

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

The Supervisor opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Maureen Marsden, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Ronald Moore. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also present.

There were no guests present.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the February 15, 2019, Meeting.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report is as follows:

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$848,129.64
General Fund		\$809,964.64
Fire Dist.		\$ 38,165.00
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$639,834.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,487,963.64

The Supervisor said that she attended the New York State Association of Towns Conference in New York City on February 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>, made some great connections and the sessions were helpful and informative and she named some including Grant Writing – How to make my Grant Fundable; Effective Budgeting and Travel, Unity and Tourism: Welcoming a \$7 Billion Industry.

The Schroon River Cemetery Deed and Map have been filed in the County Clerk's office.

North Country Living Magazine ad proof is in the Board Members' folders and one of Ron Moore's photographs was used for the background.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adirondack Park Local Government Conference is being held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Moore and Supervisor DeZalia will be attending.

Essex County Soil and Water Tree and Shrub sale deadline is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The possibility of New York State legalizing the adult use, sale, cultivation, processing and distribution of cannabis was brought up by the Supervisor who wanted the Board's opinion. After some discussion it was decided to wait and see what the State and then the County were going to do.

The Supervisor stated that she had contacted Christina Lashway, our lifeguard last summer, to see if she was interested in returning this summer. The fact is she is interested and the Board agreed to rehire her for this summer at the same rate and hours as last year. They also agreed that the Supervisor should so advise her.

The Supervisor said that she has started getting estimates and paperwork together for the 2018 Call for Projects request on the Environmental Protection Fund-Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant we were awarded last year and will be working with Community Resources and Dylan Walrath on this. We are hoping to be able to do the electric sign in front of the Town Hall, the Pavilion at the beach and the water project bringing water from the beach to the town hall, fire department and town garage. The Supervisor continued that she is still working on recovering the \$50,000 SAM grant we were given by Betty Little.

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

The Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, has handed in some of the Hazardous Materials forms to the Fire Dept. but is still working on the list.

Mr. Duntley informed the Supervisor that there is a need for a new plow for the pickup and he has obtained two quotes from DeJana. The most recent repairs to the plow were over \$600.

The Supervisor continued that she had spoken with the Highway Superintendent regarding having a Committee meeting with the Highway Committee regarding the Highway Dept. budget, possible Salt Reduction, maintenance program and our shared services and contracts with the County in the near future.

After some discussion the Board suggested getting rid of the '06 pickup, keeping the '11 and '15 and looking at the budget if a new pickup truck purchase is possible.

The AUD has been submitted and we will be waiting to hear back on that.

The woman from NYS archives came to meet Cassandra on February 27<sup>th</sup> and she has started going through the records to see what can be disposed of and what needs to be retained. We will collaborate with the County for the shredding of the documents in the coming months. Having a Records Retention Policy and maintaining it will allow us to apply for some grants this year.

The Supervisor said that last month she had spoken to the Board about a letter from the New York State Unified Court System. She said that she went to the Court and sat down with Jan Talarico, the Court Clerk, and completed the

Annual Review of the Court Records Report and have sent that and our Resolution #34 Accepting the books to New York State Unified Court System.

Charli Lewis, Director of Essex County Real Property Tax Services, will be retiring on April 27<sup>th</sup> this year. Charli has over 31 years of service with Essex County.

Randy Preston had his surgery on March 18<sup>th</sup> and everything went well. He will be in the hospital a couple of days. Gerry Morrow returned to the Board on March 18<sup>th</sup> after his knee surgery and looks good and is doing so much better.

Everything is ready for the next County Tax Auction. Tax payers have until June 7<sup>th</sup> to redeem their property. There is a 30 day objection period and the final list will be out around mid-July.

Essex County is setting to contract with Stewarts for the sale of the Community Resources Building that sits directly behind Stewarts. They accepted the Counties offer. The County will be looking to rehabbing the old Nutrition Site for the Community Resource employees.

ROOST is proposing that the County increase occupancy tax another 2% bringing our tax to 5% which is a median amount comparing to other areas. There has been some push back from some smaller hotel, motel businesses. There is also some contention as to how the additional money will be used and disbursed. We had a meeting here with ROOST last Wednesday. Represented were the 5-Towns Supervisors, Hamilton County Chairman, Schroon Supervisor Mike Marnell, Schroon Lake Chamber was represented, Elk Lake Lodge, various ROOST employees and DEC. We are working on a marketing strategy for our area. We will be meeting here again on March 28<sup>th</sup> @9:30 AM.

HAPEC announced information on a Community Development Block Grant 2019 Home Buyer program benefitting low/moderate income persons. Approximately \$10 million is being made available for housing. The annual competitive round for towns is \$500,000 and Counties \$1,000,000. 70% must be used for low to moderate income families. Apps are due by April 26, 2019.

The Perma 2019 Annual Conference will be held May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sagamore Hotel. This year they are offering a full day of Safety Coordinator Training on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the day before the Conference opens. As Cassandra is our Safety Coordinator and some of the training being offered would benefit her the Supervisor asked that Cassandra be able to attend that days training.

Resolution #37 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor and any Board Members are hereby authorized to attend the Perma 2019 Annual Confernece to be held at the Sagamore Hotel on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at no cost for the first registration and at a cost of \$200 per additional person in the same room for meals and at a cost of \$200 per additional person for meals plus the cost of room for additional persons at a rate from \$209 - \$329.

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

Vanessa Cross, Program Coordinator for the Essex County Youth Board and Planning Committee as asked for the list for our 2019 Youth Commission Chairperson and Alternate. We have talked about this several times in the past and the Supervisor went on that she herself had stepped in to cover in the last couple of years. She continued that she has asked Cassandra D’Agostino and Jan Talarico to head up our Youth Commission. Cassandra was asked to be the Chairperson and Jan the alternate. Both agreed to do so. Since Mr. Dobie and Mrs. Marsden are Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Human Services Committee that encompasses the Youth programs, the Supervisor said that she would like Mr. Dobie and Mrs. Marsden to oversee them. Cassandra, as Chairperson, is required to attend four meetings in Elizabethtown, the first being April 15<sup>th</sup>. She went on that in the next newsletter she would ask for other interested people to become members of the Commission.

Resolution #38 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor appoints Cassandra D’Agostino as Chairman of the North Hudson Youth Commission and Jan Talarico as her alternate. This is a volunteer appointment with no salary other than mileage expense to required meetings.

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

Kevin Duntley, the Highway Superintendent, came back with our Insurance quotes on March 8<sup>th</sup> and the premium even with an increase of 2.7% valuations actually will go down from \$22, 692 to \$22, 526, a savings of \$166.00. NIMIR came in higher. With the General Liability coverage of \$3m/1m and our umbrella policy with \$3m/\$1m we felt that should be sufficient with the added possible liability concerns coming from the campsite.

Resolution #39 of 2019

Resolved that the Town Supervisor sign the Statement of Values and contract with the Upstate Agency for the Town's insurance needs through Select Insurance Company of South Carolina for an annual premium of \$22,526.

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

The Supervisor said that she had spoken with Dan Palmer and Jim Dougan about the possibility of the Town acquiring the logs from the J-Bar-E. They have not been listed on the auction site yet. She explained that she thought that they could be used in the upcoming Phase 3 part of the project. Those logs are native to the Frontier Town history and she would hate seeing them on auction and land who knows where. Dan Palmer said that he would support the Supervisor in bringing that to the County Board of Supervisors and Jim Dougan gave her photos of the pile and reminded her that some logs have some sort of paint or stain on them and are not natural finish.

The Supervisor said that she received the Professional Services Agreement for Post-Closure Monitoring Services at the Town Landfill for the sampling of the ground water wells.

Resolution #40 of 2019

Resolved that the Town Supervisor sign the contract with Adirondack Landfill Services LLC for the Post-Closure Monitoring Services for the testing of ground water wells at a total cost of \$2541 for 2019.

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

The Supervisor said that she attended the North Hudson Fire Department Annual Dinner held at the Café Adirondack last Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a very nice dinner with great food and good times. Part of the evenings agenda was to recognize Steve Ossenkop and his service of 50 years as a Volunteer Fireman. Steve was a fireman at the New Hackensack Fire Co. in Wappinger, NY (Dutchess County) for 26 years before moving to North Hudson. Steve has completed his 24<sup>th</sup> year with the North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department and was recognized for his service.

Resolution #41 of 2019

Resolution of Recognition

Resolved to Recognize and Thank Steve Ossenkop for his 50 years of dedicated service as a Volunteer Fireman.

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

The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, has requested to attend the New York State Town Clerks Association Conference in Syracuse on May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost for the three night stay, three breakfasts, three lunches, two dinners will be maximum of \$750 (cost can be lower if rooming with others).

Resolution #42 of 2019

Resolved that the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, be allowed to attend the New York State Town Clerks Association Conference in Syracuse May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost for three night stay, three breakfasts, three lunches and two dinners will be a maximum of \$750.

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

The Planning Board needs a Chairman. John King has been suggested and after some discussion it was decided to ask him if he would take the post.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to approve the General and Highway Fund abstracts for payment. All voted “Aye”.

General Fund	\$10,953.36
Highway Fund	\$57,718.53
Total	\$68,671.89

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

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 PM. All voted “Aye”.

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