

**Town of North Hudson
Town Board Meeting
May 19, 2022
6 p.m.**

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 Parent, Jake Parent, Beth Rowland and Tim Rowland. Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led in the pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting as amended by Councilman DeZalia Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor

Ayes-5

Noes-0

Supervisors Financial Report

As of April 30, 2022

Checking Accounts

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|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Town of North Hudson Checking | 0.10% | \$ 872,396.45 |
| General Fund | \$ 839,426.45 | |
| Fire District | \$ 32,970.00 | |
| Highway Fund Checking | 0.10% | \$ 855,953.19 |
| Total All Funds | | \$ 1,728,349.64 |

Audit of Judges Financial Report

Councilwoman Marsden motioned to approve the Audit of Judges Financial Report second Councilman Caza

All in Favor

Ayes-5

Noes-0

Discussion on a possible new form for signing of the vouchers.

Old Business

A. Flag Replacement

Discussion on some of the Town's Flags needing replacement.

There are still a few outstanding Employee Handbook acknowledgements.

Discussion on the cost to buildout SLIC service area

Resolution # 58 of 2022

Resolution for the Supervisor to purchase replacement flags for the Veterans Memorial display, the Town Hall and for replacement roadside flags for a total of \$ 667.26.

Motion by Councilwoman Marsden second Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

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

B. ADKHUB Banners

Discussion on the new ADKHUB roadside banners placed within the hamlet.

C. Employee Handbook Acknowledgements

There are a few Town employees who have yet to turn in their signed acknowledgement.

D. Broadband

Discussion on the estimated cost from SLIC to build out to areas not currently served would probably exceed \$350,000.

New Business

A. Department Reports

Supervisor-

Supervisor DeZalia gave an update on the NYS AOT Finance School she attended May 16th & 17th. She will be attending the PERMA Annual Member Conference May 26 & 27. She also gave a brief update on correspondence received from National and Hometown Firefighters EMS services. Discussion took place on both.

Discussion on frequent power outages and trees still on the lines. Discussion on National Grids response.

Highway Department-

The State Contract Mini Bid that came in and Supervisor DeZalia reminded the Board that they all have had the information to review and a decision needed to be made now or the Town will lose their build slot, moving it out another year. Lengthy discussion took place.

Resolution #59 of 2022

Resolved to authorize and award the OGS mini bid to RR Charlebois for the purchase of one new and unused 2023 Western Star Tandem 47X with 2022 Henderson dump plow truck in the amount of \$ 295,310.00as per said bid specs with funds to come from budgeted funds and for the supervisor to sign such purchase order.

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 #60 of 2022

Resolved for the Highway Department to advertise in The Sun for the available position of Full Time HEO/MEO to run for two consecutive weeks.

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

Highway Superintendent Ken Foster reported that there is a crack in the wall at the highway garage. The zoning/ codes officer Mr. Senecal will be asked to assess it.

He also reported there is a large tree on Liberty Road in the Town right away that needs to be removed, it is too large for the highway department to tackle.

Codes Department

Mr. Senecal has given Supervisor DeZalia an update on open permits. He is also working on business and DOT signage issues in Town.

Courts: The Court has recently experienced some phone issues. SLIC was contacted, they increased the number of lines to 8 and is investigating the issue.

Town Clerk- The 2022 Tax Warrant was returned to the County on May 2nd. The total warrant was for \$1,339,922.18. Supervisor DeZalia reminded the residents of North Hudson per the Department of Agriculture & Markets Chapter 69 Article 7 § 109 all dogs must be vaccinated for rabies at 4 months and older and need to be licensed.

Beach- Endyne did the initial water test and it will need to be redone after water is run more. Beach water test was also done. Lengthy discussion on park vs beach took place. The DOH said if we the Town doesn't have a lifeguard and the Town doesn't have an "open beach" then no permit needs to be filed. Signage is being changed from "Beach" to "Park" and signage stating "No swimming allowed" will be posted

Dog Control- Discussion on inspection, the new dog kennel and the need for officially designating April Bessey as an assistant for Sarah.

Transfer Station- Discussion on issuing North Hudson residents stickers/tags for their vehicles. This will make it easier for the landfill attendant to identify who is a resident and who is not.

