

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 19, 2016**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

With the Supervisor were Board Members Maureen Marsden, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Stephanie DeZalia. The Deputy Town Clerk, Cindy Wilson, was also present.

Guests present were Art Lowe and Bruce Caza.

The Deputy Town Clerk read the Minutes of the June 21st Meeting.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then went over the Board Members' packets.

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

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund	0.10%	\$ 681,934.88
Highway Fund	0.10%	\$ 659,462.70
Total		\$1,341,397.58

Mr. Moore stated that he had reviewed the Franchise Agreement and the recommendations from the Attorney for the Town from his 2014 review. Although the changes were sent to the SLIC then, none were implemented in this Franchise Agreement. He sent the attorney recommendations as well as the waiver received from the Public Service Commission to Mark Cornett.

Makayla Stockwell began working as our lifeguard on June 21st and has been doing very well, with no problems.

The paving of Greenough Rd. is completed and the Supervisor thinks it should last many years.

The work on the Boreas Ponds Tract Parking Lots has begun. Kevin is working with DEC Forest Preserve Manager, Tate Connor on the completion of five new parking lots that will be used for accessing this newly acquired state land.

Mr. Moore met with Mike Maciag of Governing Magazine and the article they are doing on the Adirondacks and the 5 Towns should be in the August issue and be interesting reading.

The Board of Assessors filed a 2016 State Equalization Rate complaint with the state over the assessed value of state owned land. Mike has put in tremendous effort in challenging this and we thank him for all he has done, not only filing this complaint but the immense amount of work he has done over the past year with the reevaluation done in town.

The first annual Catskill Challenge was held on June 30th. It was a good event. There were many activities to participate in and there was a reception held at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on the grounds of the Woodstock Music Festival.

Mr. Moore said that he signed the agreement extending our electricity through February 2020. This locks in our rate from February 2017 to February 2020 at \$0.05851 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Aubrey Adams, a professor at Colgate University and two students came on July 12th and installed a seismometer to record small ground motions in the Adirondacks. There is a solar panel at the surface and it is expected to last 2 -3 years and be visited 2 – 3 times a year to collect data. The device is located on the hill behind the Town Hall.

The County dog tethering local law is moving forward. Some revisions will be made; town justices and dog control officers will be notified. There will be public hearings before any final decision is made.

The senior citizens held their first picnic of the summer at our park on July 13th. The menu was barbecued chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and dessert. All enjoyed the meal and the company.

Mr. Moore said that he attended the July 14th APA meeting with some of the other 5 Towns Supervisors. This was the first meeting with the newly appointed Commissioners and the new Chairman. John Ernst of Elk Lake Lodge is one of the new Commissioners.

Mr. Moore also attended the Adirondack Challenge in Indian Lake. It was well attended by officials from all over the state. The rewards ceremony was held at Gore Mountain.

The swing set was identified as a safety hazard during inspection last fall. One cross bar was bent and damaged due to trees falling on it. The two swings on that section had to be removed. Mr. Moore said that he did not know if it could be fixed or have to be replaced. A new set similar to what we have is a little over \$2,000. Adding a two swing set would be a little over \$1,000.

As you may have heard, The NYS Public Service Commission is investigating options for making additional numbers available in the 518 area code. The 518

area code could run out of assignable numbers by the first quarter of 2019. A series of informational sessions to provide an overview of the available options will be held and be immediately followed by a public statement hearing so that those who wish to comment may do so. Comments may also be made by mail, e-mail or a toll-free option line.

The DEC is accepting comments on a draft amendment to the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Plan and a draft Unit Management Plan for the Horicon Boat Launch at Schroon Lake. The Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Management Plan proposes the construction of a parking area and hand launch at Palmer Pond for people with disabilities as well as other proposals.

Mr. Dobie moved and was seconded by Mr. Gero to approve payment of the audited vouchers. All voted "Aye".

The Judge's financial report was not audited and will be audited next month.

Mr. Dobie moved and was seconded by Mr. Gero to adjourn the Meeting at 7:00 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk
Cindy Wilson, Deputy
Town Clerk