

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

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

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Maureen Marsden, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Stephanie DeZalia. Also present was the Deputy Town Clerk, Kayla Potter.

The guests present were Jodi Olcott, of the Essex County Industrial Development Agency, Willie Plumstead, Angela Nolan and Sindy Brazee.

The Supervisor then led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Jodi Olcott spoke first about the purchase of 13 acres of property from Essex County by Paradox Brewery. Essex County to contract for demolition of buildings and begin construction of a 21,000 square foot building which will include a tasting room. Expansion would allow cost reductions from the installation of silos and bulk purchase of malt; add yeast propagation system; expand production from 3,500 barrels yearly to 21,000 barrels by the year 2025 and gradually add to full time and part time employees.

The project is a 5.12-million-dollar project and it has been approved for two million dollars already. The only part tax exempt is the building, not the machines or materials.

The Deputy Town Clerk then read the Minutes of the August 15, 2017 Meeting.

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

Resolution #55 of 2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) Agreement, SALES TAX EXEMPTION AND MORTGAGE TAX RECORDING ABATEMENT FOR THE PARADOX BREWERY, LLC FOR EXPANSION IN THE TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby authorizes a PILOT Agreement with Paradox Brewery, LLC, the Town of North Hudson, Schroon Lake Central School and the

Industrial Development Agency (IDA) incident to their purchase of property located in the Town of North Hudson and the relocation and expansion of Paradox Brewery in the Town of North Hudson for a ten (10) year period beginning in 2019 (year one) as follows:

Year 1 – Exemption 100%; Year 2 – Exemption 100%; Year 3- Exemption 50%; Year 4 –Exemption 45%; Year 5 –Exemption 40%; Year 6 – Exemption 35%; Year 7 – Exemption 30%; Year 8 – Exemption 20%; Year 9 – Exemption 10%; Year 10 – Exemption 5%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board shall also grant sales tax exemption and mortgage tax recording abatement, as proposed.

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

Ayes – 5 votes; Noes – 0 votes; Absent – 0 votes.

Vincent’s Heating and Fuel Service was able to obtain additional funding of approximately \$2,000. NYSERDA needs further review of the project and installation is to be delayed again to perhaps October 9th. Mr. Moore said that he was told they will no longer participate in the program making them ineligible for the incentives. He said that he has been talking with NYSERDA and Northern Forest as to our options and he has also spoken with Ehrhart Energy and they are interested and will be out in the near future to inspect what we have done outside in prepping for the installation.

Mr. Moore said that he had contacted Joe Provoncha about the request from the Cemetery Association that the Town take over the cemetery. Our attorney has said that the owner of the property where the cemetery is located will need to do a deed to the Town for the real property. Mr. Moore said that he asked if Mr. Provoncha could do it or if we should have our attorney draft the deed and related documents.

We have had the County IT Department help with changing over our email accounts and order updated equipment for us. It seems that the Town Clerk’s account is receiving the supervisor’s emails and not those for the Town Clerk. Most of the equipment has been received except the computer for the supervisor. His computer is not working and while waiting for the new computer he has been using a spare from home and his phone for email access and cannot print for his computer.

The Seniors' luncheon will be held September 27 at around 11:00 am.

The Tax Foreclosure was held at 11:00am on August 30th at the Best Western in Ticonderoga and 70 properties were sold.

Mr. Moore said the Board would meet with Tish tomorrow and Arnie Morehouse on the 28th for their presentations on health care plans.

Mr. Moore said that he met with several representatives regarding reimbursement for damages incurred during winter storm Stella. The projected amount due is \$11,587.15.

The Board was given copies of the proposed 2018 Budget and asked to review it and be prepared to discuss it at the next budget workshop.

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of August 31, 2017 is as follows:

Checking Accounts		
General Fund	\$618,996.96	.10% \$647,161.96
Fire Dist.	\$ 28,165.00	
Highway Fund		.10% \$436,988.09
Totals		\$1,084,450.05

The Highway Department has finished their work for the County on Ensign Pond Road and has returned the excavator. They have made preparations for the installation of the pellet boiler and will be stockpiling sand for the winter.

The County tax foreclosure auction was held for the years 2012 and 2013. Another sale for years 2014 and 2015 is expected to be held before the end of the year.

Resolution \$56 of 2017

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement authorizing the payment of \$300.00 to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for services of the Review Board in representing the Town in matters relating to the Adirondack Park.

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

The judge has requested an increase in the court clerk's hours from 24 to 32. There was some discussion and it was decided to increase the hours to 30.

The Town received two proposals for managing our forested lands. One proposal s from F & W Forestry Services and the other is from Essex County Soil and Water Conservation District. In terms of cost, F&W, depending on the management plan chosen, ranges from \$2,500 to \$10,000 and for timber sales \$70.00 per hour or 15% of the high bid. Soil and Water would not charge for the management plan and for timber sales would be \$40.00 per hour.

Resolution #57 of 2017

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to submit the Intent to Apply Form for the Restore NY Grant.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. All voted "Aye".

Brenda Dobie has resigned from the Planning Board.

Resolution #58 of 2017

Resolved to pay \$1,000 to Paradox Consulting for continuing Web Site work.

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

Will Plumstead said that he had the permission of the owner to park cars across the road from his business.

The wood that has been cut and stacked for use of the old outdoor boiler was sold at \$150 per cord, which was about \$100 below market value. People wanted it advertised and Mr. Moore agreed.

The Town had paid \$11,000 for the skidder. The Town will offer it for sale for \$10,000.

The Judge's Financial Reports for June, July and August were accepted.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. All voted "Aye".

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

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to adjourn at 7:05 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk