

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 the Supervisor were Board Members Laureen DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Donald Dresser. Sarah Vinskus, the Town Clerk, was also present.

Guests present were Angela and Tiffany Nolan and Philip and Grace Merlino.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the August 14th Board Meeting.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of August 31, 2014 is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$18,914)	.10%	\$629,181.63
Highway Fund	.10%	\$658,458.24
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,287,639.87

The Special Election will be held on September 18th and absentee ballots are not permitted.

The five Towns visited the Otter Creek horseback riding facility with members of the Grafton Horse Trail Riders on August 20th to see the facility and get ideas of how they might apply to the equestrian network we will be building. Plans are to visit each town's sites where they plan on building their facilities.

The County BOS passed an amendment in regard to our woodlot, tax map #125.1-1-30.100. Instead of paying the full amount of \$11, 248.12 to the county, we will pay \$10,169.53 to the County and be responsible for the 2014-2015 school tax. The result is the same amount of money.

The Highway Department has had Moriah Shock in a few times assisting with our winter wood prep. Also some of the wood cut has been marketed, thus helping revenues. We have been delivering sand for a FEMA buyout of the James McNaughton residence. The paving on Wonderview will begin when the County finishes with Johnson Pond. Then we will rent their excavator. The Highway

Superintendent would like to either scrap or put out for bid the loader and the 2003 pickup. Mr. Moore put in a request into Earth Metal & Waste to see if they would be interested and what prices would be. We would have to replace two batteries in the loader and they are estimated to cost \$200 each. Bruce Caza has requested to exchange 1000 yards of sand from his mine for 1000 yards from ours.

The County Board of Supervisors are reviewing options for the solid waste bid.

Sarah Potter, our Dog Control Officer, is taking a leave of absence due to a medical issue. Laurie Bruce of Schroon Lake is willing to help. Mr. Moore thinks the town should seek a substitute Dog Control Officer and offer \$25.00 per call plus mileage.

Resolution #67 of 2014

Resolved to hire a Substitute Dog Control Officer at the rate of \$25.00 per call plus mileage incurred to perform his/her duties.

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

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

There is a tentative date of October 22nd for the next County tax auction. This will be for properties for the year 2009.

There will be a Destination Planning Meeting Oct. 3rd and 17th at 2 PM in Minerva involving Minerva, North Hudson and Newcomb. This is an initiative from Jim McKenna and ROOST and the 5 Towns where we inventory material, such as attractions, businesses and so on in each town. On October 24th from 10 AM to 3 PM there will be a follow-up meeting in Lake Placid with all 5 Towns present. They would like 3 – 5 members from each town present.

Resolution #68 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor 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 Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Lauren DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye

Robert Dobie Aye
Donald Dresser Aye

The Supervisor had a call from an electrical supplier claiming that they could save the Town money. They will call back Wednesday. He also had a visit from a Sam's Club rep to see if the Town would be interested in joining at cost of \$45.00 per year. If we join, we get a \$25.00 gift card. After discussion it was decided not to join Sam's Club and stay with Quill as our supplier. On the electric supplier it was decided to see what they had to offer.

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

General Fund	\$10,772.31
Highway Fund	\$ 9,408.61
Total All Funds	\$ 20,180.92

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

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to go into Executive Session for the matter of Litigation at 7:08 PM. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:21 PM. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to adjourn at 7:25 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk