

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017**

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

Together with the Supervisor were Board Members Stephanie DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Maureen Marsden. Also present was the Town Clerk Sarah Vinkus.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the April 20th Meeting.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of April 30, 2017 is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund	\$745,872.54	0.10%	\$ 774,037.54
Fire Dist	28,165.00		

Highway Fund		0.10%	\$ 614,553.68
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS			\$ 1,388,591.22
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Mr. Moore said that Leslie Karasin of the Northern Forest Center gave a presentation to the BOS on pellet boilers. After the meeting Mr. Moore spoke with her about meeting with us and explaining the program which has incentives. She said that she could meet with us on either June 6th, 7th or 8th, mostly morning or afternoon. The date settled on was Tuesday, June 6th.

Kevin Lynch of SLIC met with the Town on May 3rd to give us an update as to our broadband installation. They have about 118 poles to install and make ready. They have most or all of the permitting in place. He estimated that they would begin installation here in the August/September time frame. For now, it seems that installations would be to the Ensign Pond Road. If a cell tower can be reached for a tower on Pepper Hollow Rd., they may be able to go that far.

As far as the ice and snow contract goes Mr. Dobie and Mr. Gero have been going over figures but they need to see the final figures on the cost of salt.

Mr. Moore stated that the County Attorney had not contacted him about the proposed Local Law for the Cold War Veterans Exemption and Mr. Moore said that he would contact him again. If nothing is done by the end of June, Mr. Moore suggests turning it over to the Attorney for the Town for his review.

There will be a Senior Luncheon held on May 31st at the Firehouse at 11:00 AM.

Hazardous Waste Days have been posted and are as follows: Saturday, June 18th in North Elba; Saturday, July 8th in North Hudson; Saturday, August 26th in Lewis; Saturday, September 2nd in Moriah. All are from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Mr. Moore then went over the contents of the Board Members' packets.

Mr. Duntley told Mr. Moore that work on the Elk Lake Road will begin during the first two weeks of June. He will need to rent an excavator to do the ditching and will have work on Ensign Pond Road as well. He is getting estimates on paving that he would like to do this year.

The County has begun interviews for a new director of Community Resources to fill the vacancy that was created when Mike Mascarenas was selected as the new Commissioner of Social Services.

Mr. Moore said that he had received a call into having a free lighting assessment done to convert to LED lighting. He said he thought it a good idea that will probably save money in the long run.

Mr. Moore said that he was contacted about safe driving courses. The AARP are offering two in the area: one in Minerva on Saturday, June 3rd and one, June 24th in Schroon Lake.

Resolution #45 of 2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRONTIER TOWN, TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON, NEW YORK

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman DeZalia who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson, Empire State Development (ESD), Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the County of Essex propose to cooperate in a joint effort to redevelop and conserve the former Frontier Town property and potential related properties to create a world class outdoor recreational and tourism hub that will also serve as a Gateway to the Adirondacks at Exit 29 of the Northway, and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate this cooperative effort it is necessary for the various parties, as referenced above, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) setting forth their agreement to cooperate with each other and in the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit responses from the private sector entities for the redevelopment of this site with the goal of

identifying qualified private sector organizations to compete in one or more competitive bidding processes for the right to effect such development, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the MOU is to commence the steps necessary to facilitate a private/public initiative that will transform the site into a world-class destination.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby authorizes the Town of North Hudson Supervisor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Empire State Development (ESD), Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the County of Essex to facilitate this public/private initiative and to sign any and all documents upon the approval of the Attorney for the Town.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Gero, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 5 VOTES

NOES: 0 VOTES

ABSET: 0 VOTES

Resolution #46 of 2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR THE GATEWAY TO THE ADIRONDACKS AT EXIT 29/FRONTIER TOWN PROJECT

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Dobie, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson is involved in a cooperative and joint effort with Empire State Development, Department of Environmental Conservation and Essex County to redevelop and conserve the former Frontier Town property and potential or adjacent properties to create a world-class outdoor recreational and tourism hub that will serve as a Gateway to the Adirondacks at Exit 29 of the Northway, and

WHEREAS, as part of this cooperative effort the New York State Department of environmental Conservation requires access for preliminary purposes to explore, evaluate and examine premises owned by the Town of North Hudson as described on a map attached to the Access Agreement and more particular with respect to:

Town of North Hudson Tax Map Parcels – 125.1-1-21; 125.1-1-27; 125.1-1-39.200; 125.1-1-30.100; 125.1-1-24.000; 125.1-1-25.000; 125.1- 1-19.000 and 125.1-1-39.300; and

WHEREAS, the Access Agreement has been presented to the Attorney for the Town and has been approved. The Access Agreement provides access to the hereinabove referenced parcels for the purposes of conducting environmental investigation, design, survey, inspection, demolition, excavation of test pits and installation of monitoring wells and construction work.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, upon the approval of the Attorney for the Town, is hereby authorized to execute an Access Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with respect to the herein above referenced Tax Map Parcels which are owned by the Town of North Hudson located at Exit 29, commonly referred to as Frontier Town properties for the purposes of investigation, design, surveying, inspection, demolition, construction, excavation of test pits and installation of monitoring wells and environmental investigation and any other associated purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby also authorizes its Town Supervisor to execute any and all other documents, upon the approval of the Attorney for the Town, which may need to be executed in the future relating to the access by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or any other state or federal agency that may need access to the premises.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilwoman DeZalia, and adopted upon roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 5 VOTES
NOES: 0 VOTES
ABSENT: 0 VOTES

Resolution #47 of 2017

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to rent an excavator at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On roll-call vote: Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Absent – 0.

Resolution #48 of 2017

Resolved to pay \$47,214 to the Open Space Institute for the Development of the Conceptual Master Plan of the Gateway Project. Funding comes from a \$60,000 grant received from the Nature Conservancy in 2014.

So moved by Stephanie DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll-call vote: Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Absent – 0.

Mr. Moore said that he had received requests from some citizens to put in radar speed signs along Route 9. The speed limit in the Town is 45 mph and they

see traffic going 55 mph to 65 mph. Mr. Moore continued that same problem has been reported before on Blue Ridge Road. The solar versions start at \$3,000. He is to look into the matter.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Stephanie DeZalia to pay the audited Vouchers. All voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$56,388.37
Highway Fund	\$ 7,822.42
Total	\$ 64,210.79

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

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel at 6:35 PM. All voted "Aye".

Maureen Marsden moved and was seconded by Stephanie DeZalia for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 6:40 PM. All voted "Aye".

At 6:45 Mr. Dobie moved and was seconded by Mrs. DeZalia to adjourn the Meeting. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully, Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk