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Ithaca town board member Nahmin Horwitz passed away Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the age of 84.

Horwitz, in his third year as a member of the Ithaca town board, was active in government affairs up to the time of his passing, having attended a meeting on Friday, Oct. 12, about housing in the town, according to Town Supervisor Herb Engman.

"He was vigorous and contributing to the town right up to the end," said Engman.

A retired physics professor at Syracuse University, Horwitz joined the town board when former town board member Peter Stein was elected to the Tompkins County Legislature in 2009. He was re-elected to a four-year term in 2011.

Horwitz served as a member of the town board's Budget and Public Works committees, and a member of the Records Management Advisory Board, as well as part of the Recreation Partnership and Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission. He also had been president of the Kendal Residents Association for two years.

"Nahmin was very interested in numbers and was a very active member of our Budget Committee," Engman said. "He would think carefully about our estimates and numbers and how they all came out. He took a strong interest in that area.

"He was very inquisitive, always asking questions about things. He had an inquiring mind, as one might think about a physics person," he added. "Nahmin was very active, even into his 80s. He rode his bike and played tennis. And he was just a good guy to work with."

Numbers and data were Horwitz's big interest in government, Engman noted.

"He liked to have a situation where you input the data and then you have the output at the other end," he said. "He thought along physics lines, which brought some interest into the budget and other matters."

Engman said Horwitz did deal with health issues for much of his time on the board.

"That somewhat limited his participation," he said, "but when he was able to participate, he was an active contributor.

"He very much appreciated the opportunity to serve the town," Engman added. "He lived at Kendal and he saw this as community service he could do and was very grateful for the opportunity."

Arrangements, which are being handled by Bangs Funeral Home, had not been announced by Friday morning.



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