

**Town of North Hudson
Regular Town Board Meeting
Thursday
October 20, 2022
6 p.m.**

Present were Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia, Councilman Brian Caza, Councilwoman Maureen Marsden, Councilman Brian DeZalia and Councilman Larry Koller and Deputy Town Clerk Sarah St. Onge.

Town Clerk Martha (Candy) King and Highway Superintendent Kenneth Foster were excused.

Guests present were Tracee Parent, Jake Parent and Allen Dobie.

Nona and Tony Talarico arrived at 6:40pm.

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 September 15, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting as amended by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor

B. Caza- Aye

L. Koller- Aye

S. DeZalia- Aye

M. Marsden- Aye

B. DeZalia-Aye

The October 4, 2022 Special Meeting, October Special Board Meeting, October 11, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting will be approved next month at the regular Board meeting.

Supervisors Financial Report

As of September 30, 2022

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 707,661.15
General Fund		\$ 674,691.15
Fire District		\$ 32,970.00
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 836,393.34
<u>Total All Funds</u>		<u>\$ 1,544,054.49</u>

Old Business

A.- Fuel Oil Contract

Supervisor updated the Board on the status of the fuel contract. None of contracts are on auto fill. Sprague is still working on contracting with a local vender for fuel delivery contract, currently Avery Energy is supposed to fill all three locations.

B.- Clerk to Town Justice

Discussion on tentative spec sheet from the County. Discussion on modifications to the job description. The changes in the job description will be sent to the County. In its current state, it is of the competitive class and the clerk will remain in her current position until the State approves the new position and approves it as an exempt class. At

that time the Board would need to do a resolution accepting and creating the new position and the Court Clerk would then be promoted to the new title and salary.

C.- AOT Training School 2023

The Board was reminded to sign up with Cassandra by October 28 if they are planning to attend the 2023 AOT Annual Meeting and Training School in NYC February 19th through the 22nd.

D.-Generator

Discussion on the purchase of a new generator for the Court House. Supervisor DeZalia will get two more estimates.

New Business

A.- Lazy Street

Mr. Allen Dobie addressed the Board about having Lazy Street changed to Moses Lane. The process was explained and Supervisor DeZalia stated that address changes can cause an inconvenience to the residents. Mr. Dobie would need to circulate a petition with the signatures of all residents on Lazy Street and present it to the Board before the process could begin.

Mr. Dobie left the meeting at 6:35 pm.

B. Departmental Reports

Supervisor- Supervisor DeZalia handed in the tentative budget on time and also held budget workshop in October.

She and Cassandra met with Tish regarding the Towns Health insurance on October 5th. Supervisor DeZalia discussed the various meetings she has attended.

She explained the Fiscal Score from the NYS Comptroller's office and stated North Hudson was doing very well.

Highway Department- Superintendent Foster was excused from the meeting.

The new truck was picked up from N.H. on Tuesday the 18th and he reported that it drove well on the way back.

Discussion on the repairs done on the 2011, the two windshield repairs on the 2019 and the 2015 rear brakes. Discussion on list of surplus equipment Highway Department has come up with and of putting them out to bid.

Resolution # 93 of 2022

Resolution authorizing for the immediate surplus of the following items:

Used 2004 Komatsu Loader

Used 2003 International Tandem

Used Toro Land tractor

Used 1998 International single axle with sander

Used 3-ton engine Hoist

Used (1944) Drill Press

Used 14' Hopper Sander

500- gallon fuel tank

Used Cub Cadet snow blower

4 rolls 6' chain link fencing

21 stackable chairs

To allow for advertisement and the acceptance of bids for said items.

Moved: Supervisor DeZalia second: Councilwoman Marsden

Discussion: Supervisor DeZalia will prepare a bidder's packet for interested bidders to be picked up at the Town Clerks office or it can be requested via fax or email. The bids need to be presented to the Town Clerks Office by Tuesday November 15th at 1:00pm in a sealed envelope with the items for bid clearly marked on the outside of envelope.

Roll Call:

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

Town Clerk-

Annual inventory sheets were distributed to all department heads. They need to be returned by the end of the year.

County Reports

1-Supervisor DeZalia gave the Board a report on Asterhill Research Company's report on Housing and population study for Essex County.

2.- Essex County Board of Supervisors has received a letter of resignation/retirement from long time standing Essex County Clerk Joseph Provoncha. The Board of Supervisors have sent their recommendations to Governor Hochul for this position for Deputy County Clerk Chelsey Merrihew to be appointed to this position. If the Governor does not appoint her as the County Clerk she will remain in the Deputy County Clerk position. The County Clerk position will be on the ballot next year.

The AATV (Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages) Membership Meeting will be held on December 4th -5th in Lake George.

Operation Green Light for Veterans

Supervisor explained what Operation Green Light is and offered the following resolution

Resolution # 94 of 2022

Members in Transition to Civilian Life (Veteran Status)

WHEREAS, the residents of North Hudson, NY, Essex County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson, NY County of Essex seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, New York States Veteran Population has decreased by 44% over the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and
WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and
WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and
WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson appreciates the sacrifices our United State Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Military Service Town, the Town of North Hudson hereby declares from October 31st through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further
RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Town of North Hudson encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who the immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.
So Moved by Supervisor DeZalia Seconded: Unanimous
Resolution is hereby set.

Abstracts of General and Highway Fund

Motion to approve by Supervisor DeZalia second: Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

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

Audit of Judge's Financials

Quarterly audit of the Judges books was done by Councilwoman Marsden
Councilwoman Marsden motioned to approve second: Councilman Caza

C. Caza-Aye
L. Koller-Aye
S. DeZalia-Aye
M. Marsden-Aye
B. DeZalia-Aye
So moved.

Priveledge of the Floor

No comments

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:10pm for personnel issue by Supervisor DeZalia second: Councilwoman Marsden

Motion to return from Executive session at 8:14 by Councilman DeZalia
Second: Councilman Caza

All in favor

No action was taken at this time.

Adjournment

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm

Second: Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor

So moved

Respectfully submitted

Martha M King

Town Clerk