

SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

Also: Tom Johansen, Gary Frenz, Sandy Smith, Harry Balz, Greg Beckler, Pam Morin, Kit Isachsen, Joe Dooris, Bernie Hill

Chamber of Commerce Presentation- Greg Beckler from the North Warren Chamber of Commerce updated the Board on what is planned for the next few months. Mr. Beckler spoke of the need to update the web site and also more funds are needed for the pug parade in October. Mr. Beckler passed out information regarding the financial situation of the chamber and what is requested from Horicon in order for them to meet their goals. The chamber is requesting the same amount (\$6,000.00) for the annual Agreement, but is hoping that Horicon can authorize \$2,650.00 at this time as they need \$2,500.00 for the pug parade expenses and \$150.00 towards updating the website. After further discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Beckler and Mrs. Morin for coming.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 21st were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Higgins, all ayes.

September Abstracts:

RESOLUTION NO. 102 OF 2008

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 102 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF SEPTEMBER ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to pay the following abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 212-233 \$23,091.30
General Vouchers # 277-306 \$28,394.99
Highway Abstract # 26 \$10,915.06
General Abstracts # 24 & 26 \$23,547.36

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

Reports: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Assessor, Zoning, Justice

Communications:

Michael Raymond RE: Application for Planning Board
NYS DOT RE: Speed Limit- Palisades
Time Warner RE: Update of cable complaints
Adirondack Fence,
Blythfield Fence &
AFSCO Fence RE: Fencing Proposals
Mountain Petroleum
Pyrofax Energy RE: Propane & Fuel Bid

OLD BUSINESS:

Chamber of Commerce request-

RESOLUTION NO. 103 OF 2008

Messrs. Olson & Higgins introduced Res. 103 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR NORTH WARREN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize a special allocation of funds as requested by the North Warren Chamber of Commerce to help with expenses for the Pug Parade and to update the Chamber of Commerce Website. Funds requested and allocated are \$2,650.00.

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

Propane & Heating Oil- Question as to being able to get in with the County as far as heating oil. The Town received one responsible propane bid and no responsible heating oil bid. The heating oil will need to be re-bid. The propane bid is acceptable. The following Resolution was then introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2008

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 104 and move its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO REJECT HEATING OIL BID AND REBID

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby reject the heating oil bid submitted and authorizes the clerk to re-bid the heating oil for the Town of Horicon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 105 OF 2008

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 105 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD PROPANE BID TO MOUNTAIN PETROLEUM

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon advertised for bids for propane fuel for the highway garage for the year 2009, AND

WHEREAS, one responsible bid was received, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the bid for propane to Mountain Petroleum for the capped price of \$2.45 per gallon.

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

Fencing at springhouse- Three estimates were received for the chain link fencing to enclose the springhouse across from the watering tub. HS Smith asked if the other two Towns in the Schroon Lake Park District have been asked to contribute to the cost of the fencing? They have not been asked yet, but Supervisor Bentley will contact Town of Chester and Town of Schroon. After a short discussion, the following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 106 OF 2008

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 106 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH BLYTHEFIELD FENCE, INC.
FOR FENCING AROUND WATERING TUB SPRINGHOUSE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby contract with Blythefield Fence, Inc. of Chestertown for them to "provide and install 370+/- feet of 6' high 9 gauge green vinyl coated fence with one 10' wide double gate. Post to be 2 1/2 " terminals, 2" line post and 3" gate posts. All gate posts and terminals post to be concreted and angle braced and all others driven to proper height. Fence will be installed with top and bottom tension wire to follow terrain". Cost of materials and labor is \$8,248.00.

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

Palermo Property- Supervisor Bentley asked Town Counsel Schachner if he would draft a legal agreement so the Town of Horicon Highway can remove gravel from Mr. Palermo's property on Market Street. Counselor Schachner said he would begin work on the draft. HS Smith said that once we got the agreement he could start screening and get the gravel. Later on he will gather the crusher material.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Workshop- The Board needs to set a workshop to discuss the 2009 Budget. Supervisor Bentley said the Budget as it stands represents no tax increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2008

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 107 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET BUDGET WORKSHOP

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby set Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 PM for the Budget Workshop.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Church in Adirondack- Supervisor Bentley reported that Doug Roberts wants to turn over the church in Adirondack to the Town of Horicon. No one is quite sure if Mr. Roberts has the authority to give it to the Town, but the Town would certainly want to take ownership of this historic old building. Councilman Hill said he had some history of the ownership and also some people who may know more about it. Councilman Hill will speak to the people. Tom Johansen said the County Historical Society may have some information and he will check. Supervisor Bentley asked Counselor Schachner if he would start the research and gather all the information into one place.

Discussion of getting new mower for beautification/cemetery. We will look into State Contract machines.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 108 OF 2008

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 108 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DIVISION OF YOUTH BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Resolution for authorizing the project application for division of Youth Budget is annually adopted by the Town of Horicon, AND

WHEREAS, Warren County Division of Youth will reimburse the local Youth Program 50%, up to \$1,600.00 for the year 2008, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Project Application for the Division of Youth.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 109 OF 2008

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 109 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MURPHY CONSTRUCTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize another payment to Murphy Construction for their continuing work on the addition to the Horicon Museum Carriage Shed. The authorized payment is in the amount of \$4,676.85.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2008

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 110 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO BRANT LAKE VARIETY

WHEREAS, the bill for the beautification flowers, labor to pot them and various soil was brought to the Community Center on the day of the Board Meeting and was not in time for the monthly abstract, AND

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to make payment to this local small business before another month's time, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize payment to Brant Lake Variety in the amount of \$971.25.

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

Privilege of Floor: No questions.

The Board then moved to Executive Session at 8:00 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Olson, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that Personnel, Possible Litigation and CSEA Negotiations would be discussed. The Board returned to regular meeting at 8:35 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that personnel, possible litigation and CSEA negotiations were discussed, no decisions reached. This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk