

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017**

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM.

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

The only guest present was Kayla Potter, the new Deputy Town Clerk.

The Clerk read the newspaper notice of the evenings meetings and the gist of Local Law #1 of 2017 establishing the property tax exemption for cold war veterans. As there were no questions or objections to the Local Law the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

The Supervisor then opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:04 PM. There was no change in those present and the guest.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Minutes.

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

The Supervisor then turned to the Supervisor's Financial Report as of July 31, 2017.

Checking Accounts

General Fund	\$ 636,191.74		
Fire Dist.	28,165.00		
Due to Comptroller	38,780.00		
		0.10%	\$ 703,136.74
Highway Fund		0.10%	\$ 577,025.91
Total All Funds			\$ 1,280,162.61

The Town has received quotes from Kris Loomis of Ehrhart Energy and Patrick Vincent of Vincent's Heating and Fuel Service about the installation of a new pellet boiler. With the newly added incentive of \$5,000 from Northern Forest Center, the quote from Ehrhart Energy is \$18,442.25. The quote from Vincent's Heating and Fuel service is \$7,800.

Resolution # 52 of 2017

Resolved to award the contract for the installation of a new wood pellet boiler to Vincent's Heating and Fuel Service at a cost of \$7,800.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call vote: 4-Ayes; 0-Noes; Abstentions-0.

Resolution #53 of 2017

Resolved to adopt Local Law #1 of 2017 entitled "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS".

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On roll-call vote: 4-Ayes; 0-Noes; 0-Abstentions.

Mr. Moore said that he had contacted our Attorney for the Town in regard to the request from the Cemetery Association that the Town take over the cemetery. He responded that if the Town Board agrees to accept responsibility for the Cemetery, the resolution is good as written. The owner of the property where the cemetery is located will need to do a deed to the Town for the real property. We may need the Attorney to draft the deed and related documents.

Resolution #54 of 2017

Resolved to award the contract for replacement of the dump body of the 2003 tandem to Dejana (Arrowhead) at a cost of \$18,813.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On roll call vote: 4-Ayes; 0-Noes; 0-Abstentions.

The County IT Department has come in and helped with the changing over of our email accounts. So far we have new accounts for the Supervisor, Clerk to the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Assessors. They also strongly recommend that the Supervisor upgrade his computer and suggested other upgrades that will improve performance including upgrading our router and installing a wireless access point for Wi-Fi. He is also considering options for computer security.

The Senior Citizens will hold a picnic luncheon at our park on Wednesday, August 30th, at approximately 11:00 AM.

Mr. Moore said that he had a meeting with the DEC and the County regarding the Conservational Easement language and agreements pertaining to the transfer of the former Frontier Town property and Town owned lands. It is complicated and Mr. Moore said he would ask DEC Regional Natural Resource Supervisor Tom Martin to attend a future meeting and explain the options. How the transfer happens depends largely on the RFP proposals that will be submitted on the future development of the property. The deadline for RFP submittal has been extended to September 15th.

The Tax Foreclosure Sale for the years 2012 and 2013 will be held at 11:00 AM, August 30th at the Best Western in Ticonderoga.

Mr. Moore said that he had been looking into the possibility of a timber harvest on some of our Town-owned lands. This would require a forest management plan. He has spoken with Essex County Soil and Water and F&W

Forestry Services, Inc. At some point soon he would like to have them both address the Board as to their respective plans. Mr. Moore went on that he had the Forester from Soil and Water inspect our property in the last couple of years with this thought in mind. He said that he thinks now would be the time to pursue this.

Mr. Moore said that the Board and he had discussed the next equipment purchase for the Highway Department and it seems that a wheel loader would be the best option. Therefore Mr. Moore has begun to collect information, beginning with a Komatsu, which we now have and are very satisfied with. Since Komatsu is not on State Contract, we would have to go to bid. He also said that he would ask the Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, and Mr. Dobie and Mr. Gero, both Board Members, to consider those models on State Contract and possibly visit those vendors. The 2017 estimate Mr. Moore received for a Komatsu WA270-8, comparable to the one we have now, is \$159,000. For the 2018 model there could be a 3% price increase.

Mr. Moore said that he asked Kevin Lynch of SLIC if the cable being run is for broadband. Todd Cable is running their fiber and Verizon is doing the make ready to provide space on the poles. Mr. Lynch inquired if there was going to be an event in town that they could attend and provide information to the people.

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

The Highway Department has been ditching on Ensign Pond Road for the County and probably has two more weeks to go.

Mr. Moore said that from time to time he gets requests for use of the Beach/Park for birthdays, reunions, etc, and want the area reserved. After discussion it was decided that the beach is free to all and if they wish a certain area with tables etc., they need only to come to the beach early to mark their choice. The only thing the town asks is that they remove the garbage from their festivities.

Lloyd has given notice that he does not wish to be landfill attendant any longer. We received no replies to an advertisement in the newspaper for a substitute landfill attendant. Mr. Moore posted an advertisement for a full-time attendant and received two applications: one from Mineville –John Zerbe and one from Schroon Lake – Earl Gould.

Elk Lake has filed a Notice of Application for Review, under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, of the assessment for the year 2017. The Attorney for the Town has been retained for this matter.

Arnie Morehouse called and asked to meet with us to explain changes in their health insurance plan. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Moore set up a meeting with Mr. Morehouse and the Town Board.

Mr. Moore has received a complaint about Willie Plumstead's business and house and the fact that he has put some vehicles in front of a vacant house across Route 9 from his house. After discussion it was decided to turn the matter over to Jon Senecal, the Codes Enforcement Officer. Mr. Moore said that he provided a complaint form to the complainant. Jon Senecal, our Building and codes Officer, will visit Mr. Plumstead.

Donna Moses called Mr. Moore asking about the Youth Commission, was it active, where it stood with membership, and expressed concern about future activities, including the Christmas party. Mr. Moore said that he would like Mr. Dobie and Mr. Gero meet with her, see what her ideas are and try to come up with a plan to move forward.

Schroon Lake sent a letter to the Town requesting a donation to help them defray the cost of the expansion of their Town Hall.

Mr. Moore said that he had received a packet from the County with an application to apply for reimbursement of certain costs incurred due to Winter Storm Stella. If approved, we are eligible to receive \$11,587.15.

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

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

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden for the Board to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel at 7:05 PM. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:08 PM. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to adjourn at 7:10 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

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