

**Town of North Hudson
Regular Town Board Meeting
Thursday
January 19, 2023
6 p.m.**

Present were Supervisor Stephanie DeZalia, Councilwoman Maureen Marsden, Councilman Larry Koller, Councilman Brian DeZalia and Town Clerk Martha (Candy) King. Councilman Brian Caza was excused, Guests present were Tracee and Jake Parent. Frank Shaw arrived at 6:15 pm.

1-Call to Order

Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2- Salute to the Flag

The pledge to the Flag was done at the 4:30 Organizational meeting.

3-Approval of the minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as amended of the December 15, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting as amended by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden All in Favor

Councilman L. Koller- Aye
Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,
Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye
Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye
Councilman B. Caza- Excused

4- Supervisor’s Financial Report

As of December 31, 2022

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 591,993.51
General Fund		\$ 516,138.09
ARPA		\$ 42,885.42
Fire District		\$ 32,970.00
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 688,553.56
		<u>Total All Funds \$ 1,280,547.07</u>

5-Old Business

A. ARPA Funds

Supervisor DeZalia spoke to the Board about the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding reports are due for towns again around April 30th. Currently in the special ARPA account is \$42,885.42. She asked that all the committees come up with ideas on where these funds could best be used noting it can’t be used to lower debt or used for already budgeted expenditures or to lessen the tax burden but it can be used for infrastructure, programs, services improvements in community. She stated the Town Board has until December 2023 to obligate it to a project and till December 2024 to spend it. Committee chairs were asked to bring in written form their ideas to the February Town Board Meeting, these will be discussed at a special public meeting to be held in March to discuss and start the planning process if needed.

6.- New Business

Contents of Board Packets were reviewed.

A.- Department Reports

Supervisor-

Brief discussion on budget transfer

Resolution #23 of 2023

Resolution authorizing Budget Amendments for various departments. Be it resolved that the Town Board hereby amends the 2022 Town of North Hudson Budget as follows:

Account Code	Account	Available Balance	Amount Needed	Amount to come from	Account name
A1220.11	Supervisor-Bkpr	-05	.05	AA122.4	Sup. Contractual
A8020.40	Planning	-608.65	608.65	A1990.40	Contingent

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

- Councilman L. Koller- Aye
- Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,
- Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye
- Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye
- Councilman B. Caza- Excused

Highway-

The Highway Committee was encouraged to reach out to the Highway Superintendent to find out his goals and project timelines for 2023. Future equipment purchase plans, department planning and the County Road Contract should be looked at. Minutes should be taken as the committee will be required to report back to the full Board and are to be given to the Town Clerk to be filed.

The 2023 Snow and Ice Contract from the County has been received. There was an increase this year from \$117,000 to \$129,379.28. The term of the contract is from January 1, 2023 ending December 31, 2023.

Supervisor requested that if the Highway committee and the Highway Superintendent wish to make any recommendations, please do so by May.

Transfer Station-

There will be Hazardous Waste collection days again this year. Dates and locations are not yet available.

Mike Pedroncelli of Cash for Cans Redemption contacted the Town about his program. He will come and pick up bottles and cans left at the transfer station. He will send the check to the Town with monies going to the Employee Appreciation Fund.

Discussion on the possibility of building a “Share Shed” at the transfer station from some of the ARPA funds. It was explained that this is a place for residents to place or take items that are useable in good condition.

Codes Dept.-

Jon Senecal has submitted his annual report.

Brief discussion on the increase in revenues to \$ 2475.00 from the budgeted amount of \$1500.00.

Supervisors Clerk-

Cassandra has agreed to continue to be the Youth Commission Chairperson for 2023.

Resolution #24 of 2023

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor DeZalia, who moved for its adoption.

Whereas, the Town of North Hudson has again decided to run a youth service program; and

It hereby wishes to appoint Cassandra D’Agostino as Youth Commission Chair; and

Whereas, the Chair must attend four (4) County Youth Board Planning Committee meetings throughout the year; and

Whereas, the youth commission has been authorized to expend up to \$1,000.00. In accordance to the 2023 budgeted Joint Youth program contractual fund; and

Whereas, the Town of North Hudson has budget Youth Program Personal Services in the Amount of \$5,000.00; and

Be it further resolved, that the Clerk of the Town of North Hudson send a copy of this resolution to the Essex County Youth Bureau, 7553 Court Street, Elizabethtown, N.Y. 12932.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilwoman Marsden and adopted.

- Councilman L. Koller- Aye
- Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,
- Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye
- Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye
- Councilman B. Caza- Excused

Courts-

Resolution # 25 of 2023

Resolution of approval and acceptance of the Annual Review of the Town of North Hudson Justice Court records for the calendar year 2022. Be it resolved that this resolution is brought before the Town Board by the Court Committee, and be it resolved that the Annual review of said records has been completed, and they are hereby, accepted and approved.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden Second: Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

- Councilman L. Koller- Aye
- Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,
- Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye
- Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye
- Councilman B. Caza- Excused

A copy of the resolution and audit report will be sent to the attention of Joan Casazza at OSC’s Internal Audit Services.

Assessor/BTI-

Supervisor DeZalia explained the details of the new law, RPTL-466-a, signed by the Governor regarding a new Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers.

The Board, after discussion, was in agreement that they believe our Fire Fighters would benefit more by taking the \$200 income tax credit.

Town Clerk-

ROA-

The new ROA from the Justice was received by the Clerk on 12/21/2022.

The Board members were provided with copies of Justice Duntley’s recently submitted ROA with dates 7/1/2022 to 09/29/2022 and the correspondence dated July 5, 2022 and January 10, 2023 from the NYSLRS Integrity Bureau.

NYSLRS Integrity Bureau was contacted by the Clerk and they stated that in accordance with Regulation 315.4 it was up to the Town of North Hudson ‘s governing board to review and it was their decision on how to proceed.

A lengthy discussion took place about the included activities and procedural filing time after reviewing the ROA.

The Board rejected the ROA signed on 12/20/2022 and recommend the Judge complete a new ROA.

The Judge will be contacted on the Boards decision.

Audit Books-

Supervisor’s Office, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Resolution # 26 of 2023

Resolution to accept the audited books of the Town Supervisors Office, Town Clerks Office and the Tax Collectors Office for the year 2022.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

Councilman B. Caza- Excused

B- County Reports

Dan Palmer is now officially retired and Mike Mascarenas is the new County Manager. Jim Dougan was appointed Deputy.

C. Vacancy-Assessor

There is a one year (2023) vacancy in the Assessor’s office for an unexpired term.

The Town Board is not required to appoint someone to this vacant seat.

It will appear on the ballot this year for a four-year term to start January 2024.

The petitions will be out in early March for all open seats.

6.- General Fund and Highway Fund Abstracts

Motion to approve the General fund and Highway fund abstracts by Councilman DeZalia

Second: Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor.

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

Councilman B. Caza- Excused

7.-Judges Financial Report

Motion to approve the audit of the Judges financial report by Councilwoman Marsden

Second by Supervisor DeZalia

All in favor.

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

Councilman B. Caza- Excused

Privilege of the Floor

Frank Shaw brought forth the clearing of NYS trail heads on Blue Ridge Road, the Highway budget and the County contract. Lengthy discussion took place.

Adjournment

Supervisor DeZalia adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. King

Town Clerk