

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Together with the Supervisor were Board Members Donald Dresser, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Laureen DeZalia. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinkus.

Bruce Caza was the only guest present.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the Organizational and Regular Board Meetings held on January 8, 2015.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie 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 as of January 31, 2015 is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund:(Due to Fire Dist: \$107,914) 0.10%	\$ 641,379.24
Highway Fund: 0.10%	\$ 620,835.96
Total	\$1,262,215.20

The Board held a workshop to review the Employee Handbook and made some revision suggestions for a final review.

The 5 Towns met with DEC Commissioner Martens and staff in Indian Lake on Wednesday, February 11. In terms of North Hudson the trail system from Palmer Pond west to Gulf Brook Road and on to Newcomb and Minerva was discussed. Also discussed were a number of projects involving parking areas at Hoffman Notch Trailhead and at Wolf Pond; the two grants the town has received and where we are with those; Frontier Town Litigation and plans for development of the adjoining North Hudson parcel for equestrian facilities.

Messrs Gero and Dobie met with Doug Arnold to discuss the proposed Grace Peak celebration and went to the park to discuss that as a possible location.

The Highway Department has been working almost non-stop to keep the roads clear and safe. Two weeks ago they almost ran out of gasoline and last weekend they did run out of diesel. When Mr. Moore called Griffith they said that the Town was on an every two-week delivery schedule, although when the

Town switched to Griffith Mr. Moore told them the delivery was to be weekly. He was assured that it would be weekly from now on.

The Assessors are meeting on Wednesdays updating records, and collecting data. Next year we are due for full reevaluation.

The tax collector is in three days a week and the Town has received all it is due.

At the County, there was discussion on changing policy regarding Medicare Part B reimbursement for employees under 65 years of age, who are Medicare eligible due to disability retirement. This was brought to a vote and defeated.

Mr. Moore contacted Peter Gilbert of the 118<sup>th</sup> Civil War Reenactment Group and there will be an event similar to the one held a couple of years ago. It will be held on the weekend of September 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> and is being called an “educational living history weekend” with the hope of involving the school on Friday evening and that teachers, parents and general public will visit their camp through-out the weekend.

The Town needs to replace worn and faded flags. Also Mr. Moore would like to purchase bows and lamps for our new wreaths which have been purchased the last three years.

Resolution #31 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor purchase new replacement flags and Christmas wreath accessories at a cost not to exceed \$1000.

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

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #32 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondack Park Local Government Conference in Lake Placid April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Donald Dresser	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Aye

Resolution #33 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the renewal contract with Cornerstone Telephone Company.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Laureen DeZalia. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #34 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the lease agreement for poll sites.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Laureen DeZalia. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #35 of 2015

Resolved to amend Resolution #6 of 2015 changing the salary of the Cleaning Custodian to \$8.75 per hour.

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

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #36 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the Maintenance for County Roads Contract.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

Donald Dresser	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Aye

Bruce Caza then spoke about the up-coming litigation in regard to his position that he was a legal resident at the time of the November election. He

also contended that he was entitled to health insurance and/or Medicare reimbursement.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move into Executive Session for the Caza Litigation, at 7:25 PM. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:33 PM. All voted "Aye".

Resolution #37 of 2015

Resolved that the Board supports the continuation of the litigation of the Town of North Hudson against Bruce Caza and are seeking the decision of the Court as to his residency at the time of his election as Town Assessor and eligibility to hold that position.

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #38 of 2015

Resolved to deny Bruce Caza Health Insurance provided by the Town of North Hudson for reasons as stipulated in the Town of North Hudson Employees' Handbook

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Nay
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Abstained

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to pay the audited vouchers. All Voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$91,835.37
Highway Fund	\$26,586.06
Total	\$118,421.43

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser to accept the Judge's financial report as audited. All voted "Aye".

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Vinkus, Town Clerk

