

DECEMBER 18, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONTRACTS, MEETING

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
Frank Hill Councilman
Kenneth Higgins Councilman
Robert Olson Councilman
Joseph Dooris Councilman
Mark Schachner Town Counselor
Paul Smith Highway Superintendent
Gary McMeekin Zoning Officer
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Tom Johansen, Harry Balz, Sandy Smith, Matt Simpson, Kevin White, Gary Frenz

Supervisor Bentley opened the public hearing for the 2009 Contracts. There were no comments or questions regarding contracts. The public hearing was closed at 7:02 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Dooris, all ayes.

The Town Board then moved into Executive Session by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Hill, all ayes. The Executive Session is being convened at the beginning of the meeting to meet the time constraints of Town Counselor Mark Schachner, who is not able to stay for the entire meeting. Supervisor Bentley said the Board is going to discuss Personnel.

After Executive Session the Board moved back into Regular Session by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Higgins, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that Personnel had been discussed. No decisions reached.

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of November 20th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes.

Reports- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice, Assessor, Hwy. Garage
December 18th Abstracts-

RESOLUTION NO. 132 OF 2008

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 132 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF DEC. 18th ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the December 18th Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 277-289	\$ 8,533.86
General Vouchers # 357-389	\$17,197.55
Highway Abstracts #33 & 34	\$11,566.75
General Abstracts #33 & 34	\$18,274.31

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Communications-

John Palermo	RE: Signed Agreement for Gravel
W.C. Real Property	RE: 2009 Tax Rates
APA	RE: Local Government Day Survey Form
W.C. Attorney	RE: Office of Aging Agreement
Assoc. Gen. Contr. NY	RE: Use of ULSD Fuel
Saratoga Co. Pl. & Zon.	RE: Registration for Conference

Old Business-

New Business-

Proposed Zoning Changes- ZO Gary McMeekin explained the proposed changes as far as the wording, and elimination of the section on multiple access docks associated with subdivisions. Councilman Olson opposes any changes until the whole thing is reviewed by the Planning Board, and reviewed with the Master Plan. Supervisor Bentley asked if the Planning Board had been asked to review and Mr. McMeekin said

no. Councilman Dooris asked why this wording was originally included as it appears to be "redundant"? Councilman Olson said it was put in "because previous Boards decisions were not honored, that is why it was put in". Counselor Schachner said signs and docks are not automatically affected as they are "temporary by nature". Councilman Dooris said if this was going to be enacted they should have done an actual dock inventory before it was put into effect". Supervisor Bentley said this proposed amendment just applies to multiple access docks and "nothing we have on record is covered by grand- fathering. ZO McMeekin said this original wording is confusing and does not cover anything we have now. We are trying to simplify by doing these changes. Councilman Olson said this issue is before the Zoning Board of Appeals. ZO McMeekin said "no, it is not". Councilman Olson said our process does not include the Zoning Officer making decisions himself. Councilman Dooris made a MOTION to send this proposed amendment to the Planning Board for their recommendation and have them report to the Town Board, Councilman Higgins seconded, all ayes. The Town Board will address this issue again once the Planning Board has given their opinion.

Set Special Meetings-

RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2008

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 133 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET SPECIAL MEETINGS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set the following special meetings for December and January:

End of Year Meeting	December 30 th	3:00 PM
Organization Meeting	January 8 th	6:30 PM
Master Plan Presentation	January 8 th	7:00 PM

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Planning Board Applicants- The Committee will review applications and make recommendation at Organization Meeting.

Man Doors at Highway Garage-

Prices were gathered for doors and window glass. The following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2008

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 134 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE DOORS AND WINDOWS FOR HIGHWAY SHED

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the following purchase of doors and windows for the Highway Building:

From Steel Craft- 5 doors, Polyurethane Core (R12.25)	\$2,874.00
From Jim's Glass- 4 windows	\$ 502.36

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Councilman Olson said the sub-contractors need to be put on notice that we have had to replace the doors. Councilman Dooris said we should bill the architect, as he did not state insulated doors in his final plans. Councilman Higgins said the architect offered to pay for it so we should let him. Mr. Balz said Joe Metzger gave the Town a very good price and saved the Town at least \$50,000.00, and that should be considered in this situation. Councilman Dooris said it is not an expense that should be billed to the taxpayers.

Zoning & Planning - Councilman Dooris reported that the Planning Board and ZBA each have a member who has taken none of the required training. The Committee needs to look into this.

Resolutions-

RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2008

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 135 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following transfers:

HIGHWAY

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5140.4 (Brush Con.)	5130.1 (Mach. Per.)	\$ 3,682.52
5120.4 (Bridge Con.)	5130.1 (Mach. Per.)	\$ 1,500.00
9060.8 (Med. Ins.)	9030.8 (Soc. Sec.)	\$ 375.53
5142.1 (Snow. Per.)	9030.8 (Soc. Sec.)	\$ 658.89

GENERAL

1220.2 (Sup. Equip.)	1220.4 (Sup. Con.)	\$ 65.58
1220.2 (Sup. Equip.)	1310.1 (Dir. Fin.)	\$ 203.20
1355.2 (Asses. Equip.)	1355.4 (Asses. Con.)	\$ 42.00
1355.2 (Asses. Equip.)	1355.1 (Asses. Per.)	\$ 106.04
8810.4 (Cem. Con.)	5132.4 (Gar. Con.)	\$ 2,000.00
8810.4 (Cem. Con.)	6410.4 (Pub. Con.)	\$ 250.00
8810.4 (Cem. Con.)	6772.4 (Prog. Age.)	\$.74
8010.1 (Zon. Per.)	8010.4 (Zon. Con.)	\$ 754.09
8810.4 (Cem. Con.)	8090.4 (Insec. Con.)	\$ 800.00
9060.8 (Health)	8160.4 (Ref. & Gar. Con.)	\$ 2,000.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 136 OF 2008

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 136 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT
SARATOGA COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING CONFERENCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the attendance of the following Official of the Town of Horicon to the Saratoga County Planning & Zoning Conference on January 28, 2009: Planning Chairman Bill Bruce; Zoning Officer Gary McMeekin; Planning & Zoning Secretary Christine Smith-Hayes; Board Members Harry Balz and Doug Paton and others to be named later. Registration fee of \$60.00 is authorized for each attendee, as is transportation expenses.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 137 OF 2008

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 137 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN
AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING
AND WARREN-HAMILTON COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Ralph Bentley to sign the Agreement with Warren County Office of the Aging and the Warren-Hamilton Community Action Agency for the transportation of senior citizens.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2008

Messrs. Olson & Dooris introduced Res. 138 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT
ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the following Town Officials to attend the Annual Association of Towns Meeting in New York City on February 15-18, 2009: Zoning Officer Gary McMeekin, Planning Board Member Georgia McMeekin, Paul Maniacek and Ralph Bentley. The Town Board authorizes paying the travel, room, registration and meals connected to the attendance at this meeting.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Resolution 139 is being introduced as a result of discussion at an Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 OF 2008

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 139 of 2008 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE POSITION OF FULL-TIME
LANDFILL OPERATOR AT THE HORICON TRANSFER STATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon, like all other local municipalities, strives to provide services to Town residents in the most beneficial and economically efficient manner possible with ever increasing budget constraints, AND

WHEREAS, the Town operates a Transfer Station, AND

WHEREAS, there has previously been a position of Full-Time Landfill operator at the Town Transfer Station, AND

WHEREAS, the Town Board has come to realize that the Town Transfer Station can be operated efficiently as is necessary for the benefit of Town residents without a Full-Time Landfill Operator, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon 2009 Budget does not include funding for the Transfer Station Full-Time Landfill Operator position, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Full-Time Landfill Operator position at the Town Transfer Station is hereby eliminated, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to take any steps necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

The Town Board moved a 8:30 PM into a second Executive Session by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that Personnel will again be discussed. After Executive Session, Messrs. Higgins & Hill MOVED to return to the regular meeting at 8:55 PM, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that Personnel was discussed, no decisions made.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Dooris, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk