

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 15, 2018**

The Supervisor opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM with the assembly reciting the Pledge of the Flag.

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

Guests present were Jean McKee and the representative from Beauregard Sales.

The Town Clerk opened the Bids for the Wheel Loader, handed them to the Supervisor who read the titles of the bidding companies and the prices associated with the bids.

The Supervisor explained that the Highway Committee: Mr. Dobie and Mr. Gero, the Supervisor and Mr. Duntley would meet and discuss the submitted bids.

The representative of Beauregard said that he understood, and if they had questions to ask, his telephone number was in the packet with the bids and he would be glad to help in any way he could.

The Clerk then read the Minutes of the April Meeting.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of April 30, 2018, is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

Town of North Hudson:

General Fund	.10%	\$ 714,113.72
Fire Dist.		\$ 38,165.00
Total General Fund and Fire Dist.		\$ 752,278.72
Highway Fund	.10%	\$ 633,431.54
Total of all Funds		\$1,385,710.26

The North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department has had and continues to have problems with the pager system. Don Jaquish, Emergency Services Director, came to see if we could relocate the pager equipment to the Highway Garage and also relocate the antenna to higher ground. Mr. Moore and Mr. Jaquish looked at the cell tower as a possibility for the antenna location. Mr. Jaquish will contact with those managing the site to see if that is a possibility.

Resolution #34 of 2018.

The North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department is hereby authorized to relocate the pager equipment and antenna to the Highway Department Garage and/or the cell tower mast.

So moved by Stephanie DeZalia and seconded by Maureen Marsden. All voted "Aye".

There will be a Seniors' Luncheon at the Fire House on May 30th at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Moore said that he had reposted a notice in the Sun Community News for the summer lifeguard position. Makayla Stockwell will be working for the State at Lincoln Pond. Mr. Moore continued that he asked Makayla if she knew of anyone qualified to have them send a letter of interest to the Town. He has also asked for contact information of recent graduates from the Lifeguard Class. Mrs. DeZalia said that she might know of someone whose parent works near her in the County. She will ask that person.

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

Jake Parent began working for the Highway Department on May 7th and Emmett Thompson will be staying on as a laborer.

In the County a Local Law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to those under 21 years of age has been discussed and will go to a Public Hearing.

The Town's Annual Clean-up will May 21st.

The Supervisor said our 131-acre lot borders an approximate 3.058-acre lot now owned by Essex County, which may include our access to our lot in and across the existing logging road on the north end of the 3.058-acre lot. Mr. Moore said that he has asked Essex County for a permanent easement and right of way to that logging road. He went on that he asked John Silvestri, the Attorney for the Town, to look at the easement and he made some minor changes and it was given to Essex County Attorney Dan Manning. This 3-acre parcel may be transferred to Paradox Brewery in the future.

Last month we discussed that the tax collector has had instances where she has had checks returned and asked that we look into a policy to deal with the matter. She contacted the County Treasurer's Office and obtained a letter they send out when they have checks returned. She would like to send a similar letter when this occurs here.

Resolution #35 of 2018

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION

TO JEAN MCKEE UPON HER RETIREMENT AS CLERK TO THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON.

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

WHEREAS, Jean A. McKee was appointed in January, 2000 as Clerk to the Supervisor, Town of North Hudson; and

WHEREAS, Jean A. McKee also served on the Board of Assessment Review for several years; and

WHEREAS, Jean A. McKee has been a faithful public servant to the people of North Hudson for over 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Jean A. McKee retired on April 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Clerk to the Supervisor, Town of North Hudson, Jean has exhibited the highest degree of professionalism, competence, integrity and attention to detail and has always greeted the public, residents of the Town of North Hudson and the employees with grace and respect.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of North Hudson, and its employees, past and present, hereby extend their deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Jean A. McKee for her dedicated, conscientious and exemplary public service to the people of the Town of North Hudson for the past 19 years and wish her continued health and success in her retirement and in her future endeavors.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution #36 of 2018

Cassandra D'Agostino is hereby authorized to attend the NYS Retirement System Employment Seminar in Malone on June 1, 2018.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On roll call vote:

Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Absentees – 0.

Resolution #37 of 2018

Per Resolution #47 of 2016, the expenditure of \$1,000 to promote access and recreational opportunities in the Boreas Ponds Tract is hereby authorized.

So moved by Stephanie DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call vote:

Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Absentees – 0.

Resolution #38 of 2018

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

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call vote:

Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Absentees – 0.

Resolution #39 of 2018

Resolved that elected and appointed officials are authorized to attend the AATV June Membership Meeting on June 3rd and 4th, 2018, at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. Lodging rate is \$112.00 and registration is \$85.00 for the entire conference.

So moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Stephanie DeZalia. On roll call vote:

Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Absentees – 0.

The solid waste equipment throughout the County is in need of replacement and an equipment replacement plan has been proposed. Estimated cost is \$350,000 a year. There have been two proposals from the County Manager. Right now the cost per ton is \$62.00. It is estimated to pay for the plan the rate would increase to \$100.00 per ton. Taking 2017 for an example, that would have resulted in an increase of \$5,000 for us, 1.6% of the General Fund Tax Levy. The other option allocates some of the cost back to the County levy. This would result in an increase from the 2017 example of approximately \$3,278.50. After some discussion the question of how to handle this problem was tabled until there was more information.

The Supervisor said that he had given the Board Members information on the issue of soil erosion in North Hudson affecting Schroon River and Schroon Lake. There is a meeting scheduled with the Army Corps of Engineers on Tuesday, May 29th at 9:30 AM in our Town Hall. Mr. Moore requested all who could, please attend this meeting as he would be at the County BOS meeting. Horicon, Chester and Schroon are sending their Supervisors or reps to also attend.

A meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2018, at 10:00 AM with Tess Grub of Mountain View Planning to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan. She has also asked that the Highway Superintendent and Codes Enforcement Officer also attend. The Supervisor said that he hoped that as many as possible would attend.

The DEC has released draft UMP amendments to High Peaks Wilderness and Vanderhacker Mountain Wild Forest. DEC and APA will be conducting concurrent public review with Public Meetings scheduled for May 23rd in Albany at 10:00 AM and in Newcomb at 6:00 PM. The deadline for comments is June 27th.

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

General Fund	\$ 10,235.18
Highway Fund	\$ 19,091.54
Total	\$ 29,326.72

The auditing of the Judge's Financial Report was postponed until the June Meeting.

There were no questions from the floor.

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move into Executive Session at 6:57 PM for reasons of personnel. All voted "Aye".

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:10 PM. All voted "Aye".

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Meeting to adjourn at 7:12 PM. All voted "Aye".

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

