

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

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

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Donald Dresser, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Lauren DeZalia. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

Guests present were Maureen Marsden, Stephanie DeZalia, and Cindy Wilson.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the October 8th 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 October 31st is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General Fund (due to Fire Dist. \$24,227)	0.010%	\$ 619,428.82
Highway Fund	0.10%	\$ 556,519.45
TOTAL FUNDS		\$ 1,175,948.27

The Tax Foreclosure Sale was held on October 21st. All but 5 small parcels were sold.

Public Hearings were held on November 5th on Local Law #1 of 2015 and the Town Budget of 2016. There were no comments at either hearing and no changes were made.

The Town Board met with Tish Biesemeyer of Burnham Benefit and our health care costs increased 12.8% for active employees and 13.4% for those on Medicare.

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

There were no new repairs that had to be made to Town Highway equipment but the Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, will get estimates for a new snow plow.

The County budget process will be in full swing later this month when the budget is filed no later than the 15th. The Board will schedule workshops and has to adopt it by December 20th. The County also passed a local law to allow the county to override the tax cap. A new contract with CSEA has been negotiated and provides a 3% pay increase for 2016 and a 2% increase in 2017. A new

bargaining unit was created this year for the Essex County Sheriff's Department and a separate contract will have to be negotiated with them. The new unit was installed because correction officers and deputies are on a 24 hour, seven-day a week schedule and other county employees are not.

Resolution #73 of 2015

Resolved to adopt 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 Marshall Gero. On roll call:

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

Resolution #74 of 2015

Resolved to hereby adopt the 2016 Budget as presented.

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 #75 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, is authorized to attend the AATV Membership Meeting on December 6-7,2015, in Lake George.

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

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

Resolution #76 of 2015

Resolved to pay the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages Membership Dues of \$300.00 for the year 201 6.

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 #76 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, is hereby authorized to attend the Association of Towns meeting to be held February 14-17 in New York City.

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

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

Resolution #77 of 2015

Resolved to pay Association of Towns Membership Dues of \$600.00 for the year 2016.

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

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

The Adirondack Community Action Program has forwarded Holiday for Sharing applications. They are available in the Town Hall and also at the Post Office. These are for families looking for help with toys at Christmas time.

Mr. Moore attended the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) meeting in Lake Placid on October 26th. Dr. Desiderio, who oversees the Schroon Lake Emergency Services, discussed their present operation status. He stated that the squad was doing very well and was doing a fabulous job. He recommended continuing their certification for one year while they continue to monitor staffing levels, response times, etc.

Resolution #78 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the contract with Standard Medical Testing Services for drug and alcohol testing.

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

Mr. Moore received a call from DEC personnel regarding construction of an improved parking lot, 4-5 cars, along the Blue Ridge Road to serve as the northern trailhead for the Hoffman Notch Trail. They asked if we could assist in the construction and would like to have it completed before the winter season. Mr. Moore also asked about a proposed fishing pier and other accessible features that he had heard were being planned. Apparently they will be put on State Land now and will require an amendment to the Vanderwacker UMP. They feel this work will work well with the snowmobile bridgework to be done. This could be done next summer but perhaps not until the summer 2017.

T. J. Garcia has an Eagle Scout Project that he has proposed which would include the planting of 5 cherry trees on the hill behind the monument . This would help prevent erosion and at the same time enhance the appearance of the area.

On Tuesday, November 12th, Mr. Moore met with Joe Dadey and Jack Drury from a company called Leading E.D.G.E. They are the project managers for the Adirondack Trails and Lodging System project, funded by the NYS Department of State and sponsored by Hamilton County. They are in the process of developing a trail system with overnight accommodations ranging from 5-star hotels to bed & breakfasts to backcountry huts. These trail systems will be modeled after similar systems in New Zealand, Norway and Spain, hoping to attract hikers worldwide to the Adirondacks.

Next Tuesday, November 17th, Mr. Moore will accompany some people to Frontier Town to take pictures and inventory what is there that might be of historic interest and could possibly go to museums. Anna Reynolds and Garrett Dague of Community Resources, Margaret Gibbs, former Director of the Essex County History Museum and now Cultural Director from Lakes to Locks Passage, Aurora Mcaffrey Director of the Essex County Museum and Steven Englehart the Adirondack Architectural Heritage Director.

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

GENERAL FUND	\$19,892.49
HIGHWAY FUND	\$11,227.34
TOTAL	\$31,119.83

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Judge's Financial Report as audited. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor turned to the Privilege of the Floor. Only Stephanie DeZalia had a few questions, which the Supervisor answered.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:08 PM for the purpose of personnel. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:48 PM. All voted "Aye".

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to adjourn at 7:49 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk