

**HORICON TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 23, 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: Tom Johansen, Skip Ostrander, Harvey Leidy, Thad and Jane Smith, Bill McGhie, HS Paul Smith, Assessor Christine Hayes, Mike and Kathy Hill, Edna Trumble, George Hayes, Laura Saffer-WIC, Gary Frenz, Bob Smith, Teri Schuerlein, Fred Holman, and others.

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

Laura Saffer from WIC gave a brief presentation on the WIC program and who is eligible.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of June 18, 2015 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson.

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

**Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #108-2015**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 108 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JULY 2015 ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the July 23, 2015 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#195 - 231	\$ 16,533.68
Highway Vouchers	#114 - 130	\$ 27,629.34
HA – CFA East Shore	#3 – 5	\$ 567.40
General Abstracts	18 & 20	\$ 24,676.69
Highway Abstracts	18 & 20	\$ 16,695.97

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

**Correspondence to the Board...**

- NY Dept of Public Service RE: Study of the state of Telecommunications in NYS
- EDC Warren County RE: Reminder of the upcoming CFA and URI application deadlines
- Rucinski Hall Architecture RE: Opinion regarding foundation of the 1881 Union Church

**Resolutions...**

**RESOLUTION #109-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 109 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR BOAT PATROL ON SCHROON LAKE**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Warren County for the Boat Patrol on Schroon Lake for 2015. The Board authorizes the funding for the Boat Patrol in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be taken from (A6412.4) Special Publicity.

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

**RESOLUTION #110-2015**

Councilperson Hill and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 110 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ROAD CLOSURE FOR ADIRONDACK SHINDIG**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the closure of Red Wing Road from the intersection of East Shore Drive, north to the intersection of Red Wing Rd and Church Street, including the Town Parking lot north of the Post Office, from 3 to 9 pm on August 8, 2015. In the event of a rain date the same section will be closed from noon to 5pm on Sunday, August 9th.

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

**RESOLUTION #111-2015**

Councilperson Smith and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 111 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:

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<i>General:</i>		
8810.1 (Cemet-Pers.)	8510.1 (Beautif-Pers.)	\$ 25,296.00
1990.4 (Conting.)	9050.8 (Unemp.)	\$ 2,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION #112-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 112 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HORICON DAY CONTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the following contracts for Horicon Day:

- Adirondack Broadcasting - \$300.00
- Larry Henderson/Rock Your World Mobile Rock Wall - \$800.00
- Upstate Photo Booths New York - \$699.00

Funding for these will be taken from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

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

**RESOLUTION #113-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 113 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR GRANT**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Horicon Justice Court to apply for a 2015-2016 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant with the New York State Office of Court Administration.

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

**RESOLUTION #114-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 114 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR YOUTH BUREAU**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Warren County for the Youth Bureau.

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

**Committee Reports...**

-Councilperson Hill said he contacted Monahan & Loughlin regarding the clips on the roof. He said about 75 to 100 clips need to be replaced and the cost is \$12.00 per clip. The mower was sent to Falls Farm & Garden for repairs at a cost of \$500.00. He priced out the rubber material for the playground and the cost is \$650.00/ton and he estimates it would be about \$4,000-\$5,000 to do 2500 square feet. Councilperson Smith said the area that needs to be done is noted in the specs they were given. There was discussion on what material should be used and how much of an area needs to be done. Supervisor Simpson asked Councilperson Hill to measure the area that needs to be done and get exact figures so the Board can move forward with this. Councilperson Hill added that the Heintzelman Library has been painted.

-Councilperson Smith said the Historian has asked for wi-fi at her office. Supervisor Simpson said he will look into the price and the Board agreed wi-fi should be provided for the Historian. Councilperson Smith will speak to the Historian to confirm the hours she will be there. Councilperson Smith said the Lifeguard for the Brant Lake beach started today and will only be working three days a week because he also works at the Loon Lake beach. Lastly, Councilperson Smith noted what wonderful programs the Friends of the Library are putting out. She noted that they really bring in a lot of kids and parents and the Board should support them.

-Councilperson Olson said plans for Horicon Day are coming along well. He said that it will be a little different this year because they have added some new things.

-Supervisor Simpson said he met with DEC, the APA, and the Engineer regarding blacktopping the Boat Launch. He said DEC will be doing this sometime in September, they will spend approximately \$100,000.00 on the project, and it will have no adverse impact on the lake.

-Gary Frenz reported for the month of June the NWEMS had 48 runs and 35 mutual aid calls. He noted that things seem to be going well and people are finally working together.

**Old Business...**

**Assessor Clerk:** Councilperson Olson said the Personnel Committee recommends Rebecca Ross to fill the position of Assessor Clerk.

**RESOLUTION #115-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 115 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE PART-TIME ASSESSOR CLERK**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby hire Rebecca Ross for the position of part-time Assessor Clerk for up to twelve (12) hours per week at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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

**Union Church:** Supervisor Simpson noted the application for \$100,000.00 worth of funding has been re-submitted. He also noted that Senator Little is committed to this project, and the only unknown is the timing of when the funds will be available. He noted the discussion at last meeting about possibly bonding this project or using unappropriated fund balance, but he has spoken with the Board members individually since then and reminded them there is a major insulation project needed at the Community Center. So, he said at this time he recommends waiting for the funding from the grant.

Fire Department / Service Award Program Point System Change: Supervisor Simpson explained this is simply a change in the points system and there will not be any additional cost to the town.

**RESOLUTION #116-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 116 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND TOWN OF HORICON'S VOLUNTEERFIREFIGHTER SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 216, the Horicon Town Board previously adopted a defined benefit Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program (the "Program"), as described in General Municipal Law Section 219, which was effective January 12, 1999 and amended in 2006 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend the points awarded under the Program to be consistent with General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, such an amendment is authorized, subject to a mandatory referendum, pursuant to Article 11-A of the New York General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the amendment is not expected to result in any increase in cost to property owners in the Town Fire Protection District; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board hereby amends the Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program to conform the number of points granted for the performance of an activity and the amount of an activity required to earn the points granted for the performance of the activity with New York General Municipal Law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to effectuate the approved amendments, the Town Board hereby adopts the attached "Horicon Fire Department, Inc. Length of Service Award Program Point System" which was prepared by Penflex, Inc. as the official point system for the Program, subject to mandatory referendum at the November 3, 2015 general/biennial election; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Service Award Program shall continue to be administered by the Town of Horicon; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other amendments to related Program documents required to effectuate the intent of this Resolution are hereby authorized and approved; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is subject to mandatory referendum and the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk and Town Counsel to prepare a proposition relating to this Resolution to be placed on the November 3, 2015 election ballot for the approval or disapproval of the eligible voters within the Town Fire Protection District, and the Town Clerk, with the advice of Town Counsel, to prepare an abstract of the proposition, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution together with the proposition and abstract to the Warren County Board of Elections or other appropriate officials so that the proposition will be placed on the November 3, 2016 election ballot in all the voting locations in the Town of Horicon Fire Protection District; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take such additional actions as may be necessary and appropriate in connection with the mandatory referendum and the Program amendments.

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

Scrap Metal: Supervisor Simpson advised the Board that the Town has not been paid for the scrap metal that was removed by East Side Recycling. He has repeatedly contacted the company and been

told that payment is coming but nothing has been received. Supervisor Simpson asked the Board if they want to file a complaint with the Sheriff's Department.

**RESOLUTION #117-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 117 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO FILE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to file a criminal complaint with the Warren County Sheriff Department against East Side Recycling.

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

**New Business...**

*Request from Friends of Horicon Library for Bed Tax funds:* Friends of the Library have requested Bed Tax funding for their summer reading program.

**RESOLUTION #118-2015**

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 118 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF BED TAX FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize \$2,000.00 be given to the Friends of Horicon Library to help fund their *Every Hero Has a Story* summer reading program. This is to come from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

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

*Street light request from Horicon Fire Department:* Due to safety concerns a request has been made to install a street light near the Fire Department. Supervisor Simpson said there is no cost to have a light installed; the Town would only have to pay the monthly electric bill.

**RESOLUTION #119-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 119 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the installation of a street light on National Grid pole #64 at the intersection of Horicon Avenue and Route 8.

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

*Community Center roof insulation/RFP:* Supervisor Simpson explained there was approximately \$9,000 worth of water damage this past spring at the Community Center and this is an issue that needs to be addressed. He spoke to an insulation contractor who suggested putting foam in the attic space which should correct the problem as well as reduce heating and cooling costs.

**RESOLUTION #120-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 120 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RFP FOR ROOF INSULATION**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize an RFP for correcting the insulation to prevent heat loss in the roof of the Community Center.

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

*Bocce Ball court:* Supervisor Simpson said there has been a request for a Bocce Ball court in Adirondack. He said Curtis Lumber is donating the materials to form the dimensions of the court, the Highway Department will be doing the work, and the Town would need to purchase the materials for inside the box.

**RESOLUTION #121-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 121 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the establishment of a small Bocce Ball court in Adirondack at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. The funds for this will come from Parks – Contractual (A7110.4).

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

*Fred Holman - NW Chamber of Commerce/Sportsman's Weekend:* Fred Holman explained that the Chamber of Commerce has been looking for an event to replace the Pug Parade and they have decided on a Sportsman's Weekend.

**RESOLUTION #122-2015**

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 122 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF BED TAX FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize \$1,000.00 of Bed Tax funds be re-directed from the Pug Parade to the Chamber's Sportsman's Weekend being held in September. This is to come from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

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

**Privilege of the Floor...**

-Supervisor Simpson asked the Board if they would be agreeable to him contacting Ed Bartholomew, EDC-Warren County, regarding the Wesleyan Church property. He thought Mr. Bartholomew might be interested in marketing this property for a potential business. The Board felt this is a good idea.

-Jane Smith said the Boat Wash station on Schroon Lake is up and running and doing well. She said 1100 boats have been inspected and 16 have been sent to be washed. She thanked the Board for their support.

**Executive Session...**

Councilman Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Higgins, to move to Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:40 PM and Councilman Smith made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Olson, all in favor. Possible litigation was discussed.

**RESOLUTION #123-2015**

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 123 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN COUNSEL TO REPRESENT TOWN EMPLOYEE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Town Counsel to represent a Town Highway Department employee for possible litigation.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk