

TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 19, 2020
6 P.M.

In attendance Supervisor DeZalia
Town Council Deputy Marshall Gero, Maureen Marsden, Robert Dobie, Brian Caza and Town Clerk Martha King.
Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 5:55pm and led in the Salute to the Flag.
Approval of the minutes of the April 21,2020 meeting as amended.
So moved Maureen Marsden seconded by Robert Dobie.
All-in favor: Ayes-5-Noes-0

Supervisors Financial Report:

Town of North Hudson
Supervisors Financial Report
As of April 30, 2020

Checking Accounts		
Town of North Hudson Checking	(0.10%)	\$ 660,966.30
General Fund	\$ 627,996.30	
Fire Dist.	\$ 32,970.00	
Highway Fund Checking	(0.10)	\$ 557,071.12
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ 1,218,037.42

Old Business

A. As discussed at last month's meeting, Supervisor DeZalia contacted the **GFNB** and the town now has a Debit card for the general account. No cash can be withdrawn with it. It will only be used for town purchases that require a credit card for payments such as parts that need to be ordered direct, hotel reservations etc. As per credit card policy it must be kept in Supervisors possession. It will be kept locked up in secure location.

B.

At the April meeting it was discussed instead of having Town cleanup day and having residents bring their stuff to the transfer station. Supervisor DeZalia was contacted by many residents about their lack of ability to transport items to the transfer station and the concern of a large gathering of people could end up at the transfer station at the same time. It was decided to postpone clean up until further notice.

Discussion also on discontinuing this service in the future.

C.

Supervisor DeZalia received an email from Adams Glass in Plattsburg on the repair of the front door. She is waiting on a price and they are hoping to be able to repair it in one trip.

It was suggested that estimates also be received from other companies, suggestions were Jims Glass and Adirondack Glass in Glens Falls.

D.

Supervisor DeZalia contacted Christina the lifeguard and explained the delay in opening the beach and also the fact there would be additional rules and regulations once the beach is opened. Supervisor DeZalia stated she has been on regular ZOOM meetings as well as conference calls to get all the updates on the opening regulations.

She has also been on multiple ZOOM calls and meetings with ROOST formulating the plans moving forward to welcome visitor's back. Conference calls with ESD and DEC regarding opening of Public campgrounds and other pending projects and the plan moving forward.

Almost an entire day was spent just on the reopening guidelines for private campgrounds. As of right now they are open only for seasonal long term self-contained units. Any public area such as the pools, pavilion, and the store will not be open to campers. If a camper would like something from the store the owners will get it for the camper and bring it outside for them to purchase. Yogi had to provide a plan and present it to Public Health and have it approved to open. Blue Ridge is all self-contained sites. They will not be opening their pools.

There are strict rules and guidelines for reopening any public restrooms. One such rule being they must be cleaned and disinfected 4 times daily.

Some decisions must be made pertaining to the beach restrooms.

The Town Facebook page will have updates and information on webinars and other pertinent information as it comes in.

Highway

Highway Superintendent Duntley has the spread sheets as required from FEMA

For the Halloween Storm. He has been working on breaking down the numbers and getting the information to the Supervisors Clerk Cassandra D'Agostino.

Still more work to do on this.

The highway crew has been working on the cleanup of the Town beach and park, storm cleanup is still taking place.

Water testing has been ordered for early June so as to be ready for when beach can be opened date to be determined. People have to maintain social distance at beach.

Superintendent Duntley will be taking surplus loader and pick up for scrap in the next week or two probably to Moore's.

Kenny will be blacktopping with Town of Schroon Thursday, Friday and the following Tuesday. (5/21, 5/22 & 5/26).

Kevin and Jake will be mowing.

Superintendent Duntley has requested to rent a mini excavator from Bobcat for \$2675.00 (same as last year). He has spoken to the County and they have some work they want him to do on Johnson Pond road such as ditching and culvert work. He still has debris clean up on Duntley Road, Elk Lake Road and Pepper Hollow Road that can be submitted to FEMA. Between the County and FEMA reimbursement it should pay for cost of renting Bobcat.

Transfer Station:

Cameras are installed at present.

Gate arms have been ordered directly from Mighty Mule as they no longer could be purchased from Tractor Supply.

On Monday 5/18 at the County, it was decided the county would start taking recyclables again. It was stated that each town could look at their circumstances and put a safe plan in place.

Supervisor DeZalia spoke with Tony and he said that a lot of cardboard is going in the dumpster as people were not holding on to it. This is costing the town more so at this time the transfer station will start to take the recycling. It must be sorted and clean. Only Tony will be able to handle it. No person other than Tony is to be in the recycling trailer.

Supervisor DeZalia explained that the enclosed trailer is where transmission could happen if multiple people were allowed in the confined space of the trailer.

Supervisor DeZalia noted a gentleman from Keene has been cleaning up items from Deadwater Pond. He is willing to pick it up and bring it to the dump.

Codes Enforcement:

Supervisor DeZalia sent an email correspondence to Mr. Plumstead on April 28th, regarding the June 7th completion date for the necessary fixes as required by municipal code. As of meeting date (5/19/2020) there has been no reply to the correspondence.

Supervisors Clerk:

The desk ordered for Cassandra's office is in and just needs to be assembled now. As noted on the voucher, the desk price is less than was anticipated.

In light of the Counties decision on Youth day camps, Supervisor DeZalia has requested all the Youth program events be put on hold until further notice.

Court:

Councilman Dobie and Councilman Gero completed the Judges Audit.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk was reminded that Mr. Anthony Talarico, Sr. still needs to be sworn in yet as he was appointed to the BAR. (Board of Assessment Review) Supervisor DeZalia will let clerk know length of his term.

B. County Reports:

1. Summer Youth Programs

The County voted to discontinue all Summer Youth camp programs for the summer of 2020. The towns can decide on their own how they want to handle their town run programs for this year.

2. There was discussion on whether to cancel the Essex County Fair for this year and it was resolved to discontinue all programs at the fairgrounds until further notice pending State recommendations of large gatherings. As of right now the fair has not been canceled.
3. The County recycling program will resume.
4. The County has developed a reopening plan and a copy of it was placed in town board packets. We will be following these guidelines and where necessary for our particular needs make amendments.

C. Rec. Park and Beach Security

Supervisor DeZalia received a call from Tracee Parent regarding her and Jake being named gate keeper and security Officers of the beach. As of right now the beach cannot be open. Supervisor DeZalia has adjusted the contract to cover the current conditions:

Resolution #40-2020

Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Recreational Park and Beach Security Agreement in the amount of \$850.00 for the calendar year 2020.

The payment to be made in two installments of \$425.00 each; the first installment to be made in June 2020 when the duties resume and the last installment to be made in October 2020, or at such time the Beach is deemed closed.

So moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Marshall Gero.

Roll call vote Ayes -5, Noes-0

Discussion of ATV's or UTV's and livestock on the beach and in park.

Discussion of putting up signs prohibiting such to be placed at beach and the town park.

D. Website

Supervisor DeZalia has a list of updates needed for the town website and will be working on them in near future. Still needed are pictures of Councilman Caza, and Town Clerk Candy King. If anyone else present would like theirs updated it can be done as well.

7. Approve abstracts for General and Highway Funds

Motion to approve abstracts for General and Highway Funds by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie

Roll call Ayes-5, Noes-0

8. Audit of Judges Financial Report

Motion to approve Brian Caza and seconded by Robert Dobie.

Roll call vote Ayes- 5 opposed 0

Resolution #41-20200

Resolution authorizing Highway Superintendent Duntley to rent one mini excavator for the rate of \$2675 for one month

for the purpose of Halloween storm cleanup and ditching on Johnson Pond Road and culverting.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero.

Roll call vote Ayes -5, Noes -0.

9. Privilege of the floor

Discussion on getting an estimate of Gas Buddy set up. Supervisor DeZalia will contact them and set up an appointment

Discussion on Camera's positioning.

Supervisor DeZalia reminded Town council that the county revenue is not going to be what was anticipated therefore we need to watch carefully all spending.

Was suggested for Town Superintendent and Town Council review fuel log book every couple of months.

No Memorial Day Ceremony at the Town Hall this year due to the distancing regulations.

10. Executive Session

Move to go into brief executive session for personnel 6:47pm

So moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Robert Dobie.

Motion to return from executive session at 6:50pm.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded it by Maureen Marsden.

Roll call vote Ayes-5, Noes-0

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. King

Town Clerk