

Present at meeting:	Matthew Simpson	Supervisor
	Robert Olson	Councilperson
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilperson
Absent:	Sylvia Smith	Councilperson
	Frank Hill	Councilperson

Krista Wood Town Clerk

Also: ZA Jim Steen, Assessor Christine Hayes, Tom Hutchins, Tom Johansen, Skip Ostrander, Jim Himoff, Brandon Himoff, Gary Frenz, John Donovan, Jane and Thad Smith, Drew Cappabianca, Cindy Mead, Bill McGhie, and others.

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

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, 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.

Public Hearing - Septic Variance at 3534 E. Schroon River Rd / tax map #70.15-1-9

Tom Hutchins, Hutchins Engineering, briefly reviewed the proposed system once again. ZA Steen stated that Cedarwood Engineering has reviewed this proposal, discussed a few concerns with Tom Hutchins, and those concerns have been addressed.

There being no further comments, a Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins to close the Public Hearing. Public Hearing was closed at 7:05pm.

RESOLUTION #63-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 63 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 3534 E. SCHROON RIVER ROAD

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Hutchins Engineering (updated 03-11-2016), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for an alternative septic system at 3534 E. Schroon River Rd, Brant Lake (Tax Map #70.15-1-9), with the requirement the engineer must document the depth to groundwater during construction and provide written documentation, because the strict application of the minimum setback requirements 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 variation which would alleviate the specified practical difficulty as found by the Board to affect the applicant.

Ayes: 3 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to move back into **regular session**. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:08PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March 17 and March 31, 2016 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson.

Ayes: 3 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

Approval of April 21, 2016 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #64-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 64 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF APRIL ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the April 21, 2016 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#4	\$ 80,216.59
Highway Vouchers	#4	\$ 136,159.85

Ayes: 3 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

Correspondence to the Board...

- Laberge Group RE: Brant Lake Upper Dam project information sheet
- NYSDEC RE: Site plan draft for Boat Launch

Resolutions...

RESOLUTION #65-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 65 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET STANDARD WORKDAY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Standard Name & Title	Work Day	Term Begin/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System	Days/Mo.
Matthew Simpson (Supervisor)	8	1/1/16-12/31/17	No	20.07
Paul Smith (Highway Supt.)	8	1/1/16-12/31/19	No	21.75
Kenneth Higgins (Town Councilman)	6	1/1/16-12/31/19	No	1.23

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

RESOLUTION #66-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 66 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISHING DERBY AND POSTING OF THE MILL POND

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize radio coverage to advertise the annual fishing derby at the Mill Pond in Brant Lake at a cost not to exceed \$450.00. The Board further authorizes that \$350.00 is to be given to the Chestertown Conservation Club to be used for prizes for the fishing derby, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the posting of "NO FISHING" signs from the time the Mill Pond is stocked until the day of the derby which will be Saturday, May 21, 2016.
Ayes: 3 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

RESOLUTION #67-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 67 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

WHEREAS, Maureen Wilson has resigned from the Library Board of Trustees, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Mary Paton to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Trustees of the Horicon Free Public Library. Mrs. Paton will complete the term which will expire on December 31, 2019.

Ayes: 3 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

RESOLUTION #68-2016

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 68 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)	5010.4 (Hwy Sup-Contr)	\$ 80.00
<i>Highway:</i>		
5148.4 (SvcsOthGovt-Contr)	5142.4 (Snow Rem-Contr)	\$ 2,200.50
5148.1 (SvcsOthGovt-PerSvc)	9050.8 (Unempl)	\$ 475.93

Ayes: 3 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

Committee Reports...

-Councilperson Olson stated the cost of the damage on Dorset Rd caused by the logging operation has been determined and a bill has been sent to the landowner. He also said he will have the estimate to repave the Community Center parking lot next month.

OLD BUSINESS...

Draft Horicon Zoning Law...

Supervisor Simpson explained that the Town has been working on revisions to the Horicon Zoning Law. ZA Steen explained one minor change made since the last special meeting regarding the APA's allowance of minor rearward expansion of non-conforming structures within the shoreline setback of up to 250' without requiring a variance. ZA Steen said the APA developed language for the Town for this section so it fits APA requirements. He said it also allows a stoop or landing of up to 25 sf on the side of a non-conforming structure without a variance. He explained this would help reduce the number of variances needed. ZA Steen said he would like to see both the current and the proposed Zoning Law on the website for the public to review. The Zoning Law will be sent to the APA for review and public hearings will be set at the May meeting.

