

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019**

The Supervisor opened the Meeting 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, Marshall Gero and Ronald Moore. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

Guests present were Jim Robbins and Will Plumstead.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the March 19th Board Meeting.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of March 31, 2019 is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund		\$762,776.90
Fire Dept.		\$ 38,165.00
Total of Gen. Fund	0.10%	\$ 800,941.90
Highway Fund	0.10%	\$590,645.84
Total All Funds		\$1,391,587.74

It was unanimously voted by the Board of Essex County Supervisors to keep the J-Bar-E logs in North Hudson and try to implement them into the next phase of the project.

Tom Williams sent us a breakdown of work done on our website and we are up to date as of March. As of the April billing we will be changing the hours needed from 2 per month to just 1, @\$118.75 per hour.

North Country Living Magazine has been printed and delivered. It has our larger ad in it and it looks really nice. The Supervisor said that she had spoken with Scarlett about changing the header on the page from just Schroon Lake to add North Hudson and this was done.

The 22nd Annual Adirondack Park Local Government Conference was held on April 3rd and 4th. The Supervisor and Board Member Ronald Moore attended and it was two days of great conversation and sessions on the many concerns of the park as well as presentations of opportunities to come.

We are all set with the Dept. of Labor on the Pellet Stove. The needed revisions were made to their satisfaction and it is no longer considered a pressurized unit and will no longer fall under their jurisdiction.

We have discussed a few times about looking into radar speed signs. With added traffic near the south end of town and the continued complaint at the north end of Town, the Supervisor said that she looked into the costs of these units. They can run from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per unit. She continued that she is not sure yet but thinks we may end up being under what we had guessed on the three projects proposed under the \$200,000 DEC grant. Possibly we could get three of these units under this grant and still leave approximately \$100,000 for the Main Street Revitalization type application. We could put one on the south end and at the north end right by our Town signs and another headed south just north of Don Dresser's house. This would slow people coming into the hamlet and coming into town from the north and south. If the Underwood Club would like to then they could purchase the other for the northbound side.

The Supervisor said that she had spoken with Bruce at HAPEC regarding the Community Development block Grant that she had spoken to the Board about last month. She got some information on the income requirements and he said we are too late for the April 26th deadline as we would have to have a public hearing and do a community survey to assess the needs in the town. She continued that she believes that we have some people in town that would benefit from this grant. She said that Bruce and she would be working on a town wide assessment plan and he said we could get it started this summer for the next round in Nov./Dec. of this year. This grant could help with Housing Rehabilitation, Direct Homeownership, residential water and wastewater and Mobile Home replacement .

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

The Supervisor then said that she would like to set a date for a highway committee workshop to discuss a possible salt reduction, maintenance program, our shared services with the County and the landfill options. If the Board Members can agree on a date then the Supervisor will let the Highway Superintendent know.

In your packets you will find a quote from Green Management LLC as a price on a new mower for the cemeteries. Mr. Duntley called them and requested the quote.

Mr. Duntley came across some garbage on the side of Ensign Pond Road. There are some pictures in your packets regarding this and we have information as to who the person is. She asked if the Board wanted to try to locate this person, charge them or have them fined.

Mr. Duntley, the Highway Superintendent, is requesting the rental of the Bobcat again this year for ditching and the water line from the beach to the town hall, fire department and highway garage. There is an estimate in your folders.

Resolution #43 of 2019

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent rent a Mini Excavator for road ditching and waterline trenching at a rate not to exceed \$3,000 per month.

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

The Road Salt and Fuel reports are in the Board Members folders.

The Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, has requested new clay to be put down on the baseball field as it hasn't been done since the field was put in place. He got a price of \$47.00 per ton and estimates us needing approximately 40 tons at a price of \$1880.

Resolution #44 of 2019

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent purchase clay for the baseball field in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.

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

In your packets you will find your quarterly code report.

The Building and Code Officer has received a formal written complaint on April 11th on the property at 2841 US Rte. 9, the Plumstead property. The complaint is for junk accumulation on lawn and porch and for unlicensed vehicles on both sides of the road. The Building and Code Officer will begin the investigation.

You will find a copy of email regarding the review of the AUD. Cassandra has addressed both of the questions they had.

Mr. Duntley, the Highway Superintendent, has gotten a rough estimate on repairing the chimney at the courthouse. It is his suggestion that we redo it in Metalbestos triple wall pipe. The estimate is approximately \$1,500.

Resolution #45 of 2019

Resolved that Kevin Duntley, the Highway Superintendent, purchase the necessary triple wall pipe to replace/repair the chimney on the Court House with a cost not to exceed \$1500.

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

The furnace at the Court House quit last Friday and Mountain Petroleum came Monday to repair it. It possibly was the ignitor.

The County has NOT put the Fairgrounds up for sale. It has been rumored and it is not the case.

Tax foreclosure for the tax years 2016 – 2017 is tentatively scheduled for August 28th. The abstract company has started working on the tax year 2018.

Sheriff Reynolds has announced a drug take back day at Kinney Drugs on April 27th. This is a day anyone can take back any old prescription meds no longer needed.

Office for the Aging Recognized and Congratulated Joan Aubin (Willsboro) and Lloyd Haynes of North Hudson for being invited as Honorees at the Older New Yorkers Day to be held on May 21st, 2019, in Albany.

The Essex County Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution to waive the application fee for civil service exams for the rest of 2019 in hopes that more would apply for the tests.

The County will be renovating the old Nutrition site to move the Community Resources into as the building they now occupy is being sold to the Stewarts Corporation.

The Perma 2019 Annual Conference will be held May 23rd and 24th at the Sagamore Hotel. This year they are offering a full day of Safety Coordinator Training on Wednesday, the 22nd. Cassandra will be attending this on the 22nd and she qualified for a free room that night. The Supervisor will also be attending on the 23rd and 24th and also qualified for a free room.

The Supervisor said that she had spoken with Christina Lashway and made her aware of the need to update her CPR certificate. Her Lifeguard/First Aid/CPR/AED certificate is good until May 2020 but the Department of Health requires the CPR portion be updated every year. She is going to do it on line.

Jim Robbins from the Schroon Lake/North Hudson Snowmobile Club has called the Supervisor about the contract with the Town for grooming the trails and this evening spoke directly to the Board about the same item. In the past we have given \$1,000. The only contract we have on file only lists certain trails but Mr. Robbins indicated as new trails open and become available that this contract would include those trails and they also would get groomed. There is a letter in your packets about this.

Resolution #46 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor has permission to contract with the Schroon Lake/North Hudson Snowmobile Club for the 2019–2020 and 2020-2021 seasons to groom the trails in the Town of North Hudson for an annual contribution of \$1,000.

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Marshall Gero. On Roll Call Vote: Ayes-5; Noes-0; Absentees-0.

Mr. Robbins asked if we could link their face book fundraiser page on our website. They are buying a new groomer and have started a fundraiser.

The Supervisor said that she had received the packet from the NYS Department of Health for the Beach Monitoring and reporting requirements. I would like to contract with Endyne out of Plattsburgh to do the required testing at the Beach. She will contact them for pricing. We have to be tested at least 15 days before opening and at least once during the peak season in July.

Resolution #47 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor contract to have the water at the Beach tested for the New York State Dept. of Health monitoring and reporting requirements.

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Robert Dobie. On Roll Call Vote: Ayes-5; Noes-0; Absentees-0.

The Supervisor stated that she had completed her Record of Activities for the Standard Work Day for the New York State Retirement System. The Town Clerk will need to post and do an affidavit of posting and file the resolution with the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

Resolution #48 of 2019

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson is to establish the Standard Work Day for the Town Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia. Standard Work Day and reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials is required at each new term.

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted “Aye”.

The Privilege of the Floor was offered and Will Plumbstead said that the Annual Car Show will be held June 15th from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. He also brought to the Board the fact that a “Jaws of Life” is available for purchase for \$3,500 and there are six members of the Fire Department who are qualified in its use. He continued that it sometimes takes 20 minutes for a set to get to the scene of the emergency.

The Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntly, said the Annual Cleanup Week will be held the week BEFORE Memorial Day, May 20th to the 24th.

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

General Fund	\$11,456.68
Highway Fund	\$31,423.03
Total Both Funds	\$42,879.71

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to approve the audit of the Judge's Financial Report. All vote "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to adjourn the Meeting at 7:10 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

