

# REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

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 Mr. Moore were Board Members Donald Dresser, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Laureen DeZalia. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

There were no guests present.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the Organizational and Regular Board Meetings held on January 9, 2014.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Minutes of the Organizational and Regular Board Meeting as amended. All voted "Aye"

Phil Wagschal, President of SLIC Network Solutions, who was scheduled to speak at the night's meeting, canceled because of the weather. He will come another time, possibly next month.

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

The Financial Report has of January 31, 2014 is as follows:

**Checking Accounts:**

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$15,937)	.15%	\$557,720.97
Highway Fund	.15%	\$816,920.74
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,374,641.71</b>

Mr. Moore stated that he had received and delivered a copy of the application for a Cable TV Franchise and the Franchise Agreement to our attorney for review who made some comments and these were sent to the company and we are now awaiting their opinion.

A Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement has been written and handed out. Evaluations of the Town Hall, Highway and the Courthouse are completed and acknowledgement forms have been signed. The Department of Labor has not returned for the re-inspection as of yet.

The Highway Department has had a very busy winter keeping the roads clean and safe.

The court has received new computers.

The assessors have been working every Thursday beginning at noon.

The sale of the Horace Nye Nursing Home is nearing completion and closing should be any day.

A Frontier Town/Republic Steel Task Force has been assigned to determine the best way to handle these properties and make their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The County unanimously passed a resolution supporting the renaming of East Dix to Grace Peak.

Resolution #26 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the Maintenance for County Roads Contract. This is for actual cost and an itemized bill is submitted.

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 #27 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the contract for the control of snow and ice on County roads. The charge is \$5,435.19 per mile at 21.64 miles for a total of \$117,617.51, payable in three (3) payments of \$39,205.84.

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

Resolution #28 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the lease agreement for Poll Sites.

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

Mr. Moore brought up the fact that with increased use of our trail system by the Grafton Trail Riders, and with anticipated new trails to be developed, the Board should think about purchasing equipment that can get our people and equipment back into those areas to maintain the trails.

Resolution #29 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to purchase one (1) AED, two (2) adult electrode pads and one (1) pediatric pads. The adult pads cost \$39.90 each and a new AED is approximately \$1,346.62. The pediatric pads cost \$73.81 each.

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

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

Mr. Moore then brought up the subject of the parking lot which needs resealing. Discussion followed about the shard cost with the Fire Department and also whether to go to bid or get a minimum of three estimates.

Since the substitute landfill attendant has moved, we need to advertise for someone to fill that position. Mr. Moore continued that he would like to move Emmett to a forty hour week when Kevin begins the spring clean-up. This is similar to what has been done in the past with other landfill attendants.

The cell tower on Larry Koller’s property is going to have T-Mobile added. A company called Crown Castle has acquired management and operation rights to approximately 9,700 towers formerly operated by AT&T. After a 3 to 4 month transition, payments will come from an affiliate of Crown Castle.

Soil and Water will be holding their annual tree and shrub sale April 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Moore has information for those interested.

Remember that the Route 9 Bridge over the Schroon River will be replaced this summer. Mr. Moore asked Sam Zhou if they could replace the road south of the bridge at least to Duntley Road when they replace the bridge. Although expensive it will be done.

Mr. Moore received a call from Marty of the Grafton Trail Riders saying that they wanted to come in the April/May timeframe. Mr. Moore told him that the first weekend of May was the car show and the firemen were talking of having a barbecue after. Marty was quite enthusiastic and thought they would be coming.

When told of the 132 acre lot the Town was acquiring and that we hoped to add to the trail system Marty was again excited and offered their support.

In the same line we have to decide if we want to clear an area for the riders, build paddocks etc. If so we should be ready to begin in the spring. We have materials for a second kiosk and sign-in registers plus some signage for the trails as part of a Creating Healthy Places grant. There is a lot of work to be done and it will take all of us to make it happen.

Mr. Moore has been in contact with Pete Gilbert regarding a Civil War Re-enactment who said that although they would love to come back their schedule is full for this year. They gave a time to let them know by for 2015 and Mr. Moore gave this information to Brian Caza.

The 5 towns met here January 30<sup>th</sup> and the discussion was in regard to the Unit Management Plan for the Essex Chain and Indian River Tracts that will be developed by DEC and a possible meeting with Commissioner Martens in the near future. Also discussed were future State purchases of the former Finch/TNC lands, especially the Boreas Tract here in North Hudson.

Resolution #30 of 2014

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Fire Protection Contract with North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$75,500.00.

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 #31 of 2014

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, is hereby authorized to attend the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference in Lake Placid April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$58.75 and motel rate of \$89.00.

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

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser to approve the audit of the Judges financial report. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to approve payment of the approved vouchers. All voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$10,102.55
Highway Fund	\$32,631.08
Total	\$42,733.63

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Lauren DeZalia for the Board to move into Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation at 7:32 PM. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Lauren DeZalia for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:47 PM. All voted "Aye".

Resolution #32 of 2014

Resolved that the Town will place in the "Times of Ti" newspaper an ad in Salute to the Girl Scouts of America at the cost of \$52.00.

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

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

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Lauren DeZalia to adjourn the Meeting at 8:50 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk, Town of North Hudson