

**Town of North Hudson
Regular Town Board Meeting
Thursday
February 16, 2023
6 p.m.**

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

Guests: Tracee Parent, Jake Parent, Frank Shaw

1-Call to Order

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

2- Salute to the Flag

Supervisor DeZalia led in the pledge to the Flag

3-Approval of the minutes

-Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19 Organizational 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. Caza- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

-Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19 Regular Town Board Meeting as amended by Councilwoman Marsden Second: Councilman Koller

All in Favor

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye,

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

4-Supervisor's Financial Report

As of December 31, 2023

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 795,939.27
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General Fund	\$ 720,083.85	
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ARPA	\$ 42,885.42	
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Fire District	\$ 32,970.00	
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Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 647,206.48
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		<u>Total All Funds \$ 1,443,145.75</u>
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General Fund and Highway Fund Abstracts

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

Second: Councilman Caza

Roll Call:

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye
Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye
Councilman B. Caza- Aye
Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

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. Caza- Aye
Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

Old Business

ARPA Funds-

Discussion on the ARPA Funds and possible projects for its use. Speed signs, dog park, a share shed, new steps at the transfer station, food pantry, winter fuel, and a community resource center were among ideas discussed. Supervisor DeZalia and the Board discussed making the Community Center, the dog park and share shed projects to focus on.

Discussion on the proposed 2023 NYS Budget. The Governor's office has \$1 million reallocated to the 5- Towns for infrastructure and environmental improvements. If these funds actually stay in the Budget, the 5-Towns (Long Lake, North Hudson, Minerva, Indian Lake and Newcomb) will be looking for the best use of the allocated funds.

Resolution # 27 of 2023

Resolution to allow the Supervisor DeZalia to move forward with fact finding for a proposed dog park to be located in the Town triangle (lot #) and to seek community resources and advice on proposed Community Center to be located at old Town garage.
Moved: Councilman Caza Second Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

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

Supervisor DeZalia will come back to the Board with actual expenditures when received.
Discussion on purchase of a shed for the transfer station, will have to obtain 3 estimates.

Resolution #28 of 2023

Resolution for Supervisor to seek estimates on a shed to be used as a "Share Shed" at the transfer station to be open during landfill hours.

Move by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

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

DEC Grant

Discussion on Main Street Revitalization Grant. The Community Center was discussed as a possible project for these funds.

A. Department Reports

Transfer Station-

Discussion on the Adirondack Landfill Services LLC post landfill monitoring testing. The recommended changes to the scheduled testing will save the Town money. Based on the results for the last 26 years they recommend testing on the 3 homes be moved to every 5 years instead of every 3 years. They have sent a letter to the DEC in January and are awaiting approval.

Supervisors Clerk-

Supervisor DeZalia and Cassandra met with Anna and Rob from Community Resources and Dylan from DEC Grants Program regarding the RFP for the Digital Electronic Sign then it will go out to bid.

Discussion took place on the Main Street Revitalization Grant and the specifics and the process. A committee will need to be formed with a Board member and community members, it will need to be a committee of 5 preferably to review submitted projects & award recipients and see projects through. The grant is for \$200,00.00. After the Digital Sign comes out of this amount the remainder will go to the Main St. Reutilization. The grant is a reimbursing grant so the Town pays up front and the NYS DEC reimburses the Town quarterly.

Cassandra will be attending the Association of Towns meeting in NYC as will Councilwoman Maureen Marsden and Assessor Michael Marsden.

Courts-

Supervisor DeZalia and Judge Duntley met on February 14. Many issues were discussed including the ROA process. Justice Duntley will do another ROA for February, March and April. When completed it will be submitted to the Town Clerk in April then prepared for presentation to the Board for approval in May.

B. County Reports

1- Essex County Soil & Water Conservation District are holding their annual Tree and Shrub sale. Orders are due by March 10 and pick up April 21st. Forms are available at the Town Hall.

2- The 2023 Political Calendar is out. Residents may contact the Essex County Board of Elections if interested in running for office. There are many positions in Town on the ballot this year.

3- Contracts from Dan Manning have been received for use of the Town Hall for both the primary election on June 27, 2023 and the General Election November 7, 2023. There is no money exchange for the use of the Town Hall just a lease stating they can use the building.

Discussion on no early voting at North Hudson this year due to so many positions in Town on the Ballot.

Resolution #29 of 2023

Resolution for the Town Supervisor to enter into a lease agreement with Essex County for the use of our building for the 2023 Primary to be held June 27,2023 and General Election to be held November 7, 2023.

Move by Councilwoman Marsden second:
Supervisor DeZalia

Roll Call:

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

4- Supervisor DeZalia was appointed as Ex Officio Member of the ROOST Board and will be attending both in person and ZOOM meetings. This will allow her to better understand what ROOST does with our occupancy tax and allow her to be a liaison between the Board of Supervisors and Roost.

5- The County has released their American Recovery Funds Report.

Discussion on the County's proposed spending plan which was accepted by the County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor DeZalia noted that it is a working document and could change as projects proceed.

Privilege of the Floor

Brief discussion on a pavilion at the Town Park, use of ballfield and the old highway garage. Disappointment was expressed on the A-Frame not being open.

Supervisor DeZalia addressed the Board and guests.

"Last but not least, I am officially announcing my candidacy for Essex County Clerk. I've spent the last couple months going back and forth on this and it has been an extremely hard decision for me to make. If the timing had been differently I wouldn't have so much to lose by having to choose, but it's just the timing of it. I love what I do here as Town Supervisor. I have learned so much during my time here in this position. I have some projects I hope to finish by year end. It's kind of out of my hands but I will try hard to push through the conservation easement that was started under Ron Moore while I am here. I will continue to serve this community for the remainder of my term to the very best of my ability as I have for the past 7 years between my time as Town Board and Supervisor. Hopefully then I will move to a larger seat and will continue to serve this community in a different capacity.

As you all may know, I worked in the County Clerk's Office for just under 15 years before being appointed and subsequently being elected as Town Supervisor. While at the Clerk's Office under Mr. Provoncha, I worked my way up from Recording Clerk, to Senior Recording Clerk, to Principal Recording Clerk, and lastly being Principal Recording Clerk and Pistol Permit Clerk. When the Safe Act was put into place the other clerk retired so I took that over. During my time at the County Clerk's Office, I learned and handled virtually all aspects of the Office aside from the Department of Motor Vehicles. There were many times I envisioned myself, possibly someday earning the top honor in the position of County Clerk. Now that position is open for the first time in 30 years so this is my opportunity to fulfill that goal. Who knows what four years down the road will bring my way.

I have really enjoyed working with all of you and previous the Board members, the employees and our North Hudson community. I didn't make this decision lightly. I look forward to continuing to serving you but in a different capacity. I want to thank you for choosing to be public servants and serve your community. I hope I can have all your support. Thank you."

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Martha M. King
Town Clerk