

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**

The Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM by the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, who 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.

Guests present were Donna and Lydia Moses.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the March 20th Board Meeting.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of March 31st is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund	\$821,570.04	0.10%	\$ 859,735.04
Fire Dist.	\$ 38,165.00		

Highway Fund		0.10%	\$ 642,808.22
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Total All Funds			\$ 1,502,543.26
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The North Hudson Fire Department would like to purchase a new pumper. The paging system is not working properly and it has been suggested that moving it to a higher ground would help. They would like to move it to the Highway Garage to test it.

There will be a Seniors' Luncheon at the firehouse on April 25 at approximately 11:00 AM.

Mr. Moore said that after he had posted a notice in the Sun Community News for a summer lifeguard position, Mr. Gero said that he had heard from Makayla who said that she was interested in returning and Mr. Moore said that he sent her an email asking that she contact him to confirm.

Mr. Moore said that the Town has received notification that we are required to appoint/reappoint a person to act as a representative on the County Youth Board/Planning Committee. Also because we receive NYS OFCS funds we must appoint a Youth Commission and designate our Youth Commission Chairperson.

Resolution #32 of 2018

Supporting the Police Benevolent Association of New York State, Inc. (PBA of NYS) Proposal to increase Department of Environmental Conservation Forest Ranger Staffing to a Statewide Total of 175

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

WHEREAS, NYS forest rangers have provided care, custody and control of the Forest Preserve and all DEC managed lands throughout the State since 1885, protecting the valuable natural resources there; and

WHEREAS, forest rangers are unequaled stewards of the land who are police officers, wildland fire fighters and wilderness first responders that patrol these lands year round; and

WHEREAS, the addition of over one million acres of DEC managed lands the last several decades without staffing increases has caused the ratio of DEC managed lands per ranger to grow from 1 ranger per 28,516 acres in 1970 to one ranger per 53,752 acres, today; and

WHEREAS the dramatic increase in recreational use on State lands has led to corresponding increase in the number of search and rescue operations. In both 2015 and 2016, forest rangers participated in over 300 incidents annually. These numbers have not been surpassed in the rangers' previous 130 years of existence; and

WHEREAS, Adirondack communities rely heavily on tourism associated with State land recreation which, gratefully, has been well-promoted by this administration; and

WHEREAS, forest rangers are essential to providing a safe and positive recreational experience for tourists utilizing State land; and

WHEREAS, the current level of forest ranger staffing, 135 statewide including supervisors, is not adequate to fulfill their unique mission given the amount of land they patrol and the number of incidents they respond to; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the PBA of NYS to increase forest ranger staffing has wide public and bi-partisan support from local governments, business groups, environmental groups and outdoor recreation clubs for a simple reason: it protects the people from the land and the land from the people; and

WHEREAS, this proposal represents the best solution to address the increase in public lands and those utilizing it:

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of North Hudson does hereby support the PBA of NYS proposal to increase forest ranger staffing to 175 rangers

statewide, which is deemed critically important to our community, state land, the environment and the People of the State of New York; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the PBA of NYS, 11 North Pearl Street, Suite 1200, Albany, NY 12207
This resolution was duly seconded by Councilwoman Maureen Marsden. All voted "Aye".

Our tax collector has had an instance or two where she received bad checks and has asked that we look into a policy to deal with this issue. Mr. Moore said that he spoke with the County treasurer and he included the Treasurer's response in the Board Members' packets.

Mr. Moore said that over the year the combining of the Tax Collector and Town Clerk position has been discussed. This can be done by resolution as is explained in the information in the Board Members' packets. It must be adopted 150 days prior to any biennial election.

Mr. Dobie and Mr. Gero met with Mr. Duntley, the Highway Superintendent, to discuss highway staffing issues and the potential purchase of a new loader. Mr. Moore continued that we have also talked about long term planning of the department as it relates to continuing with the county roads snow and ice contract. Mr. Moore said that he would like to set up a workshop date with Mr. Duntley and the Board to begin that discussion.

Resolution #33 of 2018

Resolved that Cassandra D'Agostino is hereby authorized to attend the Introduction of Governmental Accounting (Basic Accounting School) in Watertown from June 5, 2018 to June 7, 2018.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call vote: 5 – Ayes; 0 – Noes; 0 – Absentees.

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

General Fund	\$ 78,783.08
Highway Fund	\$ 41, 062.17
Total All Funds	\$119,845.25

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Stephanie DeZalia to accept the audit of the Judge's Financial Reports for February and March. All voted "Aye".

Mrs. Moses and her daughter Lydia were there as spectators so that Lydia could report to her class in school about the way Board Meetings are run.

Ronald Moore moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to move into Executive Session for personnel at 6:40 PM. All Voted "Aye".

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 6:55 PM. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden for the Board to adjourn at 7:02 PM. All voted "Aye".

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