Resolution # 61 of 2022

Resolved for the purchase of 200 transfer station window decals from Paradox Crafts not to exceed \$200.00

Moved by Councilman Caza second Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

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

B. County Reports: Primary elections

Discussion on the Congressional and State Senate primaries in August. The date of the August meeting will need to be changed if North Hudson is to be used as an early voting site.

C. Chamber/Small Business/Tourism/Parade

Discussion on promoting tourism, marketing and local businesses with funds to be used from ROOST Community Enhancement funds.

Resolution # 62 of 2022

Resolution for the Town of North Hudson to participate in a joint effort with the Schroon Lake Chamber of Commerce and 7 local Chamber Member businesses in a marketing and advertisement campaign to promote the North Hudson area and for the purposes of tourism enhancement, local business recovery and promotion of our Natural resources. The funds come from or ROOST Community Enhancement Fund revenue received from Occupancy tax collections. The Town agrees to commit up to the amount of \$500.00 for the calendar year 2022.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden Second Councilman DeZalia

Roll Call:

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

Resolution # 63 of 2022

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson hereby support the 2022 Schroon Lake Fourth of July Parade and celebration with Community Enhancement fund revenue funds in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Moved by Councilman Koller second Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

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

D. ROA

Resolution # 64 of 2022

Be it resolved that the Town of North Hudson hereby establishes the following standard work day for the title of Town Council and will report the official to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities. As previously set forth, the

standard work day for Town Council is 6 hours and based on the ROA presented by Larry Koller his ROA activities result is 1.75 days per month.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia second Councilman Caza

Roll Call:

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

E. Conservation Subdivision Design Bill

Discussion on the Conservation Subdivision Bill currently before the Senate and assembly. Supervisor stated it is getting a big push from downstate legislators and it would have a big impact on the residents of the Adirondack Park stripping many landowners of their right to subdivide and develop their own property.

Resolution # 65 of 2022

Resolution opposing the passing of conservation subdivision design bill S1145/A4074
The following resolution was offered by Supervisor DeZalia, who moved for its adoption.
Whereas, The Adirondack Park Agency Adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill; and

Whereas, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for; and

Whereas, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas; and

Whereas, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018 owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12, 2018 also owns 785m 434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished; and

Whereas, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9 million acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided; and

Whereas, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations are not suitable for development; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years; and

Whereas, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values; and

Whereas, this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments; and

Whereas, this proposed law will effectively eliminate the potential for development on certain land use classifications, which are already protected and regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency; and

Whereas, the proposed bill places additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

Now Therefore be it resolved, that the Town of North Hudson Town Board does not approve of the proposed Bill; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson does hereby call upon the local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (S1145/A4074) be withdrawn; and

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, All the Adirondack Legislators, Adirondack Intercounty, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages, and NY Association of Towns.

This resolution was Unanimously seconded.

F. Labor Bureau Stats on Inflation

Supervisor DeZalia reviewed some Consumer price index statistics and Bureau of Labor items and made the following statement:

“I wanted to close this meeting with this information because we too are all feeling the effects of this personally on our finances and in our pockets, it is important for us as the Board, as friends, as neighbors to be aware of the pressures and hardships people are going through right now. Not only do we still have COVID-19 illness to worry about, we also have many that are struggling to make ends meet and in many cases falling behind. Please, if you hear of a community member that is in need, please do what you can to help and pass the information along to me. I may be able to help find some resources for temporary relief. The longer these economic times continue the larger the impact on our friends and neighbors.”

G. Resolution of Congratulations

Resolution # 66 of 2022

Resolution of Appreciation and Congratulations to Kevin Duntley for his many years of service to the Town of North Hudson as an elected Highway Superintendent and employee of the Town of North Hudson. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia Unanimous second

Approval of General Fund and Highway Department Abstracts

Motion to approve Councilwoman Marsden second Councilman Caza

Roll Call:

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

Privilege of the Floor

Discussion on the process of COVID payouts.

Discussion on upcoming Memorial Day ceremony.

Discussion on cost of living adjustments, increasing HEO rate and employee probationary periods.

Adjournment

Supervisor DeZalia moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Unanimous second

Respectfully Submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk