

JUNE 19, 2008 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
Frank Hill Councilman
Kenneth Higgins Councilman
Robert Olson Councilman
Paul Smith Highway Superintendent
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Tom Johansen, Diana Bentley, Sandy Smith, Matt Simpson, Harry Balz, John Goode, Gary Frenz.

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 15th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes

Reports: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Hwy Garage.

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Smith reported that the Shaw Hill blacktopping project is finished and they are paving Short Street next Wednesday. Once Short Street is finished the Board will see if there are funds available to do Johnson Road. Mr. Smith said his men "worked their butts off for the past three weeks to get the roads finished". Councilman Hill said they did a great job on the roads.

Approval of June Abstracts:

RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2008

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 67 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the June Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 127-161	\$96,270.06
General Vouchers # 170-205	\$80,721.72
Highway Abstracts 15 & 16	\$79,987.95
General Abstracts 15 & 16	\$18,395.77

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

Communications:

Matt Simpson RE: Working with Highway Department
NYS D.O.T. RE: Speed limit, Shaw Hill-approved for 40 MPH
Erwin Robbins RE: WWII Honor Roll

Old Business:

Councilman Hill reported that Terry & Greg finished the stairs by the Adirondack Community Center and did a good job making them.

New Business:

Supervisor Bentley reported about complaints he received about the parking spaces at the Brant Lake boat launch site. People are using the spaces to leave their cars and go somewhere else. There are not that many spaces and many times people with boats cannot get a parking space. Discussion regarding getting signs made to designate "Boat Launch Business Only" and "Public Parking located at Community Center" or some other

wording that may help the situation. Councilman Olson then reported there is strong sentiment from the master plan discussions to buy out the remaining years in the contract and get New York State out of the boat launch. Councilman Olson said the Town should have the control and it should be for "Town of Horicon Residents Only". Supervisor Bentley said this is in direct opposition of the State advertising the boat launch, stocking the lake and trying to bring more tourism business to the area. Councilman Olson then suggested if the Town did renew the lease with the State perhaps "they" (the State) could buy some near-by land and offer more parking.

Dumping of garbage- Discussion regarding lack of enforcement for those who have been caught dumping garbage. So far there has been no Community Service work done by the person who was sentenced to do it after dumping garbage. There is no sense going after violators if there is no enforcement.

Sale of Air Compressor-Town has had offer of \$500.00 for used air compressor, but the Board feels its must be put out to bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 68 OF 2008

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 68 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AIR COMPRESSOR SURPLUS
AND ADVERTISE FOR SALE BY SEALED BID**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby declare the Highway Air Compressor, purchased new in December 2007, as a surplus item because the unit size was not up to the Highway's needs, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for sealed bids for said compressor. Bids to be opened at 10:00 AM on July 17th.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS-

RESOLUTION NO. 69 OF 2008

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 69 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR
LOCAL LAW # 1 AND LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2008**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise a public hearing for Local Law #1 of 2008 "A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION TO COLD WAR VETERANS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION". Said public hearing to be held on July 17th at 7:00PM at the Horicon Community Center, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise a public hearing for Local Law # 2 of 2008, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2006, PROVIDING FOR THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION ALLOWABLE FOR THE ALTERNATIVE VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION". Said public hearing to be held on July 17th at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 70 OF 2008

The Members of the Horicon Town Board introduced Res. 70 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ERWIN ROBBINS

WHEREAS, many years ago the hamlet of Adirondack proudly displayed a World War II Honor Roll near the General Store, AND

WHEREAS, after years of weather damage the sign deteriorated and was removed, AND

WHEREAS, Erwin Robbins, a native of Adirondack felt the loss of the sign and has worked for many years to see the Honor Roll restored to its rightful place. Because of Mr. Robbin's deep commitment and generosity a replica of the original Honor Roll has been erected on the same site and dedicated on Memorial Day of 2008, NOW BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, on behalf of the people of Horicon, wish to thank Erwin Robbins and the Robbins Family for their donation of the World War II Honor Roll paying tribute to Adirondack's WW II servicemen and in remembrance of all Veterans, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Erwin Robbins together with the appreciation and best wishes of the Town Board.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2008

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 71 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTIAL PAYMENT TO MURPHY CONSTRUCTION ACCORDING TO LISTED "SCHEDULE OF VALUES"

WHEREAS, the Town Board awarded the bid for the construction of an addition to the Horicon Museum to Murphy Construction, 2 Vanderwalker Road, Chestertown, NY for a total of \$32,835.00, AND

WHEREAS, Murphy Construction is requesting partial payment according to a certain schedule of values which states that they are billing for 75% of Administrative Cost, 75% of Concrete Cost less a 5% retainage for a total amount of \$9,360.11, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize payment of \$9,360.11 to Murphy Construction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2008

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 72 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "THE FRIENDS OF THE HORICON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY" GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, "The Friends of Horicon Free Public Library" have worked diligently over the past seven years to bring many types of programs for children to the Town of Horicon, AND

WHEREAS, the "Friends" have enabled area children to be exposed to entertaining and educational programs they would not have been able to enjoy without the efforts and planning of the "Friends", AND

WHEREAS, the Town Board, on behalf of the people of Horicon totally approves and supports the community spirit and hard work of the "Friends" for enhancing the cultural, educational, and entertaining environment they have worked so hard to bring to Horicon, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby commend and support "The Friends of Horicon Free Public Library" in their application for a Grant from the Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region so that they may continue to offer quality programs and help to instill a life-long love of books and an ever widening opportunity to learn to our children.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Master Plan Meeting- Councilman Olson reported on the Meeting. Stephanie from the Laberge Group will be here on July 17th to make a presentation regarding the final draft of the "Community Development Strategic Plan". Councilman Olson reported that with all the volume of information that has been discussed, the Town might want to create a position for an "economic development director".

Privilege of Floor-

Tom Johansen reported on the special events scheduled for July 12th in Chestertown. Mr. Johansen asked if our highway could bring the museums tent over to the events. The Board said it was fine with them if HS Smith agreed, which he did.

Harry Balz commented on Short Street. Mr. Balz added that he was impressed by the way the job has been run and said all our equipment had been used well by HS Smith and his crew during the paving. The Board agreed that the job was very well done.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:40 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that CSEA Negotiations would be discussed. The Board returned to regular meeting at 8:00 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Hill, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that CSEA has been discussed, no decisions reached. The meeting as adjourned at 8:01 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk