

TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, May 21, 2019

The Supervisor opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM.

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

The sole guest present was Willie Plumstead.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 Meeting.

Marshall Gero 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, 2019 is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 755,668.37
General Fund		\$717,503.37
Fire Dist.		\$ 38,165.00
Highway Dept.	0.10%	\$ 587,084.18
Total All Funds		\$1,342,752.55

Last month clay for the baseball field was approved for purchase. The Supervisor said that she had spoken with Jeff Cutting who is in charge of the Schroon Lake Youth Group. He said that there were fewer teams this year and that Chandler is no longer involved. Jeff gave the Supervisor the names of the coaches this year and said that he would give them her email address to let her know the dates the field will be used. After some discussion it was decided to go ahead with the clay but the repair of the concession stand would not be done for now.

Stephanie DeZalia, Maureen Marsden, Marshall Gero, Ronald Moore and Robert Dobie had a workshop with the Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley. They went over issues of salt, truck maintenance, county roads, budget and other various projects the Highway Department will be working on; one being the finishing of the Pepper Hollow Road for which Bell and Flynn said would cost \$40,000.

Resolution #49 of 2019

Resolved that the Highway Department Superintendent contract with Bell and Flynn for the completion of the lower end of Pepper Hollow Rd.

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

Previously the Board had spoken about purchasing a new pickup truck for the Highway Department and it was put into the budget. It was decided that the cost should be \$32,000. The Supervisor will check the state contracts. It is also possible the Town may have to go to bids. The Highway Superintendent will write the specs for the truck and see the price with and without a plow.

Resolution #50 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor purchase a new pickup truck for the Town Highway Department which will write up the specs and will be purchased either through the State Contracts or the Town advertise for bids. The cost should not exceed \$32,000.

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

The Supervisor stated that Endyne took water samples from the beach and their report was received by the Supervisor and sent to the Department of Health. The Supervisor said that the water tested good with an absence of ecoli and coliform.

The Highway Superintendent told the Supervisor that a lot of items put out for cleanup week are not allowed and it has been unpleasant for his workers. He suggested that we might reconsider having it next year.

Last month there was a copy of a complaint regarding property at 2941 US Rte. 9, in North Hudson. It was regarding some alleged code violations as to the Town Junk Law. Mr. Senecal, the Code Officer, has spoken to the tenants and the owners of record. He has not put a final determination in yet. In your packet you will see a letter from the Owner explaining their compliance with the complaint and they are no longer the owners of said property.

The Supervisor's clerk, Cassandra, will be attending the safety training offered by Perma at the Sagamore Hotel tomorrow, May 22.

Essex County Office for the Aging has reported and is asking for May to be recognized as "Older Americans Month". As part of Older Americans Month, NYSOFA celebrated older adults in Albany today, May 22, 2019. Older volunteers provide critical services for our communities. Volunteerism has tremendous benefits for the volunteers as well. Active volunteering promotes healthy aging by decreasing social isolation and the likelihood of depression, lowers the rate of chronic illnesses and increases life expectancy. Each county chose two older adults who have contributed back to their communities and neighbors. Lloyd Haynes and Joan Auburn were the recipients for Essex County. The Supervisor said that she would like a resolution of congratulations from our Town for Lloyd Haynes.

Resolution #51 of 2019

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson hereby Recognizes and Congratulates Lloyd Haynes as a recipient of New York State Office for the Aging Volunteers of the Year Award.

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Maureen Marsden. There was an unanimous "Aye".

Essex County Soil and Water will be holding a free Tire Collection day on June 8th at the Ticonderoga Highway Department from 8:00 AM to noon or when the trailer is full. The limit is ten tires.

Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held in North Hudson on Saturday, July 27th from 8:00 AM to noon.

The Supervisor said that Essex County is getting ready for the next tax foreclosure. It will be for the years up to 2017t they are hoping to eliminate buyers that continue to buy property and don't pay the taxes. Those still on the list have until June 7th to pay. The auction will be at the end of August. There is a foreclosure Task Force that will looking at the rules and regulations. She continued that includes those that buy for a relative and don't improve the property or pay the taxes. Also they will be looking at possibly setting minimum bids to keep some of this under control.

The County Clerk, Joseph Provoncha, informed the Board of the possible opening of a DMV office in North Elba around October of this year.

Essex County will be implementing Phase 1 of the new EMS program that will be funded by New York State shared services grant. There will be two Phases to the program. We will have a better idea of future costs after some time in the program.

Scarlett from the Sun has contacted the Supervisor about the summer edition of the North Country Living Magazine . There followed some discussion and it was decided to place the ad in the magazine.

Resolution #52 of 2019

Resolved to place another 1/4 page ad in the summer edition of the North Country Living Magazine at a cost not to exceed \$290.00.

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

Robert Gregory from Essex County IT department came and fixed our IP address for our email with Slic. He removed all the obsolete equipment from the Verizon set up and would like to neaten up the area in there. He also spoke about moving the WiFi unit out into the center of the meeting room ceiling for better reception. This will be better if we want to offer the public a Hot Spot. There are a couple of items needed . Cost of cables and equipment would be just under \$300. We can purchase them ourselves, go through the County or go through Rob Gregory.

Resolution #53 of 2019

Resolved to purchase additional equipment for our WiFi and internet system. The purchase is not to exceed \$300.

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

The Annual Summer Meeting for the Association of Towns and Villages will be held at Hotel Saranac on June 2nd and 3rd.

Resolution #54

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore and Maureen Marsden attend the Annual Summer Meeting of the Association of Towns and Villages to be held in Saranac Lake June 2nd and 3rd.

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On roll call voted: Ayes -5; Noes -0; Absentees -0.

The Supervisor said that the Town had received a request for payment of \$1900, to Hometown Benefits for the administration fee for the Service Award Program. In order to do this they are asking for the Supervisor to sign a new agreement with Empire National Bank as a Board of Trustee. Previously they only had Mr. Moore's signature. They recommend more than one trustee.

Resolution #55 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor, Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Maureen Marsden sign the agreement with Empire National Bank to be Board Trustees for the Service Award Program.

So moved by Ronald Moore and seconded by Maureen Marsden. All voted "Aye".

There was a reminder that a Memorial Day Ceremony would be held at the Town Hall at 11:00 AM on May 27th and refreshments would be served at the Firehouse following the ceremony.

The carpets in the Town Hall need to be cleaned. Mr. Gero gave the Supervisor an ad he had found for carpet cleaning and the Supervisor had received an estimate from Brush Pro in the amount of \$460.50 for steam cleaning only or \$537.25 from Brush Pro to steam clean all the carpets in the Town Hall.

Resolution #56 of 2019

Resolved for the Supervisor to contract with Brush Pro to clean the carpets at the Town Hall for an amount not to exceed \$600.

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

The Supervisor said that the Lifeguards certification was done.

There will be a Seniors' Lunch at the Firehouse on May 29th.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to approve the audited abstracts for payment. All vote "Aye".

General Fund	\$11,826.17
Highway Fund	\$ 9,536.52
Total both funds	\$ 21,362.69

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the audit of the Judge's financial report. On roll call: Ayes -5; Noes -0; Absentees -0.

Will Plumstead was given the privilege of the floor and asked if the Town planned on seal coating the Town Hall parking lot and asked if it could be done around the fire house as it is affecting the siding on the fire house by letting moisture in through the cracks in the blacktop.

The subject of a Town credit card was brought up and the fact that anytime travel and accommodations are needed, the employee must use their own personal card and then wait a month to be reimbursed. The Supervisor said that she thought it was a good idea.

Resolution #57 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor should apply for a Town credit card.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Vinkus, Town Clerk