

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

The Supervisor, Stephanie DeZalia, 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. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

Guests present were Jake and Tracey Parent, Will and Cole Plumstead, Tony Talarico and John Caza.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes of the October 15,2019 Board Meeting as amended. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Ronald Moore to accept the Minutes of the Public Hearings held on November 6,2019, as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then went over the Financial Report as of October 31, 2019.

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson	(0.10%)	\$ 551,952.86
General Fund		\$513,787.86
Fire District		\$ 38,165.00
Highway Fund Checking	(0.10%)	\$ 403,122.86
Total All Funds		\$ 955,075.72

The Supervisor said Roost Meetings continue and we have set our brand statement and logo mark and the website will be launching soon. We are beginning to build our trails on the Wayfinder App. You will start seeing our logo and promotions on the Adirondacks USA websites and advertisement.

ADK Hub is comprised of North Hudson, Newcomb, Minerva, Schroon Lake and the Upper Hudson Recreation Hub.

On October 18th the Supervisor attended the 5th Annual Local Government Innovation Conference. Essex County received the Secretary's Choice Award for being a government that continues to pursue new ideas and implement significant projects, in terms of size, scope and savings. Essex County is one of the most progressive counties in the state in terms of their commitment to re-think the delivery of public services. The county has

developed an “entrepreneurial” approach to shared services and consolidation leveraging county departments capacity to support eighteen towns and two villages. Some of these significant functions recognized are the moving forward on the county wide management of emergency services, county level information technology partnerships and county/town level planning and management of environmental infrastructure with annual financial benefits from these partnership restructurings will exceed \$7 million annually. Essex County clearly leverages their limited resources for the regional benefit.

Rob Wick was a panelist on the “Do What We Did” and “Best of the Rest” Session. Anna Reynolds was a panelist on the session on “Water and Wastewater Infrastructure” and the “Best of the Rest” and Hannah Jacques was also a panelist on “Water and Wastewater Infrastructure”. They all received the award on behalf of Essex County.

The Board held the budget workshop on October 29th and met with Tish from Burnham to go over health insurance options.

On October 31st and November 1st our town along with much of Essex County was hit with another catastrophic storm event consisting of heavy rains and damaging winds. This led to widespread flooding and power outages. A local state of emergency was issued by the Supervisor and the county issued the same countywide. The Supervisor along with the highway crew, our fire department, DPW, NYS forest rangers, National Grid and Emergency Services worked together throughout the weekend to evacuate, restore and repair roadways. The Supervisor continued that she put in the Board Members’ packets a preliminary report for emergency services to submit to the State for application for FEMA. She said that they would know more by the end of the week.

Elections were held on November 5th and congratulations go to Maureen Marsden, Brian Caza, Martha King, Kevin Duntley, Michael Marsden and John Wilson.

Public Hearings were held on November 6th for the override of the tax cap and budget as well as a special meeting to open the bid for the pickup truck.

The Supervisor met with James Buono from Potentia Management Group on November 14th. He is working with NYSERDA and National Grid for LED conversion. She said that she was waiting for his proposal and cost

savings. He indicated that there are grants right now that could cover the full cost.

The Supervisor gave a reminder that there was an open enrollment meeting this Thursday, November 21st for health insurance.

The Supervisor then said that she needed a resolution adopting Local Law #2 of 2019.

Resolution #83 of 2019

Resolved to adopt proposed Local Law #2 of 2019 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in GML 3-C".

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

The Supervisor she also needed a resolution to adopt the 2020 Annual budget.

Resolution #84 of 2019

Resolved to adopt the 2020 Annual budget for the town of North Hudson.

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

The Highway Department has gotten their new truck. They are waiting for the title to register it. The Supervisor asked Kevin Duntley, the Highway Superintendent about the decals for the door but has not gotten a response yet.

Jon Senecal, the Building and Codes Officer, reported that he had spoken to and sent the file to John Silvestri pertaining to the property complaint spoken about at last month's meeting. He was going to follow up with the owners of the property at 4035 Blue Ridge Road pertaining to the open complaint on their property. He has been very busy with final inspections of the Brewery, the new home going in at Underwood and various other building permits.

Cassandra and Jen held the Halloween party on October 26th and a Thanksgiving movie on November 16th. There were 9 children that attended the Halloween party and 4 children for the movie. They are planning the tree lighting and Christmas Party for December 7th at 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM respectively.

Cassandra has reported that we have accumulated 22,138 Quill points and we are going to renew our membership with 6,999 of those points and get a new Shark Vacuum with 15,000 of them. The points can be used for

certain electronic equipment and office related equipment – vacuums, Kurigs, tables, Apple TV etc. Therefore we are going to take advantage of this benefit when points build up.

There were no reports from the Courts or the Town Clerk.

The County tentative budget hearing is set for Monday, November 25th at 9:30 AM.

The County Board resolved to accept the Rules and Regulations for the Essex County Coroners and the Coroners Local Law will take effect January 1st, 2020.

A County Storm event preliminary report from the Essex County Department of Public Works is in the Board Members' packets.

The Supervisor said that she would like to set the date for the End Year Meeting, the Swearing in of elected officials and the Organizational Meeting.

Being that there was an amendment to Town Law 123 eliminating the necessity for a town board to convene between December 28th and 31st of each year for the purpose of annual accounting by town officers and employees who receive or disburse monies. Instead, such officers must so account on or before January 20th. And with that the annual organizational of the Town Board should be held as soon as possible after the new year begins and there is a need to swear in the newly elected Supervisor, Town Clerk and Board Member to conduct such meetings. The supervisor proposed having one meeting at the beginning of January to do our year end accounting, swearing in of elected officials and Organizational Meeting on the same day. She continued that she thought it could be Thursday, January 2, at 10:00 AM.

Resolution #85 of 2019

Resolved to hold the End Year accounting, the swearing in of elected officials and the Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

So move by Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden. All voted "Aye".

The Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages Membership Meeting will be held on December 1st and 2nd at the Courtyard Marriott Lake George. Registration both days will be \$80.00. Prepaid Sunday only is \$47.00 and Monday only is \$33.00 for both breakfast and lunch and \$18.00 for lunch only. Room reservations are \$99.00 for the night.

Resolution #86 of 2019

Resolved to allow the Supervisor and board member to attend the Annual Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages Membership Meeting to be held December 1st and 2nd 2019, in Lake George.

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

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Ronald Moore to approve the abstracts for General and Highway. All voted “Aye”.

General Fund	\$12,877.01
Highway Fund	\$ 59,619.71
Total	\$ 72,496.72

The Judge’s financial report for August and September were audited by Robert Dobie and Marshall Gero as well as the October report. All voted “Aye” to accept.

Brian Caza spoke about the Fire Department and the Town Board. He said that the Department had 282 man hours. He also said that on December 14th a CPR and first aid class would be given. As for the Helipad paint can be donated for marking the Black top landing zone.

At 6:45 PM Maureen Marsden moved and was seconded by Marshal Gero for the Board to go into Executive Session for personnel. All voted Aye.

At 6:59 PM Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Ronald Moore for the Board to come out of Executive Session. All voted “Aye”. No decision was made.

Maureen Marsden moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to adjourn at 7:00 PM. All voted “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted.

Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

Town of North Hudson