wash station at the Boat Launch on Schroon Lake.

Councilperson Hill said that they need a pressure washer for Beautification so he will check on pricing and get back to the Board.

Old Business...

Sand Bid:

RESOLUTION # 58-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 58 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD SAND BID

WHEREAS, the Town Board legally advertised for bids for processed sand for highway use, and one bid was received and publicly opened on March 19th at 7:05 PM, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the sand bid to Berness Bolton Excavating Co, Inc. for a bid of \$4.00 per yard.

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

Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference:

RESOLUTION #59-2015

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 59 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT APA LOCAL GOV'T DAY CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson, Councilman Olson, Zoning Administrator Jim Steen, Planning Board member Bill McGhie, Zoning Board Chair Gary Frenz, and Zoning Board Alternate Scott Olson to attend the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Day Conference which is being held April 15th and 16th 2015. The cost is \$58.75 per person, if registered before April 1st, plus reimbursement for travel expenses.

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

Shared Assessor: Supervisor Simpson said he and Councilperson Smith have a meeting scheduled with Bolton Supervisor for Monday. He noted that the Town could see an approximate \$14,000.00 in savings and this will qualify for the one percent off the tax levy.

Adirondack Schoolhouse: Supervisor Simpson noted the issues that exist with the use of the Adirondack Schoolhouse. He said he and Councilperson Hill have been looking at ways to resolve this and feel a good solution would be to reverse the Lease. If the Town has ownership they would have more options. The Board felt this was a good idea.

Supervisor Simpson said the Town has been offered a solution to the sand issue that has recently come up. He said Bernie Bolton has offered to donate sand for use by the residents of the Town. Mr. Bolton will haul the sand to the Landfill where it will be accessible by residents of the Town. The Board appreciated Mr. Bolton's offer and feels this is a good solution to the problem.

New Business...

Agreement to Expend Highway Monies:

RESOLUTION #60-2015

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 60 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY MONIES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the 2015 Agreement to Expend Highway Monies submitted by the Highway Superintendent.

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

Privilege of the Floor...

-John Donovan gave an update on the 1881 Union Church.

-Joan Johnson, Library Trustee, thanked the Board for hiring the Library Clerk.

-Teri Schuerlein let everyone know they are having a Luau Party at the Lazy Moose on March 20th to give everyone an opportunity to get together since it has been such a long winter.

Executive Session

Councilperson Higgins made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to move to Executive Session to discuss employment history of an employee. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:10 PM and Councilperson Olson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilperson Smith, all in favor. The Board discussed the employment history of an employee, no action was taken.

RESOLUTION #61-2015

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 61 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE FLOATER POSITION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby eliminate the Floater position from General Fund.

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

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk