

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014**

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

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

Guests present were Michael Marsden, Jake and Tracey Parent. Steve and Doreen Ossenkop arrived later in the Meeting.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the April 10th Minutes.

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

The Supervisor then went over the Financial Report as of April 30th, 2014.

Checking Accounts:

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$18,914)	.15%	\$762,191.08
Highway Fund	.15%	\$713,579.90
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,474,770.98

Will Plumstead, who was the only person from North Hudson who applied for the position of Substitute Landfill Attendant, has taken another position.

The Committee interviewed Danial Parent, Dejanira Plumstead and Jordan DeZalia for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

The 5 Towns met April 30th to discuss the application for the \$500,000 Grant available from TNC/DEC for the 5 Towns and other Towns where the State's land acquisitions have or will be completed. The 5 Towns are scheduled to meet with the DEC on May 19th and 20th to discuss the grant application process plus the progress in the development of the Essex Chain/Indian River UMP and work to be done in preparation for the use of these lands.

Three estimates were obtained for the proposed security system. We were to provide the monitor; the companies would provide a DVR, 6 cameras, installation and training. Wells Communication was \$4288.00; Mahoney Alarms was \$4475.00. New York Fire & Security provided two estimates. One was for \$4890 with 4 cameras and included the monitor. Two additional cameras would add an additional \$1195.00 to the estimate.

Resolution #39 of 2014

Resolved to hire Wells Communication to install the security system at a cost of \$4288.00

`So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

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

Annual North Hudson Town Cleanup Week will begin on Monday, May 19th. Items that will not be picked up are tires, paint cans, concrete, construction debris, batteries, household trash, and propane tanks. Brush should be piled butt end out and wood and metal separated.

Paul Burns did upgrade Mr. Moore's computer to a Windows 7 operating system that was much cheaper than a new computer.

The County Tax Foreclosure Sale was held April 30th. The gas station was auctioned to Muhammad Ahmad, owner of the Sunoco station in Schroon Lake. This is great news for our town and a first step in rebuilding our economy.

Dana Shaughnessy, the Schroon Lake Superintendent of Highways, spoke to Mr. Moore and said that they had decided to put out to bid for his sand need. He asked could the Town of North Hudson help out if they run short, in exchange for cold patch or other material as well as the use of their equipment.

On May 3rd the Ladies Auxiliary of the North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department held their 7th Annual Classic Car Cruise-In and Dragway Reunion. Despite bad weather there were over 35 cars and the Grafton Trail Riders also attended. Many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and Volunteer Fire Department for all their support.

There was discussion about having the parking lot sealed but there are a few places that have sunk in to the point that it is felt that those places should be repaired this year and do the resurfacing next year.

While Paul Burns was here Mr. Moore asked him to check our phone system. He determined that the problem was outside, Mr. Moore called Cornerstone and they had Verizon here the next day. All phones are now working satisfactorily.

The Schroon Lake/North Hudson Historical Society held an event here April 23rd and the topic was on North Hudson History.

National Grid will be working on Blue Ridge Road and is looking for a staging area.

Don Dresser visited the Food Pantry and discussed their needs. A number of North Hudson residents benefit from the site.

Resolution #40 of 2014

Resolved to provide financial support in the amount of \$500 for the year 2014 to the Schroon Lake Food Pantry for assistance provided to residents of North Hudson.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

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

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

The transmission for the 2011 Chevy pickup is repaired and seems to be working well. Work will soon begin on the Wonderview Road. It was inspected a second time with a County Engineer to determine the best way to repair it. Kevin Duntley, the Highway Superintendent, has requested permission to rent an excavator again this year.

Resolution #41 of 2013

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, is hereby authorized to rent an excavator at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

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

Emmett Thompson, the landfill attendant, has been brought on as a laborer for the summer and early fall. He will work his normal 18 hours at the landfill and 22 hours in the laborer position.

The assessors have filed the Tentative Roll. They will be in the office May 8, 15, 22 and 24 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Grievance Day will be May 27 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Judge Duntley has informed the Supervisor that the Court has changed hours for the summer: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Tuesday will be 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The high bid for the Frontier Town package, which consists of 4 parcels, was \$49,500 offered by George Moore. This is far below the minimum reserve bid set by the Board of Supervisors of taxes owed, estimated to be \$145,000. The Board of Supervisors may reject this bid. If rejected Mr. Moore would like direction from the Town Board in case the properties are offered to the Town.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to move into Executive Session for the purpose of possible litigation at 7:35 PM. All voted "Aye".

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:58 PM. All voted "Aye".

Resolution #42 of 2014

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate the transfer of title to properties 125.1-1-21.00, 125.1-1-27, 125.1-1-19, and 125.1-1-12.134 from Essex County at a price of \$60,000.

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 #43 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, is authorized to sign the North Hudson Youth Employment Contract. The Town would hire 3 youths for 6 weeks, for 16 hours per week (\$384/week) for a total of \$2304. The court has requested Danial Parent as she worked well last year and the Highway Superintendent said that he could use 2 youths, as there was a lot of painting to be done.

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 #44 of 2014

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson offers summer employment to Danial Parent, Dejanira Plumstead and Jordan DeZalia for a period of 6 weeks, 16 hours per week, at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. Starting date is June 30, 2014.

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

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

Memorial Day Observance will be held in Schroon Lake by the Schroon Lake VFW and American Legion at 10:00 AM and in North Hudson at 11:00 AM. The North Hudson Ladies Auxiliary will provide refreshments following the ceremony.

Resolution #45 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Jake Parent for the closure of the Beach Gate each night from May 8th to October 15th in the amount of \$800. This is approximately 160 days at \$10 per hour at ½ hour per night.

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

The 2014 election schedule has 3 election days: Federal Primary – Tuesday, June 24th; Primary Election Day- Tuesday, September 9th; General Election Day - November 4, 2014.

Resolution #46 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor attend the AATV conference in Lake Placid June 1st and 2nd at a cost not to exceed \$300.00.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

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

Resolution #47 of 2014

Resolved to place an ad in the Times of Ti for the 2014 EMS Salute. It will run May 31st and is \$72.00 for a 2" X 4" ad.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye

Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

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

GENERAL FUND	\$22,613.03
HIGHWAY FUND	\$14,504.94
TOTAL	\$37,117.97

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser to accept the Judge's financial report as audited. All voted "Aye".

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to adjourn the Meeting at 8:22 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk, Town of North Hudson