RESOLUTION #69-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 69 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND RE-ADOPT RES #131-2012 FOR TOWN OF HORICON TO DECLARE INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE REVISED TOWN OF HORICON ZONING LAW AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon Town Board recognized the need to update and revise the Town of Horicon Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations, to better promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners of the Town and to protect the property values and aesthetics of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has undertaken a multi-year effort to revise and update the Zoning Law and address the needs of the Town and the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action will repeal and replace the existing Town of Horicon Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised Town of Horicon Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations improves the structure and integrity of the original law and regulations without significantly altering the intent and provisions of the existing documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon Town Board hereby declares its intent to be Lead Agency for SEQRA review of the proposed Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations and directs the Town Clerk to send copies of the proposed local law and regulations, SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form Part 1, copy of this Resolution stating the Town Board's intention to be Lead Agency for SEQRA review to the Adirondack Park Agency and any other involved Agencies as required by law.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

North Country Hardship Fund request for bottles...

Supervisor Simpson said the North Country Hardship Fund has requested the bottles from the Landfill from May 1 through September 30th. He noted that the bottle money is currently going to the school for various things. The Board agreed the money should continue going to the school.

Lifeguard...

One application has been received. The Board would like the Clerk to re-advertise the position.

Upper Dam – Proposal for Professional Services...

Supervisor Simpson said the Board has a proposal from Laberge for professional services related to the construction phase and supplemental EPA for the Upper Dam. The proposed fee for scope of work is \$29,500.00. Laberge anticipates bid submittals by the end of May with a target completion date of November 15th.

RESOLUTION #70-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 70 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN PROPOSAL IN FORM APPROVED BY TOWN COUNSEL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Laberge Engineering for professional services related to the Construction Phase and Supplemental EPA for the Brant Lake Upper Dam Project, along with the draft bid documents, in form approved by Town Counsel. The funds to pay for this will come from the unassigned fund balance.

Ayes: 3 (Higgins, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

Career Exploration Internship Program through NWCS...

RESOLUTION #71-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 71 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN MOU WITH NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign an MOU with North Warren Central School for the Career Exploration Internship Program.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

NEW BUSINESS...

Internet service at Museum and Heintzelman Library...

RESOLUTION #72-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 72 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INTERNET FOR HEINTZELMAN LIBRARY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize internet service through Time Warner for the Heintzelman Library.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

The Hub – request for letter from Town...

Supervisor Simpson explained Drew Cappabianca, of The Hub, has asked the Town for a letter stating live music at The Hub is acceptable.

RESOLUTION #73-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 73 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Supervisor to send a letter endorsing live music at The Hub as long as it conforms with the Town of Horicon Noise Ordinance.

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

Occupancy Tax Application from Tri-Lakes...

RESOLUTION #74-2016

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 74 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FOR WOOFSTOCK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize \$2,000.00 be given to the Tri-Lakes Business Alliance in support of a Woofstock event being held in Horicon. This is to come from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

Ayes: 3 (Olson, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Hill)

Privilege of the Floor...

-Jane Smith said she was pleased with the events Tri-Lakes is bringing to the area.

-Supervisor Simpson explained the Boat wash station in Schroon Lake was funded by monies being held by the Town of Schroon in an emergency fund last year, however, that account is now depleted. He said it has been estimated the cost to run the Boat Wash station is approximately \$16,000.00. He has contacted Mike Marnell (Schroon Lake) and Craig Leggett (Chestertown) to see if their Boards will support the Town in the same apportionment that is tied to assessed value. In addition, Supervisor Simpson noted Jane Smith has done a grant application for \$100,000.00 which would fund the entire

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Town of Horicon invasive species program. He noted the Town would definitely get something but he is not sure how much. The Board was in agreement with funding the Boat Wash station, along with Schroon and Chester, at approximately \$6,000.00 if necessary.

-John Donovan updated the Board on the status of the Union Church.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk