

Town of North Hudson
Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday January 19, 2021
6 p.m.

Present were Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia, Councilman Marshall Gero, Councilman Robert Dobie, Councilwoman Maureen Marsden. Councilman Brian Caza was absent.

Due to COVID the meeting was closed to the public. No Public in attendance

Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and led in the salute to the Flag.

Approval of December 15, 2020 meeting minutes as amended.

So moved by Maureen Marsden Second Marshall Gero

All in favor. Ayes 4 Noes 0

Approval of January 5, 2021 Organizational meeting minutes as amend.

Moved by Robert Dobie Seconded Marshall Gero

All in favor Ayes-4 Noes 0

Supervisors Financial Report

As of December 31,2020

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 421,519.15
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General Fund		\$ 388,549.15
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Fire District		\$ 32,970.00
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Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$495,189.15
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Total All Funds		\$ 916,708.30
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Old Business

Supervisor DeZalia reminded the Board that anyone who is up for reelection or interested in running for an elected position must adhere to the 2021 Political Calendar. She reminded the Board of the new Petition guidelines that went into place in 2019. Petition signatures are collected earlier than before.

Supervisor DeZalia reminded the Highway Committee of the need to set up the workshop/meeting to be set up with the Highway Superintendent and the County.

She is waiting on clarification from the County Attorney on whether this is a workshop or an open meeting. This workshop can be set up when clarification is received on how many Board members may attend.

New Business

Departmental Reports

Supervisor

Supervisor DeZalia told the Board she has been on numerous virtual meetings with County Public Health and various committee meetings. She receives weekly updates on COVID and the vaccine distribution. The Board was informed the State is not getting the predicted allocation of vaccine therefore Essex

County isn't getting them either. ECPH had requested 300 doses and only was approved for 100 by the State. ECPH has been tasked with a distribution plan and if this trend continues it will make it very difficult to proceed with it as planned. Originally the plan was a certain number of dose 1 and 2 but as of this meeting it doesn't appear that the North Country is going to receive the doses expected. The Vaccination site that was held in Plattsburgh the weekend of January 16th brought people in from Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties as well.

Supervisor DeZalia is encouraging all residents to sign up using the "Am I Eligible" website and get on the list. Residents are encouraged to contact her if they need assistance in setting up appointments on the portal.

It was also noted That Adirondack Apothecary Pharmacies in Moriah and Schroon Lake will be giving the vaccine as well, but all vaccine registrations have to take place on the NYS Am I Eligible website.

Highway Department

Supervisor DeZalia informed the Board that Bell & Flynn won't be doing any work in N.Y. this year. All North Hudson's paving estimates had come from them. Highway Superintendent Duntley, will need to get new quotes for all the towns paving jobs. A new estimate will need to be submitted to FEMA on Pepper Hollow after receiving the new estimate.

Supervisors Clerk

Cassandra D'Agostino is willing to do the Youth program this year. It is hoped this year they will be able to conduct some activities. Due to COVID restrictions most of the 2020 Youth Commission events were cancelled. Anyone wishing to help out should contact Cassandra.

Resolution #30 of 2021

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson do hereby appoint Cassandra D'Agostino as Youth Commission Chairperson and Jan Talarico as her alternate for the 2021 calendar year for the purposes of planning youth events and attending the Essex County Youth Bureau meetings.

Moved by Maureen Marsden and Seconded by Robert Dobie

Roll Call: Gero-Aye, DeZalia-Aye, Dobie-Aye, Marsden-Aye Absent: Mr. Caza

Courts

Supervisor DeZalia received the Annual Review of the Justice Court Records from the Justice Courts Finance and Administration committee.

Resolution #31 of 2021

Resolved the approval and acceptance of the Annual Review of the Town of North Hudson Justice Court records for the calendar year 2020.

Be it resolved that this resolution is brought before the Town Board by the Court Committee, and be it resolved that the Annual review of said records has been completed, and they are hereby, accepted and approved.

Moved Maureen Marsden and seconded Robert Dobie

Roll Call: Gero-Aye, DeZalia-Aye, Dobie-Aye, Marsden-Aye Absent: Mr. Caza

Town Clerk

The town Clerk has received the inventory lists for the Supervisor, Town Clerk/Collector, Assessors, Court and Highway Department.

County Reports

1. The county Manager put before committee a Resolution authorizing the establishment of a COVID Leave Time Policy. It passed committee and will go before the full Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor DeZalia explained that if a person who isn't feeling well comes to work rather than staying home can easily wipe out an entire department. It also will cover employees who are under quarantine orders and test negative. She will distribute this policy for the Board to review and noted this is something the Board may want to consider adopting.

2. 2020 OTB revenue was down about \$8 (eight thousand) and the county printing department was down approximately \$9,000 (nine thousand) in 2020.

3. The county has 3 vacancies currently on the Ethics Committee and has received 7 applications. The Board of Supervisors resolved to put forth 3 of the applicants before the full Board for appointment to the committee.

4. The Bouquet Valley School District is looking at a parcel of County land located in Lewis for a location of a centralized school to be built. The County will be looking at the existing school in Elizabethtown for possible use for the various County agencies that are located off site.

Steve McNally is the new Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (AATV) president, taking over for Matt Simpson who has moved on to the Assembly.

Mark Carpenter, formerly of Upstate Agency has offered up his services to provide the Town a quote for insurances. Supervisor and the Board were in agreement to get a quote from both agencies. She noted the existing policy will be up for renewal in March.

Approval of General and Highway Funds

Motion to approve Abstracts for General and Highway Funds.

Moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Robert Dobie.

Roll Call: Mr. Gero-Aye, Mrs. DeZalia-Aye, Mr. Dobie-Aye, Mrs. Marsden-Aye Excused: Mr. Caza

Judges Financial report

This has not been audited yet and will be done at the February meeting.

Privilege of the floor:

No discussion

Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session for the purposes of Real Property acquisition and a personnel matter at 6:20

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia Seconded Maureen Marsden

All in favor Ayes-4 Noes-0

Motion to return from executive session. 6:35

Moved by Maureen Marsden Seconded Marshall Gero

All in favor. Ayes-4, Noes-0

Decisions made:

The Town Board has decided to the exclusion of 23.30 acres of Town land from the State Conservation Easement for possible future development. This will leave that land unencumbered by the easement.

Supervisor DeZalia noted that once the Town receives the final conservation easement a resolution will be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm
Respectfully submitted,
Martha M. King
Town Clerk