

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

With the Supervisor were Board Members Maureen Marsden, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Stephanie DeZalia. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also present.

There were no guests present.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the May 15, 2018, Meeting.

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

The Clerk then read the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 29, 2018.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of May 31, 2018 is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund	\$688,241.20		
Fire District	\$ 38,165.00		
Total of General & Fire Dist.		.10%	\$726,406.20
Highway Fund		.10%	\$605,055.37
Total All Funds			\$1, 331,461.57

Mr. Moore said that as was discussed last month, the solid waste equipment throughout the County needs to be replaced. A replacement plan has been proposed and the estimated cost is \$350,000 per year. The County Manager has two proposals. The cost right now is \$62.00 per ton. It is estimated that to pay for the plan the rate would increase to \$100 per ton. Using 2017 as an example, that would result in an increase of approximately \$5,000 for us, 1.6% of the General Fund Tax Levy. The other option allocates some of the cost

back to the County. This would result in the cost increasing from \$62 to \$87 as opposed to \$100. This would result in an increase from the 2017 example of approximately \$3,278.50. This is the option that was adopted and will be implemented next year. Our budget will need to reflect an increase of \$25 per ton.

There will be a senior's luncheon on June 27th depending on the weather, it will be held either at the beach or the firehouse.

Mr. Moore and Mrs. DeZalia met and interviewed Christina Lashway for the summer lifeguard position. Mr. Moore said that he thought she interviewed very well and she was offered the position at an hourly wage of \$12.50 per hour. She will begin work on Monday, June 25 and she will work through the last weekend of August, after which she returns to college.

A soil erosion meeting was held here on May 29th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss sand deposits in Schroon Lake coming from North Hudson and possible solutions to mitigate the problem. Along with North Hudson, the Towns of Schroon, Horicon and Chester were present, as well as representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, DEC, Trout Unlimited, Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec. Future meetings will be held to determine how best to solve the situation.

A meeting was held on May 18th with Tess Grub of Mountain View Planning having to do with Hazard mitigation. There is a lot of documentation to fill out and Mr. Moore said that he was appointing a committee to go through it and try to update the documentation as accurately as possible.

We have discussed about the Tax Collectors problems with returned checks. She would like to send letters to those who have had checks returned with a returned check fee and asks that we provide input as to the amount to be charged. The County charges a \$20.00 fee. The Board suggested a \$30.00 fee.

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

At the Highway Department the excavator has been rented and work for the County has begun on Ensign Pond Road. Closure of the Highway pit is nearly complete. We will have Soil and Water spray with seed and fertilizer.

County Reports - A Local Law prohibiting sales of tobacco to those under the age of 21 years was voted on and narrowly defeated. Three Supervisors were absent and the issue will probably be brought forward again.

Resolution #41 of 2018 Amending Resolution #5 of 2018

Resolved that those classified as Heavy Equipment Operators and possessing a CDL shall be paid Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) per hour for forty (40) hours per week and after 90 days of continuous service the pay rate will be Seventeen Dollars and eighty-five cents (\$17.85) per hour. Those classified as Heavy Equipment Operators and not possessing a CDL shall be paid Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) per hour for forty (40) hours per week, and after obtaining a CDL the pay rate will be Seventeen Dollars and eighty-five (\$17.85) per hour for forty (40) hours. Those classified as Laborers shall be paid Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) per hour for forty (40) hours and be it further resolved that overtime pay for the time over Forty (40) hours be a time and a half.

Passage of this amendment would result in Jake Parent's wage to be raised to Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) per hour now and to full HEO wage after 90 days.

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

Resolution #42 of 2018

Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract to finance the 2018 Komatsu WA2270-8 Wheel Loader through the Komatsu Municipal Lease Program.

The selling price is \$159,000. The down payment is \$70,000, financing \$89,000. There will be three annual payments of \$31,645.14 due on July 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021. There is a \$1.00 buy-out lease with the Town owning the machine at the end of the lease period. Jim McGregor will come tomorrow to close the purchase.

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

Resolution #43 of 2018

Resolved that the Supervisors Clerk and Board Member Stephanie DeZalia will attend the Seminar for Local Officials in Canton on July 12. This seminar deals with the budget process, multiyear planning, etc.

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

The audit has been completed and a report will be written and at some point there will be an exit meeting with the results and recommendations. One of the things we will be doing is developing a compensatory time policy. Mr. Moore said he would look at the County's policy and adapt to our town.

Our internet service continues to worsen. The extremely slow speed at times causes excessive download times. After some discussion the Board agreed that the Supervisor should look into SLIC regarding switching our internet and possibly our phone service to them.

The Adirondack Challenge will be held on July 29th. There are discussions of having a horseback riding and hiking event held in North Hudson in the Boreas Ponds Tract. Sign up will be here at the North Hudson Town Hall. We will need volunteers to assist.

Farmers Market Coupons are available from the Office of the Aging if they meet the income and age requirements.

DEC performed an inspection of the Highway Pit and sent the Supervisor a report, a copy of which is in the Board Members Packets and one was also given to the Highway Superintendent asking him to

contact the inspector to find out exactly what has to be done to reclaim the area. Of concern is the fact that they want all sand stockpiled at the site to be removed in order to reclaim the ground beneath it.

Mr. Moore said that the Board Members would find in their packets a copy of the new time sheets Cassandra has developed. They will hopefully help us better account for employee accruals and use of vacation, personal, sick and comp time.

The DEC is looking to hire a Trail Crew Supervisor and four (4) Trail Crew Laborers to work on projects in the High Peaks Wilderness from June to October 2018. Work will focus on primitive campsite construction and restoration, trail work including drainage and blowdown removal and some bridge and ladder construction in Avalanche Pass. Mr. Moore said that he had more information sheets if you know of anyone interested.

Cassandra has also developed date sheets showing month by month and year to date information for both revenues and expenditures. This will be helpful as Mr. Moore begins the budget process.

The tennis court is in need of some repairs and sealing. Mr. Moore said that he would see if the highway crew can fill the cracks and seal it this summer.

Jean McKee was our Safety Officer and now that she has retired we need to appoint another person to that position. After some discussion it was decided to ask Cassandra. If she declines, then ask Stephanie. On Tuesday, June 26th, the Federal Primary Election will be held. It is actually a Democratic Primary and a Women's Equality Opportunity to ballot for the office of Congress.

Larry Koller has been doing some cutting on his property on Pepper Hollow adjacent to the Pepper Hollow Cemetery. We agreed to have the trees cut on our lot as well, at no cost to us. We would need to remove the stumps. Larry has someone who will grind the stumps. All stumps must be in one pile. If Mr. Duntley, the Highway

Superintendent, can do it, it may be at no cost. If not, the stumps can be removed over 2 – 3 days at a cost of \$100 per hour.

Mr. Koller has submitted an application to the APA for a new 12.7-acre mineral extraction for the mining of hard rock and ledge rock.

The APA is asking for written comments should the Board have any.

Resolution #44 of 2018

Resolved to transfer \$300 from Town Clerk Contractual, A1410.4 to Town Clerk Checking Account 0200402.

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

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted “Aye”.

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

General Fund	\$15,829.50
Highway Fund	\$72,551.72
Total	\$88,381.22

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to accept the audit of the Judge’s Financial report for April. All voted “Aye”.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Stephanie DeZalia to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 PM. All voted “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk