

**Town of North Hudson
Regular Town Board Meeting
Thursday
April 13, 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-Executive Session

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to go into Executive Session at this time for a personnel matter at 6:03 pm. Second: Councilwoman Marsden

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- excused

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:30.

Action to be taken, Supervisor DeZalia will meet with the discussed employee.

Supervisor DeZalia excused herself from the meeting at this time due to a personal emergency at 6:30pm.

Deputy Supervisor Maureen Marsden presided over the remainder of the meeting.

4-Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 as amended.

Moved by Councilman DeZalia Second by Councilman Koller

Discussion: Councilman Caza stated he did not want the minutes available on the Town website before they were approved by the Board.

The Town Clerk explained to him that the Draft was required to be posted in two weeks, it was noted that copies stamped "DRAFT" are also placed in their pick up boxes located in the Town Hall to review and if they have anything they wish to be amended to bring their concerns forth to the Clerk. It was noted that many do not pick up their "drafts" for review.

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- excused

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

-Approval of the minutes of the March 30, 2023 Special Board meeting for the purpose of the Digital Sign Bids.

Motion to approve by Deputy Supervisor M. Marsden

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

5-Supervisors Financial Report

As of March 31, 2023

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 877,874.95
General Fund	\$ 799,473.97	
ARPA	\$ 42,885.42	
Fire District	\$ 35,515.56	
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 1,036,286.51
<u>Total All Funds</u>		<u>\$ 1,914,161.46</u>

A.-General and Highway abstracts

Motion to approve the General and Highway abstracts by Councilman B. DeZalia

Second by Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

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

B.- Audit of the Judges financial report.

Motion to approve by Councilman B. DeZalia

Second by Councilman Caza.

Roll Call:

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

6.-Old Business

A.-LED Digital Sign Bid award

The Town put out the RFP for the LED Digital Sign. It went out on the NYS Contract Reporter Account and on the Essex County website and the Press Republican. The date for return of proposals is March 23 at 2 pm. The date was extended to March 30, 2023 at 2:00pm at which time a Special Meeting was held solely for the purpose of opening any bids. One bid was received from United Signs Inc. The amount of the bid is \$19,123.00.

Timeline for this project was explained to the board by Deputy Town Supervisor Maureen Marsden.

Resolution # 32 of 2023

Resolution is hereby offered by Deputy Town Supervisor Maureen Marsden to move and award said bid by United Signs LLC. for the fabrication, installation and contract for one two sided LED Digital Sign. United Signs LLC being the sole bidder in the amount of \$

19,123.00. Said funds will be paid for out of the Buildings and Grounds appropriation and submitted for reimbursement with funds to come from our awarded \$200,000 EPF NYSDEC grant.

Seconded by Councilman Caza

Roll Call:

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- excused

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

B.- Share Shed

Supervisor DeZalia received a few quotes for 12'x16' sheds for the Towns Share Shed. She indicated that it is best to purchase the shed from the North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department this way the funds stay within our community. The agreed upon price of \$1,500.00 would be paid out of the Community Enhancement Fund.

Resolution # 33 of 2023

Resolution for the purchase of one used 12' x 16' shed from the North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$1,500.00. Be it hereby further resolved that such Payment shall be made to the North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department upon delivery of the shed to the transfer station site.

Moved by Councilman B. DeZalia Second: Councilman Koller

Roll Call:

Councilman B. Caza- Aye

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- excused

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- Aye

C. - Speed Signs

Supervisor DeZalia received the permit from the DEC for the 4 Radar Solar Speed Signs. The signs have been delivered. The DOT will be installing the breakaway posts. NYS DOT said that the speed limit at the south end of the hamlet is 55mph so the speed signs must be triggered only at speeds greater than that. As soon as the posts are in the signs can be installed. The Underwood Club treasurer will issue the Town of North Hudson a check in the next two weeks.

D.- Dog Park update will be at the next meeting

7.-New Business

A.- Department Reports

1.-Highway Department

Last month Highway Superintendent Foster was given the required Section 284 paperwork for highway expenditures for 2023, this was also given to the highway committee. This needs to be completed and approved so he can do some projects and road repair this summer.

§ 284 of Highway Law requires an agreement between the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent prior to the spending from account DA5110.4 (General Repairs) of the Highway Fund. To date it has not been completed as required. Discussion took place on this. Members of the Highway committee will meet with Superintendent Foster and get it completed. There may need to be a special meeting to approve this once completed.

B.- County Reports

1- Glass Pulverizer

The new glass pulverizer has been set up at the County Waste facility.

2.- The Conservation Subdivision Design Bill is back on the Floor and up for discussion again. All counties are asking Towns to also pass a resolution opposing this bill

Resolution # 34 of 2023

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION DESIGN BILL A04608 AND CORRESPONDING SENATE BILL

The following resolution was offered by Deputy Town Supervisor Maureen Marsden, who moved for its adoption.

And the same appearing proper and necessary.

Whereas, The Adirondack Park Agency adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill; and

Whereas, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for; and

Whereas, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas; and

Whereas, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018 owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12, 2018 also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished; and

Whereas, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9 million acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided; and

Whereas, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations are not suitable for development; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation is overly broad and vaguely worded giving too much authority to the Adirondack Park Agency in its rulemaking capacity and regulatory authority to establish its own regulations supplementing and interpreting this law; and

Whereas, this law will effect property with acreage as low as 3.2 acres and mandates private property owners to incur excessive and unduly burdensome financial expense to hire consultants to complete ecological evaluations, assessments and concept plans and will also add significant time to proposed developments; and

Whereas, the Adirondack Park Agency, without any conditions or parameters outlined in the law, will be charged with undertaking site evaluations and the authority to propose additional conditions vaguely allowed in the law incident to the development of property and ecological issues; and

Whereas, this proposed law will effectively eliminate the potential for development on certain lands and would prevent development on certain lands which currently is allowed and is adequately protected under the existing rubric of the Adirondack Park Agency, is an attempt to further preclude residents and owners of real property in the Adirondack Park from developing their properties and will further result in severe economic hardship, loss of revenue and commerce within an area already plagued by substantial economic stressors; and

Whereas, the current Adirondack Park Agency law and its rules and regulations fully protect these lands and this new law is a “taking”, without compensation and is unfair as it is only addresses the Adirondack Park and does not address any other wilderness, open space or other protected areas throughout the State:

Whereas, the proposed bill places additional burden on property owners within the Adirondack Park which is not necessary to protect the environment environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the wellbeing of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of North Hudson Town Board does not approve of the proposed Bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson does hereby call upon the local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill A040608 be withdrawn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Senator Dan Stec, Assembly Speaker, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, Association of Adirondack Towns and Villages, Chairpersons of the Encon Committee, Senator Harckham and Assemblywoman Glick.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

C.-Life Guard

The life guard position has been advertised and emails were sent to all who have completed the recent Life Guard training class. Discussion on reopening as the Town Beach versus Town Park.

The Beach contract will be discussed at the next meeting

D.-Tish Beismeyer

Tish Beismeyer who has handle the Town of North Hudson account from Burnham for nearly 40 years is retiring. Supervisor DeZalia and Cassandra D’Agostino met with her and Ian Coryea who will be taking over her accounts. He did a brief overview, gave them updates including Marketplace changes and COVID changes.

Resolution # 35 of 2023

Resolution is hereby offered by Deputy Town Supervisor Maureen Marsden, for recognition of Tish Beismeyer’s contribution to the Town of North Hudson and its employees for nearly 40 years. It is hereby resolved that we the Board, wish her all the best and congratulations on her retirement from Burnham Benefit Advisors Group.

Unanimous second.

8.-Priveledge of the Floor

Discussion on Court matters.

Discussion on grader repairs.

9.-Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted

Martha M. King
Town Clerk