

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

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

There were no guests present.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting. Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

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

Checking Accounts:

General Fund: \$626,168.20

Fire Dist:	\$ 38,165.00	0.10%	\$664,333.20
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Highway Fund		0.10%	\$512,693.81
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS			\$1,177,027.01
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The new copier was delivered and set up yesterday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Senior's luncheon held in the Park on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Highway Department has begun maintenance, under the supervision of the DEC, on Gulf Brook Road.

Mr. Moore said that the Town had received an estimate from SLIC of \$844.00 a month for phone service upgrade and internet. Mr. Moore and Cassandra reviewed it and got a new estimate of \$639.20 with a few changes. We are now paying approximately \$425 a month now. 25 Mbs is \$80.00 a month and 50 Mbps is \$100.00. PBX phone rental is \$9.95 each. To be able to receive concurrent calls the cost is \$49.95 each.

Resolution #55 of 2018

Resolved that the Town contract with SLIC for phone and internet service for \$639.20 per month.

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

Mr. Moore said that an estimate from Peter Enzien in regard to a LED sign was received. Sign cost is \$14,645, frame is \$1,700, covers \$350 and delivery is \$300. Fixed sign is separate at approximately \$1,400.

A meeting regarding a downhill bike trail system was held on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Josh Wilson, Executive Director of the Barkeaters Trail Alliance (BETA) attended and was asked if his group would be interested in building and maintaining a trail system in North Hudson on the 131-acre parcel of Town property. Compensation was discussed and grants were mentioned as a possibility, including a portion of the \$200,000 grant that we have recently received. Mr. Wilson said he would bring it back to his board and get back to us.

The advertising for the skidder was not submitted in time so the notice was resubmitted with the opening to be on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM.

The trailer had to be inspected and we are awaiting word from Abele as to when we can take delivery.

Mr. Moore said that last month the Board had discussed surplussing the 2003 Ford pickup and the old wheel loader. When we receive the trailer Mr. Moore would like to recycle the '03 Ford pickup. An option might be just to take them to Moore's and get what we can for the metal.

Resolution #56 of 2018

Resolved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to surplus and transport the 2003 Ford pickup for recycling.

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

Last month we spoke regarding a grant that the 5 Towns received from the DEC in the amount of \$200,000 each. This grant is for supporting Adirondack infrastructure and environmental improvements within the 5 Towns. Grants will support town center revitalization, recreational tourism projects, environmental restoration/improvements projects and other eligible capital improvement. DEC seeks capital projects that link environmental protection, economic development and community livability within the park. Each town is expected to propose or support the use of their \$200,000 for a specific project.

Mr. Moore said he would like to suggest that we work with the County Community Resources Department to assist us with the application for the various projects.

Work on Pepper Hollow Road is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tish Biesemeyer met with the Board for an overview of our health insurance for the upcoming year. She is estimating a 2% increase in actives with the retirees remaining flat. We will meet again when she has more information.

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

The Highway Department has been working for the County and working on Gulf Brook Road.

The proposed Local Law of the County, prohibiting sales of tobacco to those under the age of 21 was passed by the full Board at the Regular Board Meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>. There are a couple of State mandated items being worked on: A Shared Services Plan and a Sexual Harassment Policy.

Mr. Moore said that he would like to have a meeting with the Board on October 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM and all agreed to meet.

Resolution #57 of 2018

Resolved to Introduce Proposed Local Law #1 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C".

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Hudson Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2018 entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPLE LAW 3-C" reading and provided as follows:

TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2018

"A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHE IN GENERAL MUNICIPLE LAW 3-C"

BE IT ENACTED, by the North Hudson Town Board as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of North Hudson pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-C, and to allow the Town of North Hudson to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law 3-C.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law 3-C, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax levy Limit Override – Budget Authorization

The Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of North Hudson for 2019 and authorizes the Town of North Hudson, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2019 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2018 pursuant to 3-C of the General Municipal Law.

#### Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent Jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision to circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

#### Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the evening of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk of North Hudson will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five (5) days prior to said hearing.

This resolution was duly seconded by Maureen Marsden and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows: 5 – Ayes; 0 – Noes; 0 – Absentees.

Mr. Moore said that he would like to schedule a Public Hearing in regards to Local Law #1 of 2018 on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and at 6:15 PM on that same date there will be a Public Hearing in regards to the Town Budget for 2019. The Town Clerk was asked to place a notice in the Sun Community News for both hearings.

Mr. Moore said that he had received an email from Diane Berube regarding the condition of the Elk Lake Road. Mr. Moore continued that he found the letter to be both offensive and not deserving of a reply. Over the past few years the Town has spent over \$191,000 on Elk Lake Road alone plus what was spent repairing other roads in the Town. To say that the Town is not taking care of its residents and taxpayers is clearly from one who is uninformed, only concerned about one road and is totally oblivious of the immense amount of time and effort that had been put into taking care of its residents and taxpayers.

The J Bar E motel will be demolished by the county at some point after they are done with paving work. Mr. Moore said that he was told that there are many boxes of Frontier Town brochures/pamphlets in the rooms. He asked the Board if they had any thoughts about the possible disposition of these and said he felt they should be reviewed and saved if possible.

The Town has received another bill from Serkil for C&D material, this time for \$850.00. Mr. Moore said that he has advised the Highway Superintendent of this and asked that he keep the gate closed as much as possible. The Supervisor also received a call from Mike Marnell, the Schroon Lake Supervisor. He said that one of the containers had pieces of lumber eight (8) feet long and the compactor could not crush them.

The Town Highway Department employees have requested t-shirts with the Town of North Hudson imprinted on them. The cost would be \$9.25 in white and \$9.75 in color in quantities of 18 (\$175.50) and \$7.89 and \$8.30 for quantities of 36 (\$302.04). Embroidery tape charge of \$35.00 on less than 72 pieces.

There will be two ceremonies having to do with the McKenzie family.

The Schroon Lake/North Hudson Historical Society is hosting a "Remembering the McKenzie Family" here in the Town Hall on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. On Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, Daniel McKenzie, a former Forest Ranger who was killed in the line of duty while fighting forest fire, is being honored at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual New York State Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony at 11:00 AM inside the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.

Resolution #58 of 2018

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson hereby remembers and honors Daniel McKenzie, a member of the New York Forest Rangers, who gave his life while fighting a forest fire and whose name will be included on the New York State Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Wall.

So move by Ronald Moore and seconded by Robert Dobie. All voted "Aye" unanimously.

Mr. Moore said that he had met with Nancy Bernstein of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) in regard to street light conversion to LED. There are a couple of ways to go: one is to purchase the street light and the other is to work with National Grid on a conversion program, where there are two (2) options. One is to convert over time at no cost and the other is to convert all at once and pay the net value of the existing lights. National Grid requires a written

request on town letterhead for these numbers, although you should be able to submit the letter via email. If the Board desires, Mr. Moore will submit the letter.

Mr. Moore said that he had received a call from the auditor, Todd, that the audit is complete. An exit interview has been scheduled for Friday. He asked Mr. Dobie to also be present. Cassandra and Sally are also able to attend if available. He can meet with individual board members if requested. The meeting is scheduled for the 12:30-1:00 PM time frame.

There is to be a ribbon cutting or soft opening of the campground on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Moore is to provide a list to DEC of invitees. Please let him know if you would like to attend. He does not have other information at the present time.

Mr. Moore said that he had been contacted by John Farrell JMF Publishing asking if we would like to advertise in magazines that he publishes. The Board was asked to look over the magazines and let Mr. Moore know their thoughts.

Mr. Moore expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Marsden for again decorating the town hall and town signs. He said that they looked great and that he appreciated it very much.

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

General Fund	\$ 9,580.28
Highway Fund	\$ 15,613.10
Total Both Funds	\$ 25,193.38

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Stephanie DeZalia to accept the Judge's report as audited. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to adjourn the Meeting at 7:22 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

