

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDDSON  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

Guests present were Will Plumstead, John Caza, Tracey and Jake Parent, Brian Caza, Terry and Debbie DeZalia, Mr. Talarico and Tim Rowland, a reporter for the Sun Community News.

One bid was received on October 15, 2019, from DeNoyer Chevrolet, opened at the Meeting and after discussion it was decided for the Highway Committee to meet with the Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntly, to discuss the offer.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the September 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

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

The Supervisor said that she had been working on the 2020 budget and would like to have a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to make revisions for the Preliminary Budget. She would then advertise a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM when we would make final revisions. Then we would do a resolution to override the tax cap and approve the budget on November 19<sup>th</sup> (it must be adopted by November 20<sup>th</sup>).

The Supervisor said that she attended a webinar on the tax cap form and requirements and the form must be filed with the State Comptroller before the budget is adopted.

Resolution #78 of 2019

Resolved to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM, to review the proposed Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit for 2020.

So moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted "Aye".

Resolution #79 of 2019

Resolved to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 PM to review the 2020 Preliminary Budget.

So moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor said that she met with Tish Bismeyer and went over the Health Insurance options. She said that she is preparing a few things for us and will be sending a revised packet and would be willing to meet with employees on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Supervisor said that she was going to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Innovation Conference to be held in Albany, Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Conference is peers giving innovative ideas as to ways to save money.

Kevin Duntley, the Highway Superintendent, and the Supervisor attended the Regional Salt Summit in Lake Placid on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was an eye opener for both in many ways. While our Town is not able to implement many we should work on a plan to start implementing some of the best practices.

On Monday evening, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the gate to the transfer station was vandalized. It has been reported to the State Police and they are investigating. The cost to replace everything will be just under \$1,000.

In your packet you will find a copy of the letter from the CEO to the homeowner at 2941 US Rte. 9. The CEO gave the homeowner until October 11<sup>th</sup> to reply.

You will also find a letter from the CEO dated October 11<sup>th</sup> to the Board citing the final violations.

Also you will find an email he received from "The Citizens of North Hudson regarding this complaint.

After discussion it was decided to turn the matter over to John Silvestri, the Attorney for the Town.

Also in the packet is the CEO's report on a complaint on 4035 Blue Ridge Road.

All Town employees have received the Sexual Harassment Training from Cassandra and the report was sent to the Department of Labor,

Work on the courthouse chimney will begin on October 24<sup>th</sup>; earlier if time allows.

The Town Clerk's new computer has been installed and all is going well with it. The County held their tax sale on September 25<sup>th</sup> in Ticonderoga and the net gain was \$96,218.22. This was good compared to previous tax sales where very little if not a loss was taken. Some of this could be due to the new Tax Auction Rule Task Force and some new regulations they set.

ACAP is sponsoring their Holidays for Sharing Program again this year. If anyone would like to participate there will be applications on the back table and at the post office.

We have received from Essex County Treasurer the 2020 Self Insurance Plan Contribution Chargeback amount of \$4,681.07. We need to decide to either chargeback the amount on the 2020 town tax roll as in the past or pay the amount.

Resolution #80 of 2019

Resolved to chargeback the amount of the 2020 Self Insurance Plan Contribution on the 2020 town tax roll.

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

The Supervisor said that she would like to suggest that the town advertise in the Visit Adirondacks Hiking, Fishing & Paddling Guide for 2020. This was brought up last year by Mr. Moore and it was decided to hold off until this year when the campground and Boreas were open. The deadline to hold space is November 1<sup>st</sup> Cassandra and the Supervisor will start working on the ad design and send it to the Board for approval ahead of submission. If the additional 2% occupancy tax is approved by the State and County then we will have additional revenues next year for marketing, advertising and tourism.

Resolution #81 of 2019

Resolved that the Town advertise in the Visit Adirondacks Hiking, Fishing and Paddling Guide for 2020.

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

Maureen Marsden moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to pay the audited vouchers. All voted “Aye”.

General Fund	\$ 12,301.30
Highway Fund	\$ 19,061.53
Total of Both Funds	\$ 31,362.83

The audit of the Judge’s Financial Report was deferred to November.

The Supervisor then opened the Privilege of the Floor.

Brian Caza spoke about the firehouse.

Tracey parent asked about the helicopter pad for Life Flight.

Will Plumstead spoke and he felt that he was being held to a different standard than others in the Town and that the CEO should work longer hours so

he could see others in the Town violating Town laws. This led to some heated exchange between Mr. Plumstead and Terry and Debbie DeZalia.

Maureen Marsden moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:25 for the purpose of personnel matter and a separate possible litigation.

Maureen Marsden moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 PM. All voted "Aye".

At 7:52 the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk