

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

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

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 February 16, 2023 Town Board Meeting by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden

All in Favor

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

**4-Supervisor's Financial Report**

As of February 28, 2023

Checking Accounts

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| Town of North Hudson Checking | 0.10% | \$ 573,919.45 |
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| General Fund | \$ 495,518.47 |  |
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| ARPA | \$ 42,885.42 |  |
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| Fire District | \$ 35,515.56 |  |
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| Highway Fund Checking | 0.10% | \$ 873,327.20 |
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|  |  | <u>Total All Funds \$ 1,450,246.65</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 B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

**Judges Financial Report**

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

All in favor.

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

### **Old Business**

#### **A.- LED Digital sign RFP**

The date for the return of proposed bids on the LED Digital Sign is March 23 at 2pm.

Essex County has advertised this in the NYS Contract Reporter Account, the Essex County website and the Press Republican. There will be a Special meeting of the Town Board to open such bids on Thursday March 23 at 2pm and sign contract.

The Town will pay for the sign and be reimbursed by the NYSDEC EPF grant the Town received. The remainder of the grant will be allocated towards a Main Street Revitalization Grant Program. Cassandra, Supervisor DeZalia and Community Resources are working on this program.

#### **B.-Share Shed, Dog Park, Speed signs**

Councilman Caza stated he had verified with the Fire Department that their shed would be available and the Fire Department would sell it to the Town for \$1,500.00 as soon as the snow is gone. Supervisor DeZalia will get other estimates for a shed noting that Resolution # 28 was done prior for this purpose.

Laura from the DEC has been contacted regarding proposed dog park. Also George Landrie has been contacted regarding speed signs. Progress is being made on both and the Board will be kept apprised.

### **6. New Business**

#### **A.- Department Reports**

**-Highway Department-** Highway Superintendent Foster has the required paperwork needed for highway expenditures for 2023. It needs to be completed and approved at the April Board meeting in order to proceed with projects and road repair this summer. It was explained to the Board that Section 284 of Highway Law requires an agreement between the Highway Superintendent prior to spending from Account DA5110.4 (General Repairs) of the Highway Fund. The Highway committee members were give copies of this if Superintendent Foster should require any assistance completing it.

**-Supervisors Clerk-** Cassandra has completed and submitted the AUD (Annual Update Document) to the Office of the State Comptroller.

**-Courts-** Supervisor DeZalia received a letter from Donna Moses requesting the use of the Courthouse as a place to gather with others to do crafts. Donna explained that since she is already fingerprinted it should not be a concern as she would be present. Supervisor DeZalia noted is not a requirement to be fingerprinted to access the building, only to access the NYS Criminal History Record Information system and the NCIS (National Criminal Information System). Discussion took place on this request. Councilman Caza stated the community rooms at both the Town Hall and the Fire House would be more suitable for this purpose. The Board consensus is the court is not the ideal location for this purpose and recommended the craft group use one of the available community rooms in town.

Supervisor DeZalia spoke with Justice Duntley earlier that day regarding some personnel items and procedures.

Discussions took place on the required Civil Service exam for Clerk for the Court Clerk position being offered again, mail being misdirected to the Court and the handling of such and the Court request to receive copies of vouchers for the judge to sign and for budgeting purposes. The Board agreed that the Supervisors Clerk will provide the Court a monthly print out of court expenditures.

**B. County Reports-**

**1.-Roost-**

Supervisor discussed the first Roost meeting she attended as a member of the Roost Board. She believes it will be beneficial to both our Town and the County.

**2.- Essex County Agricultural Society-**

The Essex County Agricultural Society has sent the Town a request for support. They are offering the Towns in Essex County \$ 10.00 daily admission tickets which includes parking, admission and rides. Daily admission Fair tickets are 100 for \$1,000.0 or 50 tickets for \$500.00. This money can come out of the budgeted Youth program and Adult recreation funds. They will be offered to North Hudson residents on a first come first serve basis.

**Resolution # 30 of 2023**

Resolution approving the purchase of #50 Essex County Fair Daily Admission Tickets with funds to come out of the 2023 Youth Program budgeted and Adult Recreation funds. For a total of \$500.00 to go to the Essex County Agricultural Society that is a sponsor for the Essex County Fair for the past 174 years.

Moved by Councilman Caza Second: Supervisor DeZalia

Roll Call:

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

**3. Eligo Energy NY LLC. -**

Cassandra has done research and gathered information on electric suppliers. She has received a quote from Eligo Energy NY, LLC. Supervisor DeZalia noted that in January the Town paid .2162 kwh, February .2436 kwh, March .2836 kwh.

Eligo quoted fixed rate contracts:

12 month @.12975 kwh

\*18 month @ .12550 kwh

24 month @ .1280 kwh

36 month @ .12550 kwh

It was explained that National Grid would still deliver the product and those delivery charges would remain the same.

**Resolution # 31 of 2023**

Resolution granting the Town Supervisor to enter into an 18-month contract with Eligo Energy NY LLC for the supply of an all-inclusive 50% Green electric product at a fixed rate of .1250 kwh

Moved by Councilman Caza Second Supervisor DeZalia

Roll Call:

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

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

**4.- April Meeting Date**

The date of the April meeting has been moved to April 13th 2023 due to a conflict. It will be posted on the sign Board, website and on the Clerks bulletin board.

**Privilege of the Floor-**

Frank Shaw addressed the Board asking how many street lights are in town, their location, their cost and if the Town is paying for the one at the Buffalo Farm. He also asked for the cost of the BTI program and if the 2023 Budget was completed.

Supervisor DeZalia stated this type of information should be requested a few days prior to the Board meeting and if required it would be placed on the agenda. The information and a copy of the 2023 Budget will be available for Mr. Shaw to pick up the next day.

**Executive Session**

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to go into a short executive session at 7:25 pm for a personnel matter.

The Board returned from Executive session at 7:50pm.

No vote was taken.

A letter will be done by Supervisor DeZalia and sent to the employee and the department head will be copied on it.

Discussion was had on events of the recent snow storm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha M. King  
Town Clerk