

**Town of North Hudson
Town Board Meeting
February 17, 2022
6 p.m.**

Supervisor DeZalia called the regular February 2022 Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia, Councilman Brian Caza, Councilman Larry Koller, Councilwoman Maureen Marsden, Councilman Brian DeZalia and Town Clerk Martha (Candy) King.

Guests present were Tracee and Jake Parent.

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

Approval the minutes

-Supervisor DeZalia motioned to approve the minutes of the January 20th Organizational Meeting as amended.

Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor- Ayes-5, Noes-0

-Councilwoman Marsden motioned to approve the minutes of the January 20th Regular Town Board Meeting as amended.

Second by Councilman DeZalia

All in Favor. Ayes-5, Noes-0

Supervisors Financial Report

As of January 31, 2022

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 575,526.85
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General Fund		\$ 542,556.85
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Fire District		\$ 32,970.00
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Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 749,354.22
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<u>Total All Funds</u>		<u>\$ 1,324,881.07</u>
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Old Business

A.- BAR and Planning Board

Vacancies for the Planning Board and the Board of assessment Review were advertised with some positions being filled. Brief discussion took place on the possibility of adding a few more residents to the planning board.

Resolution # 28 of 2022

Resolution appointing Anthony Talarico, Sr. to the Town of North Hudson Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2022.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia second by Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye

Resolution #29 of 2022

Resolution appointing John C. King, Sr. to the Town of North Hudson Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2023.

Moved by Councilman Caza second by Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye
Resolution # 30 of 2022

Resolution appointing John C. King, Sr. to the Town of North Hudson Board of Assessment Review with a term ending September 30, 2026.

Moved by Councilman Caza second by Councilwoman Marsden.

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye
Resolution# 31 of 2022

Resolution appointing Frank Shaw to the Town of North Hudson Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2024.

Moved by Councilman DeZalia second by Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye
Resolution # 32 of 2022

Resolution appointing Frank Shaw to the Town of North Hudson Board of Assessment Review with a term ending September 30, 2026.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden and second by councilman Koller

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye
B. March Meeting Date

Due to various conflicts on the date of the March regular Town Board meeting will be changed to Thursday March 31st.

Resolution #33 of 2022

Whereas it is hereby resolved to move the date of the March 2022 Regular Board meeting from the 17th of March to the 31st of March.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden second by Councilman DeZalia

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye
C. Annual Association of Towns Meeting

The meeting is being held virtually again this year. Supervisor DeZalia, Cassandra D'Agostiono and Town Clerk Candy King will be attending various sessions starting Monday February 21 through Wednesday February 23rd. Session are being taped and will be available for review for 30 days.

New Business

A. Dept. Reports

Supervisor- The new office furniture has arrived however an error was made on some cabinets. They are being replaced and expected to arrive by mid-March.

Supervisor DeZalia has attended several meetings on broadband. There are three large areas that could be possibly covered in North Hudson being Blue Ridge Rd to Elk Lake Rd., Pepper Hollow and Ensign Pond. Supervisor DeZalia is encouraging all residents to complete the broadband survey.

Highway Dept.- The complaints of the DEC parking lots posted on social media sites were discussed. There are a total of 6 DEC parking lots to various trails that are currently not being plowed as the DEC doesn't maintain them. The town in prior years has had to obtain a permit from the NYS for the privilege of plowing them without compensation for the equipment, the labor and the materials used.

The Highway Committee met with Highway Superintendent Foster. Some items discussed were the need for a new dump truck, single axle versus double axle, the salt and sand usage, costly repairs and maintaining proper logs. The committee members will be working on specs for the bid process.

Codes Department - Jon Senecal has submitted his annual report to the State.

Supervisors Clerk- Cassandra continues to work with Williamson to close out the year and is finishing the AUD.

Courts- Things appear to be going well for the new clerk, Donna Moses. Supervisor DeZalia is looking into a few items that were discussed with the justice.

Town Clerk- The County has sent the Town the State portion of the Tax Warrant. The Town warrant has been met, all monies from the remaining tax payments will be sent to the County Treasures Office by the Clerk/ Collector.

B. County Reports

1. The Essex County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual Tree and Shrub sale. Early order by March 11 and pick up day is scheduled for April 22nd. Order forms can be picked up at Town Hall.

2. The 2022 Political calendar is out. There is one position for the Town of North Hudson on the ballot for the unexpired term of Assessor. The first day for signatures on a designating petition is March 1st. Filing dates are April 4th-7th. The Independent Petitions can start signatures on April 19th with filing dates of May 24th-May 31st. Interested residents should contact the Essex County Board of Elections for information and petitions.

Supervisor DeZalia has received the County contracts for use of the Town Hall as a voting site for the 2022 primary and general elections and as a possible second site.

Resolution # 34 of 2022

Resolution for the Town Supervisor to enter into a lease agreement with Essex County for the use of our building for the 2022 Primary and General Elections and for the 10-day early voting period.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia second by Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye

3. Occupancy Tax-

The County Treasures Office Weights and Measures Department and ROOST have acquired a program through ABNB to try to disseminate what localities rentals are coming from in order to properly distribute their share of the revenue. At present ABNB only sends a monthly check of the occupancy tax to Essex County that is not broken down town by town. It was noted by Supervisor DeZalia that some Essex County towns are requiring STR's to register with their town and obtain a permit through the codes department. She also stated that it is a requirement to register with the County Treasures office. She asked the community to let her know of any STR's in North Hudson to assure that North Hudson receives its portion of this revenue.

C. Website –

Discussion regarding the bill received for \$125.00 from Tom Williams for adding a folder for the 2022 minutes. The original contract is being looked at to see exactly what the Town obligation is. Supervisor DeZalia will speak with IT at the County to see if this is something they could possibly do.

Resolution # 35 of 2022

Resolution to allow Supervisor DeZalia to pay Tom Williams the sum of \$125.00 to add the 2022 folder to the Town's website.

Motion by

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye

D. AED Supplies-

Discussion on the Cardiac Life AED units, cost of replacement electrodes and the possible replacement of the current Cardiac Life units with ZOLL's units. Pros and cons of both units were discussed at length. Supervisor DeZalia will get prices and information on ZOLL units.

Resolution # 36 of 2022

Resolution of condolences to the family of Paul Bessey of Schroon Lake. Paul was employed by the Town of Schroon and leaves behind a young family.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Unanimous

Resolution #37 of 2022-

Resolution of condolences to the family of Beckham Egglefield. Beckham passed away in a snowmobile accident in Westport NY. Beckham was a student at Bouquet Valley School in Elizabethtown and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Moved by Councilman Brian DeZalia Unanimous second

ARPA Funds- Supervisor DeZalia in receipt of the agreement for the ARPA Funds from Essex County. She explained that there are very specific uses for this money, also there is much paperwork involved and the first report is due the end of April.

Resolution #38 of 2022

Resolution for the Supervisor to enter into agreement with Essex County for the purpose of accepting from the County \$18,988.06 from the County American Recovery Act funds to be placed in a fund with our ARPA funds to be expended accordance with the ARPA regulated uses.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden second Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye

7.Priveledge of the floor-

Councilman Caza inquired about the status of the speed signs. Supervisor DeZalia is still trying to obtain the necessary permits from DOT.

Discussion on the Town Highway Department using the County truck.

Discussion on contract for NHVFD and necessary documentation still needs to be submitted to the Supervisor. Councilman Caza will provide the budget to Supervisor DeZalia.

8. Executive Session-

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to go into executive Session at 7:35 pm for possible litigation and personnel matter Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor Ayed-s-5, Noes-0

Out of executive session with no action taken at 8:10pm

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in Favor

Ayes-5, Noes-0

Approval of Judges Financial Report

Moved Councilwoman Marsden second by Councilman Caza

All in Favor

Ayes-5, Noes-0

Approval of Abstracts of Town and Highway Funds

Motion by Supervisor DeZalia second Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye, L. Koller- Aye, S. DeZalia- Aye, M. Marsden- Aye, B. DeZalia-Aye

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk