

**Town of North Hudson
Special Board Meeting
October 5, 2021 2pm**

Present were Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia, Councilman Marshall Gero, Councilman Robert Dobie, Councilwoman Maureen Marsden, Councilman Brian Caza & Town Clerk Martha (Candy) King

Call to Order-

Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Presentation of the 2022 Tentative Budget-

The Town Clerk present all Board members with a certified copy of the 2022 Tentative Budget.

The new budget format was explained to the Board.

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to accept the Tentative 2022 Budget.

Second by Councilman Dobie

All in favor

Ayes-5, Noes-0

Reminder of the Budget workshop set for October 19, 2021 at 4p.m.

Adjournment -

Meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia second by Councilman Dobie

All in favor

Ayes-5, Noes -0

Respectfully Submitted
Martha M. King
Town Clerk

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This special meeting followed the 2:00 meeting and was called to order at 2:15 pm for the purpose of discussion of a possible purchase of a new truck.

Present were Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia, Councilman Marshall Gero, Councilman Robert Dobie, Councilwoman Maureen Marsden, Councilman Brian Caza & Town Clerk Martha (Candy) King. Superintendent Ken Foster joined the meeting at 2:20pm

Discussion took place on the possible purchase of a new truck. There was lengthy discussion also on the pros and cons of a tandem vs a single axle truck. Revenue generating abilities would be possible with the tandem. Highway committee members discussed with Ken the need to go out to bid on a new truck.

Superintendent Foster doesn't seem to think that ordering a tandem is a good idea as it probably wouldn't be delivered until July 2023. He believes the Highway department needs a new truck now and shouldn't wait that long especially considering the condition of the present equipment. Lengthy discussion took place on the status of the highway equipment. It was brought to the Board's attention by Councilman Caza that much work was needed on the trucks. New clutches were needed in two trucks, the '03 has some serious electrical issues and the frame needed a repair on Ken's truck as well as new wiper blades, mirrors, brake lights. Councilman Caza then informed the Board that none of the Town dump trucks are inspected, stating the '98 was last inspected in 2017. He stated all the Town has that is in good shape is a loader and a pickup. He indicated that none of the uninspected vehicles could pass an inspection at this time stating even the pickup could not pass an inspection.

Councilman Caza stated now that this information has come to the attention of the Board we are obligated to do something as it is a liability to the Town.

The lack of maintenance logs on the Town trucks was discussed and the importance of maintaining proper maintenance logs on each piece of equipment was discussed at length.

The Board was in agreement that they are not in favor of spending money on a new vehicle if things are not being done and if this is what is going to continue to happen.

The pros and cons of County road contract were discussed. Councilman Dobie is not in favor of continuing this contract. The importance of the repairing of the trucks and fulfilling the contract as it is in place through March 2022 was stressed.

Councilman Dobie said he feels the Board is being forced into the purchase of this vehicle.

Superintendent Foster was asked if this new truck could do Ensign Pond Rd and this truck being used solely for the County Rds. was discussed. It was suggested by Supervisor DeZalia that the Highway Committee come up with a 5-10-year equipment plan.

Ken was asked by Councilman Dobie which vehicles were in the best shape and which one could be traded in? What will it take to put these tandems in good shape. The Board discussed all the repairs that have been done on both and was in agreement that there was no sense in continuing to spend money on a useless truck.

After much discussion it was decided that it would be best to have a noninvolved professional come to the highway garage and go through the 3 vehicles. This person will need to assess every vehicle, front to back, top to bottom and to put together a list of what needs to be done on each one.

Councilman Gero stated doesn't believe we are ready to go out to bid yet. The Board agreed they don't have to agree to buy it, but they need to put the bid out there.

Supervisor DeZalia stated we have to have a good truck to put someone in to do Blue Ridge Road.

It was decided to go to bid due to the limited availability of vehicles.

Resolution #92 of 2021

Resolution to go to bid for a new/unused 2021-2022 5-ton single axle truck with plow, screen and accessories. Specs as specified on the spec sheet available from the Town Clerk to be placed in The Sun community News once, The Press Republican for two (2) days and the Post Star for two (2) days.

Motion by Supervisor DeZalia second by Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

Councilman Caz-Aye

Councilman Gero -Aye

Supervisor DeZalia -Aye

Councilman Dobie-Aye

Councilwoman Marsden- Aye

Councilman Gero suggested the clutches should be done by whoever is going to warranty them. Ken said he was told the clutches need to be adjusted every 2-3 months. He will verify this when he speaks to Clark Trucking on Friday.

The Highway Committee will reach out to a professional to come to the Highway garage and go through the trucks as soon as possible.

This is to take place prior to any repairs inspections.

Supervisor DeZalia stated to Ken "*It is imperative to do what is needed to get them inspected* "

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor DeZalia Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in Favor

Ayes-5, Noes-0

Meeting Adjourned at 3:25pm

Respectfully Submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk