

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019**

The Supervisor, Stephanie DeZalia, 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 Brian Caza, Will Plumstead, Jake and Tracey Parent, William and Emily Pekurney and Anthony Talarico.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to accept the July 16th Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then went over the Financial Report as of June 30, 2019 and also the contents of the Board Members' packets.

The Town received the original deed from Essex County to the Town of North Hudson for the FEMA property given by James McNaughton to the County in 2014.

Duntley Road, Ensign Pond Road and the Dump Road have been paved. We are receiving a bill from Bell & Flynn for the amount of \$41,718.75 which is about \$900.00 more than estimated originally. The Town will pay and submit for CHIPS reimbursement.

The Town is still waiting for a call from Todd Story as to where the check from the cemetery association should be deposited. As it is not revenue, it is a bit complicated. In the meantime, we have put it in the cemetery contractual A8810.4.

Resolution #70 of 2019

Resolved to deposit and increase the funds in the Cemeteries Contractual A8810.4 account in the amount of \$15,893.30. These funds will be used for maintaining the town's cemeteries.

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

Marshall Gero spoke with Jim Hughes about plotting Pepper Hollow Cemetery.

The Supervisor said that Maureen Marsden, Ronald Moore and herself attended the Common Ground Alliance Forum in July and felt it was well attended by many different groups trying to find common ground on issues in the Adirondacks.

The Supervisor continued that she also attended a High Peaks Stake Holder meeting in Keene, It was a large group coming together to try to come up with solutions to the parking and trail situations on Rte. 73. The DEC will be coming back to everyone with some things they will implement.

The Supervisor also said that she had attended meetings with ROOST for the new marketing strategies for our region. What was called the Schroon Lake Region (which includes Schroon Lake, North Hudson, Newcomb and Minerva) will now be the ADK Hub. That site will be launched in the near future.

Supervisor DeZalia said that she met with John and Margo Ernst at Elk Lake and Mike Lenhard at Yogi Bear Campgrounds.

Ms. DeZalia and Mr. Moore attended the meeting in Albany with the DEC regarding the "Tree Cutting" appeal.

The "5-Towns" Supervisors met in Long Lake to discuss a 5 – Towns challenge and the community connector trails.

On Thursday, August 8th, Ms. DeZalia and Mr. Moore along with approximately 30 others attended an Experience Workshop at DEC in Warrensburg regarding future plans for the old Frontier Town Property and the A-Frame Property.

The Supervisor said that she attended a Planning Board Meeting held on the 12th regarding a boundary line adjustment and they are having a public hearing on September 3rd and that has been advertised.

Also she attended a meeting here in the Town Hall held by the NYS Snowmobile Association. Dominic Jacangelo, Executive Directive went over the "Tree Cutting" appeal information to many local clubs, business owners and interested parties.

Ms. DeZalia said that she has attended all county meetings and phone conference meetings regarding our grant projects. We are getting close to hopefully getting the sign project under way. We are getting a couple more estimates on the pavilion. The water project is proving to be way more complicated than expected. There is talk of possible need for engineer drawing and involvement of the Department of Health. She is gathering information to provide to see if we can avoid getting an engineer.

She continued that today, August 20th, she attended a meeting with Mahamad "Mo", Carol Calabrese from IDA, an executive from National Grid at the A-Frame about some possible grant opportunities.

A "Notice to Bidders" for a new one-ton pickup was put out but no bids have been received.

Ensign pond Road is done and ditching is done. Duntley Road should be done in the next day or so. Dump Road is done.

In the board Members' packets was a letter from our Code Enforcement Officer, Jon Senecal, regarding the progress at 2941 US Rte. 9 since our meeting last month. As you will see in the letter, The CEO believes the landowner is making a noticeable effort. The Supervisor said that she also stopped by the property and Will explained he has some plans for improving the façade of the garage and future expansion plans.

You all have received a letter from the CEO, Jon Senecal, regarding the property at 2940 US Rte. 9. The CEO met with the land owner and they have agreed to mow the lawn and take care of the parking lot.

Cassandra and Jan will be holding the first Movie Night at the North Hudson Beach on Saturday, August 24th. The movie "Sing" will be playing at 7:00 PM. All are invited.

We have an estimate from Slab Hollow Chimney Sweeps for the work on the chimney at the courthouse. Their labor, materials and shipping cost comes to \$4,275.00. We are waiting for a second quote from Podmore.

Thanks to Marshall Gero and Rob Dobie for doing the checklist for review of court records.

The new computer for the Town Clerk has been ordered.

County Supervisors were encouraged to attend the RETHINK Poverty Workshop that will be held at the Boquet Valley Central School August 29th from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The Supervisor said she is registered and there is no cost for attending.

The Town has received the Early Voting schedule for the 2019 General Election. The Supervisor said that she would be posting this in the post office as well as here in our offices. This information will also be on our website.

Ms. DeZalia said she had received an update from Jim Dougan on the Gulf Brook Rd. and it looks like DEC still has about 1800 feet to go and he said based on the rate they have been going this summer that it will be another 3 weeks or so.

Essex County Soil and Water have applied for a CFA Grant and have put in a Water Quality Improvement Plan application for North Hudson and Moriah.

The Tax auction has been moved to September 25th and the last day to redeem property is September 11th. The searches have been done on the 2018 properties and the foreclosure process has begun. They are hoping to keep it caught up so the auctions are only a year behind.

Ms. DeZalia said the Town received a quote from Suitebriar for our 10 email addresses for the term 07/10/2019 to 07/10/2020. The price has gone up from \$10.00 per month to \$12.00 per month. The yearly total is \$1200.00.

Resolution #71 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor sign a contract with Suitebriar Inc. for the use of 10 Google email addresses for the term of 07/10/2019 to 07/10/2020 for the amount of \$1200.00.

So moved by Ronald Moore and second by Maureen Marsden. On roll call vote: 5 – Ayes; 0 – Noes; 0 – Absentees.

The Supervisor received a letter and Actuarial Valuation Summary from Hometown Benefit Inc. for the North Hudson volunteer Fire Department Defined Benefit Service Award Plan for the year 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019. The actuarial recommended contribution is \$19,231.00.

The Supervisor continued that the board will have to look at this at Budget Time as we have previously budgeted \$10,000.00 and this year was around \$15,000.00 as a payment had not been received for 2018.

The carpets were cleaned on August 2nd and the Supervisor said the cleaners did a great job and the carpets look much better than expected.

Budget request forms have been given out to all departments.

Anthony Talarico questioned if anything could be done where Route 9 and Liberty Road intersect. He said the way it is now it is difficult to merge onto Route 9. Discussion followed.

Brian Caza said they wanted to move the siren from the old fire House. He also mentioned the need to paint a helicopter pad near the Fire House. Mr. Caza continued that the Fire Department is purchasing an SUV as a fly vehicle from Denoyer Chevrolet.

Will Plumstead mentioned the work he has done at his property thus far. There is no garbage on his porch and he would like that removed from minutes. He also asked about other property complaints and the Supervisor will look into that with the Codes Officer. Will advised the Board that the rest of the items on his property will be viewed as “art”.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to approve the audited vouchers. All voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$ 15,084.15
Highway Fund	\$ 9,099.20
Total	\$ 24,183.35

The Judge's Financial Report will be ready next month.

William and Emily Pekurney questioned if anyone was having problems with their water levels as they were having low water in the well point this summer.

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Ronald Moore to adjourn the Meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk
Town of North Hudson