

**Town of North Hudson**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 19, 2021 6 pm**

Supervisor DeZalia called the Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm directly following the budget workshop.

Guest present were Brian DeZalia, Tracee and Jake Parent.

Supervisor DeZalia asked the Board to postpone the approval of meeting minutes from both the September 28<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting and the October 5<sup>th</sup> Special Board until the November meeting in order to review them.

**Old Business-**

**A.** -Bessey Property- The general release has been signed and a check for the \$ 10,000.00 has been given to Ryan and April Bessey. The Town is still waiting for the map from Mr. Deming and the original release from the attorney. The map will be filed with the County upon its arrival. The cell tower company has also requested to look at the map.

**B.-** Health Insurance- Supervisor DeZalia has had zoom meeting with Ian from Public Sector HR and still needs to provide them with some items.

**C.-** The paperwork for DOT is being worked on for the speed signs. Supervisor DeZalia also is working on the digitalized sign and proposed Main Street Revitalization Grant projects.

**Supervisors Financial Report**

As of September 31, 2021

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 671,856.42
General Fund		\$ 638,886.42
Fire District		\$ 32,970.00
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 725,001.30
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b><u>\$1,396,857.72</u></b>

**New Business-**

**A.** Department Reports-

**Supervisor-**

The tentative 2022 budget was handed in on time to the Clerk and a special meeting was held for its presentation to the Board on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board also held a workshop today at 4pm.

Supervisor DeZalia met with Tish on the Towns health insurance on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 5 Town's supervisors will be meeting with DEC regarding the tearing up of the trails and ill maintained roads on the old Finch properties in the Boreas, Santanoni and Chain Lakes areas. She also noted the Gulf Brook road still is not open from the Halloween storm 2019. The road and dam work was only beginning this fall.

**Department Reports-**

### **Highway Department-**

The 2015 Chevy pickup is ready for inspection. The '03 is at Clarks Trucking, due to be in the shop on Thursday and then the weld job on the 2012 will be done when the '03 is done.

The 2015 failed inspection again, it went back up and failed again. Then Chris Clark did the work.

Councilman Caza stated the 2012 failed inspection twice and then the frame was painted without it being welded and it passed inspection. The truck is now inspected, on the road, but frame still has still not been welded to date. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the fact at the September meeting the Board agreed to have it welded and to have someone come in and go over each vehicle and provide them with a list on what needed to be repaired on all the vehicles prior having any more work done. Eric Teriele was contacted as discussed to come to the Highway Garage for this purpose however Superintendent Foster informed him that he already had taken a truck to Clarks Trucking for repairs.

In this transition period with this Highway Superintendent should be discussing these things with the Highway Committee before proceeding. Reminding them that safety is prime concern. Supervisor DeZalia stated these things need to be discussed at a highway department meeting. The Board does not control this department only the budget for it. and policy needs to be set.

While the '03 as at Clarks Trucking for the EGR additional problems were found that needed repair.

### **Resolution # 92 - 2021**

Resolution approving the additional \$2,215.48 due to Clark Trucking for the repairs done to the 2003 Tandem.

Motion by Councilman Gero second Councilman Dobie

Discussion: It was questioned why the original estimate did not include these items.

Roll Call:

Councilman Caza – Aye

Councilman Gero – Aye

Councilman Dobie – Aye

Councilwoman Marsden – Aye

Supervisor DeZalia – Aye

### **Truck Bids**

The Town Clerk stated that only bid that had been submitted to her.

The bid was opened and it is from Allegiance Trucks (formerly Clark's Trucking) in the amount of \$ 160,406.71 on a 2022 International HV507.

Discussion took place on the direction the Board would like to take. Councilman Caza said he would like to wait until more information is received on a used Tandem with 32,000 miles for about \$51,000 including plow and accessories. the Board had just been made aware of. It was noted that Councilman Dobie distributed the information from a dealership near Buffalo New York to the Board just prior to the meeting. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the Towns need for a tandem vs a single axle and also on whether this was a possible direction they may to consider. This truck could replace one of the existing tandems. In light of this situation the Board has chosen not to make a decision at this meeting. The Highway Superintendent will be shown the bid and new information in the morning. He will need to review the information on this truck.

Supervisor DeZalia suggested if this was the direction the Highway Superintendent wished to proceed then Superintendent Foster and another person should go out to Buffalo and to see the vehicle and drive it. Mr. Foster will need to make a decision and a board special meeting will need to be called before proceeding.

### **County Reports**

1. CSEA contract negotiations are taking place at the County. When completed the negotiations for the Sheriff contract will begin. Supervisor DeZalia is on these committees.
2. Meetings are continuing with Community Resources regarding the arena project on the County property. Meetings are scheduled for the next week on a few proposals.
3. Essex County Recruiting and Retention task force reported the top 5 concerns for recruiting and retention. The largest area of concern was daycare and the second being affordable housing. Currently the County has 59 openings at this time.
4. Deed conveyances are up for the Town of North Hudson as well as the mortgage numbers. Supervisor DeZalia indicated the Town will be getting \$12,000 for mortgage tax.
5. The work on Tracey Road has been completed and the road has reopened.
6. The Essex County Public Health Department has reported an increase in COVID cases. There is speculation that the Holidays will be worse this year than last.

### **C. New Business**

Introduction of Proposed Local Law to override the tax cap.

### **Resolution # 93-2021**

#### **Resolution Introducing Proposed Local Law No. #1 of 2021 Entitled “A Local Law to Override**

#### **the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c”**

Be It Resolved that the Town of North Hudson Town Board hereby introduces proposed **Local Law No. #1 of 2021** entitled “A local Law to Override the Tax Levy Established in General Municipal Law §3-c,” reading and provided as follows:

#### **“Town of North Hudson Local Law No. # 1 of 2021”**

A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Be It Enacted, by the Town of North Hudson Town Board as follows:

#### **Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intention of this local law to override the limit on the real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of North Hudson pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the town of North Hudson to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

#### **Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town of North Hudson to adoption of a local law approve by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

#### **Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override- Budget Authorization**

The Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of North Hudson hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of North Hudson for 2022 and authorizes the Town of North Hudson, after completing all

required procedures for the adoption of a budget for 2022 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2022 pursuant to §3-c of the General Municipal Law.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, form, or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Be it Further Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 4th day of November, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the forenoon of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Clerk of the Town of North Hudson will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least 5 days prior to said hearing.

This resolution was so moved by Councilman Dobie seconded by Councilwoman Marsden and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call-

Councilman Caza – Aye

Councilman Gero – Aye

Councilman Dobie – Aye

Councilwoman Marsden – Aye

Supervisor DeZalia – Aye

It was noted that the legal notice for these public hearings has been published.

Supervisor DeZalia reminded the Board of the public hearing on the proposed Local Law to override the tax cap on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

The public hearing for the presentation of the 2022 Town of North Hudson Preliminary Budget is scheduled for 6:15pm on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the Budget workshop the programs from Williamson were discussed by all.

**Resolution # 94-2021**

Resolution authorizing Supervisor DeZalia to enter into contract with Williamson Law Book Company for the accounting, budgeting and payroll programs to start as soon as possible.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia second by Councilman Dobie

Roll Call-

Councilman Caza – Aye

Councilman Gero – Aye

Councilman Dobie – Aye

Councilwoman Marsden – Aye

Supervisor DeZalia – Aye

**Resolution # 95-2021**

Resolution authorizing the purchase of the CB4000 Biometric time clock system not to exceed \$1500.00 including the \$240.00 annual support fee starting immediately to be set up and be ready for use on Jan 1 ,2022.

Roll Call-

Councilman Caza – Aye

Councilman Gero – Aye

Councilman Dobie – Aye

Councilwoman Marsden – Aye

Supervisor DeZalia – Aye

**7. General and Highway Abstracts**

Motion to approve by Councilman Gero second Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call-

Councilman Caza – Aye

Councilman Gero – Aye

Councilman Dobie – Aye

Councilwoman Marsden – Aye

Supervisor DeZalia – Aye

**8. Audit of Judges Financial Report**

Motion to approve by Councilman Gero second by Supervisor DeZalia

Roll Call-

Councilman Caza – Aye

Councilman Gero – Aye

Councilman Dobie – Aye

Councilwoman Marsden – Aye

Supervisor DeZalia – Aye

**9. Privilege of the Floor**

Tracee Parent addressed the Board about the flooding problem on her property that occurs from running water from the Town property. Tracee stated it is filling her septic tank and also under her buildings. The water needs to be diverted

Supervisor DeZalia suggested that DOT needs to come and look at this situation and maybe ditch. She will contact them and hopefully a solution can be found.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Motion by Councilman Dobie second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor

Ayes -5 Noes-0

Respectfully Submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk