

**Town of North Hudson
Town Board Meeting
July 21, 2022
6 p.m.**

Present were Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia, Councilman Brian Caza, Councilwoman Maureen Marsden, Councilman Brian DeZalia and Councilman Larry Koller and Town Clerk Martha (Candy) King.

Guests present were Tracee Parent, Jake Parent, Will Plumstead, Cole Plumstead, Donna Moses. Alana Penny (Sun Community News) and Michael Marsden.

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 June 16, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting as amended by Supervisor DeZalia Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor

Ayes-3

Noes-0

Supervisors Financial Report

As of June 30, 2022

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 734,768.00
General Fund		\$ 701,798.00
Fire District		\$ 32,970.00
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 837,680.18
Total All Funds		\$ 1,572,448.18

Approval of General Fund and Highway Department Abstracts

Motion to approve the abstracts of both the General and Highway Funds by Councilman Caza second Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye

L. Koller- Aye

S. DeZalia- Aye

M. Marsden- Aye

B. DeZalia-Aye

Audit of Judges Financial Report

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

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye

L. Koller- Aye

S. DeZalia- Aye

M. Marsden- Aye

B. DeZalia-Aye

Old Business

A.-Primary Election

The Town Hall will not be used by the Essex County Board of Elections in August. It will be an early voting site in the fall for 10 days prior to the November Election.

B.- Time Clock Use at Court House

Supervisor DeZalia updated the Board on the time clock not being used at the Courthouse.

C.- Hometown Hero's Banners

Information on costs for the banners was presented to the Board, the cost per banner would be about \$179.90 each. It was noted that typically the family contributes for the cost of the banner plus hardware. Discussion on possible ways on funding banners. The municipality would secure permits and hanging and removing the banners. Discussion on formation of a committee to investigate possible funding sources. Councilman Caza will be on the committee.

Resolution # 70 of 2022

Resolved to allow a committee to be formed to pursue the Hometown Heroes Banner program to be implemented by Veterans Day November 11, 2022

The Town of North Hudson will commit to purchase a sponsor banner.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden seconded by Councilman Caza

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye

L. Koller- Aye

S. DeZalia- Aye

M. Marsden- Aye

B. DeZalia-Aye

New Business

A. Department Reports

Highway Department-

The Town advertised for bids on a surplus wood splitter and a holding tank.

The Supervisor read the legal notice and present the 4 envelopes marked BID.

Fuel Tank – \$11.11

Wood splitter \$151.53

Wood splitter \$ 506.00

Wood Splitter \$525.00.

Brief discussion on received bids.

Resolution # 71 of 2022

Resolution to accept the high bid from Robert Dobie in the amount of \$525.00 for the 2009 American surplus wood splitter.

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 #72 of 2022

Resolution to decline a bid from Ron Howe in the amount of \$11.11 for the surplus 500 gallon holding tank.

Motion by Councilman Caza seconded by Councilman DeZalia

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye

L. Koller- Aye

S. DeZalia- Aye

M. Marsden- Aye

B. DeZalia-Aye

Town Clerk-

Discussion on drafts of letters for dog licenses and dog license renewal notices and letter for 2022/2023 landfill stickers. These will be mailed out in the next few weeks.

Beach/ Town Park-

Discussions the classification now beings park as there is still no lifeguard.

Discussion on the roosters that were left at the Town Park.

Reminder the senior luncheon to held there on July 27 at 10am.

Transfer Station-

Discussion on transfer station hours of operation, Saturday hours will be reverted back to 10am. Attendant Tony Venner agreed to work through his lunch and has signed required Department of Labor agreement. Also noted the time keeping system is working well for him.

Brief discussion on issues with Serkil.

B. County Reports-

1.- Employee referral program was discussed.

2.- Upcoming tax auction for 2018 unpaid property taxes was discussed, Supervisor DeZalia noted North Hudson does not have any properties in it.

3.-Discussion on county going to bid for heating fuel oil. Discussion on MX Fuels not going to bid on contract. Jim Dougan, ECDPW, stated the County is opening the bids to the Towns as well.

4.- Dan Palmer, County Manager, has officially handed in his letter of intention to retire at the end of the year.

5.- First Amendment Auditors- Discussion on an area town being visited by this group and what to expect if they should appear in North Hudson.

C.- 2022 Fall Planning & Zoning School-

Discussion on AOT 2022 Fall Planning and Zoning School being held in Lake Placid October 6th. The Board was encouraged to attend.

D.- Sun Community News-

Discussion on advertising in the new publications promoting Adirondack events and things to do.

Resolution #73 of 2022

Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to place a ¼ page ad in The Sun's new publications Adirondack events and Things to do to run at the end of August for the cost of \$255.00 in full color.

Move by Councilwoman Marsden second Councilman Caza

Roll Call:

B. Caza- Aye

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

E. Charging Station Grant-

Discussion on the application process to the NYS DEC Environmental Protection Fund Climate Smart Communities 2022 Municipal Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program. Applications are due by September 30,2022.

Privilege of the Floor-

Lengthy discussion regarding numerous concerns and various court issues by Donna Moses. The Town Board meeting will call a special meeting in the near future for the purpose of the Justice and her clerk to bring forth their specific issues.

Michael Marsden, Chairman of Board of Assessors, addressed the Board on two Assessor Department matters.

Resolution # 74 of 2022

Resolved to allow the Chairman of Board of Assessors to hire Dawn Sears to clean up sales from July 1,2021 to July 1,2022 at a sum not to exceed \$400.00 to come from the assessors budgeted funds.

Moved by Councilman Caza second by Councilman DeZalia

Roll Call:

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

Resolution # 75 of 2022

Resolved to approve the Chairman of Board of Assessors, to attend the assessors school in Lake George in September for 4 days and 3 nights to include cost of school and lodging.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia second by Councilman Caza

Roll Call:

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

Other items discussed were signs/receptacles at town park for doggy bags, use of fireworks, the possible use of the ball field as an emergency helicopter landing site, grant search for the community center, possible grant for court house generator, possible use of storage space for DEC Forest Ranger Quinn for locked/enclosed equipment trailers.

Executive Session

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to go into executive session to discuss the attorney letter that was brought up in open session from the floor and an employee matter at 8:08pm.

Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor Ayes-5 Noes-0

Motion to return from executive session at 8:55 pm

By Supervisor DeZalia seconded Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor Ayes-5 Noes-0

The Board discussed the open position at the Highway Department and the Highway committee will meet with Ken regarding same.

Discussion on the attorneys' letter that was brought up during the open meeting.

No action taken on attorney letter as it will be left up to the two attorneys.

Adjournment

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to adjourn at 9:00 pm

Second by Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor Ayes-5 Noes-0

Respectfully submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk