

Town of North Hudson
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday August 18, 2020
6 p.m.

Present were Superviaor DeZalia, Supervisors Deputy Marshall Gero, Maureen Marsden, Robert Dobie, Brian Caza, and Town Clerk Martha M. (Candy) King.

Also present were guests Tracee and Jake Parent and William Plumstead.

Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. and led in the Salute to the flag.

Approval of minutes from the July 21, 2020 minutes as amended.

So moved Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden.

All in favor: Ayes- 5, Noes-0

Supervisors Financial Report

As of July 31,2020

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	(0.10%)	\$ 536,193.34
General Fund		\$ 503,223.34
Fire Dist.		\$ 32,970.00

Highway Fund Checking	(0.10%)	\$ 511,517.82
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ 1,047,721.16
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Old Business

Life Insurance was discussed for Town employees. At this point for a policy similar to that of Essex county. It would be estimated at approximately \$400.00 a month because we have only 9 full time employees and the threshold for good rates like the county was offered was 10 employees, Tish also quoted prices for other basic plans being the \$10,000 and \$ 25,000 policies being more reasonably priced. We did not budget for this for this year so it would be something the board would have to discuss during the budget process, as the lowest \$10k would help with cost of funeral expenses. Per Tish, we also should expect an estimated 6% Health insurance increase for the 2021 year.

Supervisor DeZalia received an email about an open FEMA file from the March 2017 winter storm Stella started by former Supervisor Moore and the final documentation needed to still be

completed in order to close out the case. Supervisor DeZalia changed the point of contact to her name, reviewed all the reports, completed all paperwork and submitted all the reports and forms. She is now waiting to see if it is accepted. It will be approximately \$ 3,000.00 in reimbursement funds. FEMA has denied payment for work done during this storm for maintenance of the County roads during this storm. It cost the town about \$ 11,000.00 to maintain the 20 miles of county roads for those two days. Supervisor DeZalia is waiting to see if there will be any reimbursement for this work.

Beach Department of Health Inspection took place unannounced. Supervisor DeZalia met with the two inspectors at the beach for about an hour. We were supposed to be notified when they were to return but we were not. The inspector still found issue with one sign not saying exactly what he requested, but said what we currently have will be fine for the remainder of the year. More "Wear Face" signs needed to be posted. Emmett had to replace the well cap due to a crack in a piece of it. New signs need to be replaced in well house for next year as well. Other signs were made and are now in place.

All dogs must be leashed and be with you at all times.

No ATV's or livestock on beach area.

Private Property- No entry beyond this point. We still need to come with a plan to replace the fence there.

The Town received the Engineering report for Courthouse front porch by Joseph Moryl, P.E. He believes it should be able to be done under \$5,000. Marshall will secure 3 estimates this week from contractors for this project.

New Business

Placed in the board packets are the Supervisor's financial report, Vendor payments, Revenue Summary, Expenditures Summary, the monthly Justice Report, Town Clerks monthly report, the Town's monthly reconciliation's as well as a number of informational sheets.

DEPARTMENTAL reports

Supervisor-

Supervisor DeZalia reported that County meetings have resumed with reduced capacity and all are seated at distanced desks.

Supervisor DeZalia has been working on behalf of some residents to obtain SLIC services when their customer service department has given them misinformation about their eligibility for this service. Residents are encouraged to let Supervisor DeZalia know if they are having a problem.

Highway –work on the 03 has been done-voucher for parts only. Need labor to be approved. Another issue was found when doing this on sway bars and beam assembly.

This truck does need to be serviceable by winter.

With all the work to maintain trucks it may be better to put mechanic on payroll. Will discuss and consider further at budget time.

Resolution# 53 -2020

Be it resolved to authorize Chris Clark to complete all needed repairs of the sway bar on the 03 Tandem and pay Clarks Trucking Center in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero.

Roll call vote Ayes-5, Noes-0

Transfer Station-no reports

Code Dept.-no reports.

It was noted by Supervisor DeZalia that he is very busy and in high demand. People are here on Thursday lined up waiting for Mr. Senecal. We may possibly need him for more hours in the future.

Supervisors Clerk- no report

Court Revenue starting to increase as court is opening back up again.

NYS Retirement System has asked Judge Duntley to do her ROA (record of activities) again as what was submitted was not what they needed.

Town Clerk- Town Clerk Candy King has continued working on the Cemeteries.

Assessors-no report

COUNTY REPORTS - EC Soil and Water will be doing Hydro seeding

If any areas in North Hudson need this done they will do it for us, or if we need we can use the equipment and they will provide material. Please let Supervisor DeZalia know.

Farm tire Drive in Sept (DTB)at Westport Fairgrounds.

3.Dan Manning is still looking further into the contract with the SPCA regarding our Dept. Of Ags. report and we are waiting on information from SPCA and what it will entail as on Dangerous Dogs as we are not equipped to deal with them. This effects 14 out of the 18 towns in Essex County

4.Hazardous Waste Day –Lewis Station Only Labor Day Sept 5 from 8am-1pm only. There will only be one location as the County is still waiting on the State to pay them for last 3 years of doing it.

5. Treasure Report

The following numbers are from March 1 - May 31 2020

SALES TAX

ESSEX COUNTY

Traveler Accommodations	DOWN 67.6%
Clothing Stores	DOWN 54.5%
Restaurants	DOWN 52.3%
Pulp, Paper Mills	DOWN 35.7%
Auto Mobile Dealers	DOWN 29.1%
Other Motor Vehicle Dealers	DOWN 22.3%
Information Services (web hosting, online searches & processing internet transactions)	UP 938%
Electronic Shopping& Mail Order Houses	UP 132%
Health and Personal Care Stores	UP 30%
General Merchandise Stores & Super Centers	UP 12.8%
Building Materials and Supplies Stores	UP 12.8%

STATE WIDE

Traveler Accommodations	DOWN 84.9%
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Clothing Stores	DOWN 71.9%
Restaurants	DOWN 57.8%
Automobile Dealers	DOWN 43.7%
Electronic Shopping	UP 132.5%
Other Information Services	UP 84.8%
Beer, Wine, & Liquor Stores	UP 25.8%

C. Supervisor DeZalia received notice from Christine Lashway, our lifeguard, that her last will be Friday the 28th. Supervisor DeZalia wishes her all the best from the Town Board and the Town of North Hudson as she heads back to college. It is very possible we may be looking for a new lifeguard next summer.

D. The State has started the repairs on the Gulf Brook Rd. going up to Boreas Pond. This too was damaged in the Halloween storm of 2019. One of the areas hit hardest had a culvert and it is being replaced with a bridge. Hopefully they will be done by end of August or September.

9. Motion to approve abstracts for General and Highway funds.

So moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Marshall Gero.

All in favor Ayes-5, Noes-0

10. Audit Judges financial report

So moved Maureen Marsden and seconded by Robert Dobie.

All in favor. Ayes -5, Noes-0

Privilege of the Floor:

Tracee and Jake Parent addressed the board with their concerns about some paper lanterns that were lit "in memory of" and floated in the air and landed on their roof and in the ball field. Concern of fire with dry conditions and personal safety using these lanterns. Seven of them were found.

Also noted was the beach was packed. Supervisor DeZalia will be going to check log at beach as a witness stated they were from Massachusetts and investigate this. It is not to be taken lightly The Ballfield is closed but has been continued to be used.

Unfortunately, there have been large groups down in park.

Brian Caza complained about the large groups, perhaps families moving the picnic tables all together under the trees at the picnic area. Tables need to be kept at a 6' distance.

Mr. Plumstead questioned the town putting up no littering signs with a fine listed.

Mr. Plumstead also inquired about there not being stop signs at top of hill by Paradox Brewery. Concerns of possibility of accidents.

Brian Caza questioned if the person the town hired for the web page is doing anything as he hasn't seen any changes stating handicap accessible.

Brian Caza question ownership of property on either side of beach gates.

At budgeting time extending gate will be discussed.

At 6:45pm Supervisor DeZalia moved to go into Executive session for personal and legal issues.

So moved Maureen Marsden seconded by Marshall Gero.

Motion to come out of Executive session at 7:50 pm.

So move Maureen Marsden and seconded it by Marshall Gero

All in favor Ayes- 5, Noes-0
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Martha M. King
Town Clerk