

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015**

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, who led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Laureen DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Donald Dresser.

Guests present were Will Plumstead, Cindy Wilson, Stephanie DeZalia, Dal Langworthy and Mr. and Mrs. Pekurney and Rod Boula.

Mr. Boula, who is Administrator and CEO of Elizabethtown Community Hospital and Interim CEO of Interlakes in Ticonderoga, came to give updates and progress reports on Elizabethton Hospital, including but not limited to expansion of patient rooms to include private bathrooms. He also mentioned that Moses Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga would become an Emergency Center only and that there would be no beds at all.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the September 9th Meeting.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of September 30th is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund (due to Fire Dist. \$24,227)	0.10%	\$ 614,740.00
Highway Fund	0.10%	\$ 605,902.88
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,220,642.88

Four or five riders from the Grafton Horse Trail Riders came on Friday, October 2 and a few more joined them for the dinner held on Saturday at the Fire House.

The OPEN RDA program has been updated and shifted to "Cloud" and seems to be working well.

Road improvements which have begun this year will continue next year when we will either oil and stone or black top what was done on Greenough Road this year and reclaim one mile of road on Elk Lake, the same process we used on Greenough Road.

"Thanks" to Robert Dobie and Marshall Gero for the landfill gate repair being completed and working well. It is hoped that the gate will be closed more often.

Two quotes for updating the security system. One includes a new high-speed wireless link, which would connect the landfill substation and the highway garage with the town offices to allow remote camera viewing and high-speed internet. An estimate for two cameras and associated equipment, installed at the landfill, would be \$4,467.00.

The second quote of \$3,436.00 would include a five camera system, installed in the park and would require high-speed internet and a router to view remotely.

Mr. Moore requested a workshop for the Employees' Handbook to review changes that have been made and make them effective as of January 1, 2016. The workshop was scheduled Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 PM.

The tax foreclosure sale will be held Wednesday, October 21st at 11:00 AM.

Our Town Board met with Schroon lake Board of Directors on September 23rd to discuss the ambulance contract. Usually our share is 25% of the Schroon Lake payment. Schroon Lake ambulance budget for the coming year is \$370,000. Twenty-five percent of that would be \$92,500. The amount was finally settled at nineteen percent or \$70,300. Two years ago the amount was \$11,250.

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

The County has adopted the Local Law having to do with the occupancy tax. This law expands the definition of Hotel and Motel to include vacation rentals, personal residences, campgrounds and condominiums. The county budget process has begun.

Resolution # 70 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the Life Flight contract for the budget year 2016 in the amount of \$1,000.

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 #71 of 201 5

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the SPCA contract for the budget year of 2016 in the amount of \$367.20.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

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

Resolution # 72 of 2015

Resolved to introduce proposed Local Law #1 of 2015 entitled “ A Local Law to Override The Tax Levy Limit Established In General Municipal Law 3-C”.

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

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

The first budget workshop was held earlier this evening.

Mr. Moore said that he would like to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 PM on Local Law #1 of 2015 and at 6:15 PM the same date there will be a Public Hearing on the Town Budget for 2016. The Town Clerk was instructed to place a notice in the Sun Community News for both hearings.

Work is scheduled on Blue Ridge Road in the summer of 2016 and continues through the fall. This project will include construction of the roadway through “Forever Wild” which is from the Boreas River to a point Approximately 1 3/4 miles east. Traffic signs and guardrails will be replaced as needed.

Tish Biesmeyer of Burnham Associates will meet with the Board on Wednesday, October 14th in regard to the employee and retiree health care plan.

In 2013, Comptroller DiNapoli implemented a statewide fiscal monitoring system to identify local governments having financial strain. Our score of 10% is referred to as no designation, which means we do not meet the threshold for fiscal stress.

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

General Fund.....	\$ 8,711.05
Highway Fund.....	\$37,994.83
TOTAL.....	\$46,705.88

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

The Supervisor then opened the Privilege of the Floor.

Will Plumstead spoke about the notice he had received from Don Sage, the Buildings and Codes Officer and the fact that he had to erect a 300 foot fence between his neighbor's property and Mr. Plumstead. He continued that he was running a business and that there were many other houses with old vehicles in their yards worse than his.

Mr. and Mrs. Pekurney asked if Frontier Town properties were going to be on the County's tax sale this month.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:35 PM for the purpose of personnel and possible litigation. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:59 PM.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Meeting to adjourn at 8:00 PM. All Voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk