

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014**

The Supervisor opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM and 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. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also present.

Guests present were Rod Boula (CEO and Administrator of Elizabethtown Hospital), TJ Garcia, Joseph Provoncha, Brian Caza, Sindy Brazee, Angela and Tiffany Nolan, Will Plumstead and William Pekurney.

Mr. Boula spoke first about the improvements made to the hospital in terms of physical improvements in patient care. He said that Fletcher Allen Hospital in Vermont and Elizabethtown Hospital are now partners but the biggest hold back to realizing full benefits of this union is NYS and Vermont do not recognize each other's licenses. He then answered questions.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of July 10, 2014.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to accept the Minutes as amended.

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

Checking Accounts:

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist \$18,914)	.15%	\$665,935.78
Highway Fund	.15%	\$677,070.10
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,343,005.88

Resolution #61 of 2014

Resolved that the Town board of North Hudson accept and adopt the Ballot Abstract and Ballot Proposition prepared by the Town Clerk incident to the Special Election to be held on September 18th from 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM in the North Hudson Town Hall or at such time to be determined, submitting Town Resolution dated July 10, 2014, entitled

Resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson dated the 10th day of July, 2014, calling for the Town to purchase North Hudson Tax Map parcels 125.1-1-12.21.000, 125.1-1-27.000, 125.1-1-19.000 and 125.1-1-12.134 for consideration in the sum of sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars with the covenant that if sold within five (5) years Essex County would receive One Third of the net proceeds which are over the \$60,000.00 purchase price, be approved?

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

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

The Highway Department has completed drawing recycled blacktop and Wonderview paving should begin the last week of August or the first week of September.

Resolution #62 of 2014

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent rent an excavator at a cost not to exceed \$3500.00.

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

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

There is a change in County auction terms and conditions to be made stating that an individual cannot bid on properties if he/she has unpaid taxes on already owned property. Soil and Water Manager Dave Reckahn who said that he had hired an intern and asked if we would be interested in him looking at our lands. Mr. Moore said yes, especially land on the other side of the Schroon River. The estimated cost is to be in the \$400 to \$500 range.

Mr. Moore on Monday, August 4th, signed the forms transferring what has been referred to as the woodlot, parcel 125.1-1.30.100 from Essex County to the Town of North Hudson in consideration of \$11,248.12.

Resolution #63 of 2014

Resolved that the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, is hereby authorized to expend the amount of \$880.00 for the preservation of Minutes Book 1940 – 1949.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Laureen DeZalia. All voted “Aye”.

Mr. Moore spoke to Tish Biesemeyer in regard to health insurance and she expects medical insurance to increase this year possibly by double digits. He also asked about the cost of dental insurance, which she will investigate.

The 5 Towns – Minerva, Newcomb, North Hudson, Indian Lake and Long Lake – expect to receive \$50,000 each as part of a total of \$250,000 state funding for an Equestrian Network. There is a trip scheduled to go to Otter Creek, where there is a DEC facility specifically built for horseback riding. The trip is scheduled for August 20th and some trail riders are going along.

There is second grant application that has been submitted for the 5 Towns in the amount of \$500,000 and if it is granted it could provide another \$60,000 for each town.

Mr. Moore received an email from Todd Smith who identified himself as the co-organizer of the Hobofest music festival held in Saranac Lake. He wanted to come and discuss a possible future use of Frontier Town if we acquire it.

There will be a town-wide Yard Sale held on August 16th. You can call Jan at 477-0690 or Marshall at 532-9929 to have your location put on the map.

The Schroon Lake Senior Citizens will be holding a picnic at the beach on Friday, August 22nd. They usually set up at 10:30 AM and serve between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM. The menu consists of BBQ ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and dessert.

Resolution #64 of 2014

Resolved to approve the donation of 5 days sick time from Kenneth Foster to Kelly DeZalia if his sick time becomes exhausted.

So moved Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. Messer’s Dresser, Dobie, Moore and Gero voted “Aye”. Ms. DeZalia abstained due to relationship to the receiver.

Mr. Moore has sent out budget requests to all department heads. He hopes to have a tentative budget ready for the Board shortly after the special election.

The Schroon Lake Ambulance may lose their ALS certification as soon as October. They may have to go to paid personnel. They are recommending two paid people, one ALS Certified, and the other as a driver. The quote for those two for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week is

approximately \$110,000 for the ALS Tech and \$85,000 for the driver, which is about \$200,000. Their normal operating funds have been about \$45,000 from Schroon Lake and \$11,250 from North Hudson.

The Grafton Horse Trail Riders have scheduled a weekend ride here in North Hudson on October 4th through October 6th. The Fire Department is scheduling a chicken barbecue during the same period. Thanks to the Fire Department for putting this on for us.

Resolution #65 of 2014

Resolved to transfer \$11,248.12 from A1990.4 contingency, to A 1940.2 Purchase of Land.

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

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

Resolution #66 of 2014

Resolved to transfer \$5000.00 from A6510.4 Veterans Services to A 1450.4 Elections Contractual.

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

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

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to approve the General and Highway Fund abstracts for payment. All voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$24,053.69
Highway Fund	\$10,606.38
Total of All	\$34,660.07

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

Sindy Brazee wanted to know why September 18th was chosen as the date for the Special Election. Mr. Moore explained the formula used to determine the date.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to adjourn the Meeting at 8:02 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Vinkus, Town Clerk

