

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013**

The Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, who led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Donald Dresser, Jean Gokey, Marshall Gero and Laureen DeZalia. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

The Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, was present to speak to the Board about a skidder he had seen and had examined with two (2) of his highway employees. The consensus is that the skidder is worth the asking price. Although it is a used vehicle it is in good condition and has many new parts.

The Town Clerk then read the Minutes of March 14th.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Minutes as read. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then went over the contents of the Board Members' packets.

The Supervisor's Financial Report of March 31, 2013 is as follows:

Checking Accounts

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$15,937)	.2%	\$ 508,311.93
Highway Fund	.2%	\$ 623,409.48
Total All Funds		\$1,231,721.41

A Civil War Re-enactment Committee meeting was held on April 4th. The next meeting will be held on April 18th in the firehouse. A meeting with Peter Gilbert of the re-enactment group will be held to to finalize plans.

A Recreational Strategy Committee Meeting was held March 20th, with group discussions how to maximize and create recreational opportunities to boost economies of the five Towns affected by the State land purchase.

The Town has received four (4) six foot (6') benches through a Creating Healthy Places grant. Unfortunately they came without the necessary hardware. When it is received the Highway Department will assemble and place them, as weather permits.

The amended draft of the Proposed Law Regarding Unsafe Buildings was received from the Attorney for the Town. A public Hearing will be held May 9,

2013 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall to be followed by the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Only one (1) letter of interest has been received for the Summer Youth Employment Program. Mr. Moore said he was appointing an interview committee consisting of Personnel Committee Chairman Gero, Vice Chairwoman Gokey and Councilwoman DeZalia to conduct interviews after the May 9th Meeting.

On Monday, March 18th, the argument for the AMR suit was held. Mr. Moore contacted Debra Whitson who said her information from David Murphy is that the oral argument went well and he remains hopeful.

David Holland of Essex County's Department of Health inspected the fire House and took water samples. When the results are received we should be able to determine the best course of action.

The Post Office has begun its new schedule.

It seems we will not get a grant for the pavilion to be erected at the Town Beach/Park. Mr. Moore estimates that it would cost the Town between Six thousand Dollars (\$6,000) and Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000).

The Highway Department is getting ready for spring clean-up. The 2012 truck is in for recall on the turbocharger and then to Warrensburg for repairs for an incident that happened when plowing. Insurance will cover the expense except for the Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) deductible.

The Highway Superintendent has found a skidder that he would like the Board to consider allowing him to purchase. Elk Lake Road suffered some damage by National Grid. National Grid denies that they caused any damage either this time or a time previously. A turkey flew through one of the windows at the Highway Garage.

The Court reports that things are going smoothly.

The assessors continue work on the annual maintenance of properties. They do have concerns about the State land values and also concerns about the 480 Fisher Act lines due to the land exchanges between TNC and Elk Lake. Mr. Moore has requested updated maps from TNC showing these properties.

The Town Clerk and the Code Enforcement Officer both report that all is going well in their Departments.

Essex County wrote to Governor Cuomo asking if Essex County would be a site considered for one of the proposed casinos. There will be a tax foreclosure sale for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008 in the near future. There is also a resolution that would reduce the operating hours of bars from 4 AM to 3 AM.

The Schroon Lake – North Hudson Historical Society will present a program on Fire Towers on April 24th at the North Hudson Town Hall.

The North Hudson Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring the 6th Annual Classic Cruise-In and Dragway Reunion on May 4th.

Mr. Moore requested pre-authorization to attend the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference. The registration fee is \$55.75. The dates are April 24th and 25th.

The new State Budget amends the STAR program with intent to reduce fraud. Individuals will be required to reregister by April 1, 2014. Forms will be provided by the State and Tax and Finance Department.

Resolution #37 of 2013

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent purchase a skidder for the purchase price of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500).

So moved by by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Donald DresserAye
Jean Gokey.....Aye
Ronald Moore.....Aye
Marshall Gero.....Aye
Lauren DeZalia.....Aye

Resolution #38 of 2013

Resolved that the Proposed Local Law #1 of 2013 titled “A Local Law Pertaining to Unsafe Buildings and Structures” be introduced.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia.....Aye
Marshall Gero.....Aye
Ronald Moore.....Aye
Jean Gokey.....Aye
Laureen DeZalia.....Aye

Resolution #39 of 2013

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore attend the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference. The registration fee is Fifty-five Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$55.75).

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Jean Gokey. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia.....Aye
Marshall Gero.....Aye
Ronald Moore.....Abstain

Jean Gokey.....Aye
Donald Dresser.....Aye

Bruce Caza requested to exchange load for load some of our sand for his screened sand.

Resolution #40 of 2013

Resolved that the Town Highway Department and Bruce Caza exchange 1000 yards of Bruce’s screened sand for 1000 yards of Town sand.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted “Aye”.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move into Executive Session for Personnel and Health concerns at 8:10 PM. All voted “Aye”. Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM. All voted “Aye”.

Resolution #41 of 2013

Resolved that the acquire all lands that were formally owned by Frontier Town that are now on the tax foreclosure list.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia.....Aye
Marshall Gero.....Aye
Ronald Moore.....Aye
Jean Gokey.....Aye
Donald Dresser.....Aye

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to pay the audited vouchers. All voted “Aye”.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Judge’s report. All voted “Aye”.

Jean Gokey moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to adjourn the Meeting at 8:50 PM. All voted “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

