

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

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

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

There were no guests.

The Town Clerk read the minutes of the Public Hearing of August 5, 2013.

Lauren DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the Minutes as read. All voted "Aye".

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the Public Hearings and the Regular Board Meeting of August 8, 2013.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the Minutes as read. All Voted "Aye".

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

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

Checking Accounts:

General Fund	.15%	\$643,886.07
(Due to Fire dist \$15,937; Comptroller-\$20,866.25)		
Highway Fund	.15%	\$671,143.81
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,315,029.88

The Supervisor wrote to Helen Johnson in regard to the tree that was causing concern at the cemetery. She agreed that cutting it down was the right thing to do and thanked the Supervisor for contacting her.

On August 13th and 14th meetings were held between the 5 Towns, DEC and the Grafton Trail Riders. They have expressed interest

in riding the newly and soon to be acquired state lands. They were taken to the Essex Chain and Boreas Tracts. Two members spent the night and after seeing Johnson Pond Rd. they said there was too much hard surface before arriving at the dirt section of the road.

Two other members came last Tuesday and many potential trails including our own system were toured. They would like to visit with a larger group October 5th and stage along the Old Frontier Town Rd. We would need to close that road for the event. They would also support a breakfast or dinner if the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary could provide.

The wood furnace for the Highway Garage is repaired and is expected to be here in 2-3 weeks.

The Town Beach is now closed for the season but the park will remain open through Columbus Day. Another great year for Nathan and Lucas Wilson, our life guards. Good luck in your first year in college. Hopefully they will consider returning next year.

The planned picnic with the Schroon Lake Senior Citizens on September 18th has been cancelled but all had an enjoyable time at the August 21st picnic.

The 5 Towns continue to meet in regard to the impending decision by APA on land classification of the Essex Chain and Indian River Tracts. The 5 Towns will continue to attend APA hearings on this issue.

Leonard Singer of Sunrise Land Development came in to discuss the notices that were sent regarding the buildings at Frontier Town. He said that he would send a written response to our letter.

The Highway Department has finished bringing in the wood for winter. The skidder ran well. Also six (6) loads of hard wood were delivered to A. Johnson and so far have received about \$4700. The skidder will pay for itself in a relatively short time. Matt continues to work as a laborer but this may be the last week. Maintenance is being

performed on our trail system using the Bobcat and chainsaws to clear blow down.

At the court things are going well. Danial is back in school and the court reported that she did a great job and we wish her well during her school year.

The Town Clerk says that things are going well. She received a notice from DEC that because license sales are below 100 the Town can opt out of selling fish and game licenses. It was decided that we would continue to sell fish and game licenses. A fireproof file cabinet has been ordered for the Town Clerk's office. This was suggested by the auditing committee.

Don Sage, the Building and Codes Enforcement Officer has shifted his hours to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. He is requesting pre-authorization to attend a one-day training about changes and updates to the 2012 Design Handbook. There is no charge for the course but there is a \$20.00 fee for the book.

The Tax Collector reports that her printer has failed and she will need a new one.

The furnaces in the Town Hall, Court and Highway Garage have been cleaned and serviced.

The County sales tax increase was approved.

The Supervisor received a report that the spring on Blue Ridge is contaminated and he contacted Tony LaVigne at the County who will have it tested and place sign there if necessary.

The 2014 Tentative Budget has been filed with the Town Clerk. There will be a Budget Workshop at 6:00 PM, Thursday, October 10th prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

The Department of Labor inspected the Highway Department on September 4th, five or six citations will be issued, mostly to do with a program for workplace violence.

Mr. Moore received a call from Doug Arnold in regard to the Documentary presented at the Strand on Grace Hudowski. He sent a DVD and offered to come and make a presentation here.

Resolution # 63 of 2013

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, sign the contract with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to continue to work in our behalf.

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

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

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to pay the audited vouchers. All voted "Aye".

General Fund.....\$9,459.26
Highway Fund.....\$9,568.44
Total.....\$19,027.70

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to accept the Judge's report. All voted "Aye".

The County may hold the property tax sales in November or December.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel at 8:05 PM. All voted "Aye".

Jean Gokey moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to move out of Executive Session at 8:21 PM. All voted "Aye".

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Meeting to adjourn. All Voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk