

**Town of North Hudson
Regular Town Board Meeting
Thursday
June 15, 2023
6 p.m.**

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

Guests: Cassandra D’Agostino, Tracee Parent, Jake Parent, Frank Shaw, Amy Garcia, Rhett Bessey and John Caza

1-Call to Order

Supervisor DeZalia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led in the pledge to the Flag.

2-Accept the minutes

-Motion to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2023 as amended Town Board Meeting by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilman Koller

All in Favor-3 Opposed-0 - So moved

3-Supervisor’s Financial Report

As of May 31, 2023

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 796,275.37
General Fund	\$ 717,874.39	
ARPA	\$ 42,885.42	
Fire District	\$ 35,515.56	
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 1,023,686.08
Total All Funds		\$ 1,819,961.45

a. General Fund and Highway Fund Abstracts

Motion to approve the General fund and Highway fund abstracts by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call:

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

Councilman B. Caza- excused

b. Judges Financial Report

Approval of the audit of the Judges financial report will take place at the July meeting as both committee members are excused.

4. Old Business

A. LED Sign

Three estimates were received to upgrade the current service to the new sign. The fourth declined to participate due to upcoming downtime.

- Schroon Falls Electric LLC - \$2,085.00

- Blue Ridge Electrical Inc.-\$ 2,100.00

- Hometown Electrical Systems LLC - \$2,710.00

They all include the conduit, wire, breaker and labor. The Highway department will do the trench and cutting of blacktop.

Resolution #41 of 2023

Resolution accepting and awarding electrical upgrade project to Blue Ridge Electrical Inc.in the amount of \$2,100.00;

Whereas the Town of North Hudson solicited estimates for the required electrical upgrade to 120V 40A Circuit to accommodate the new LED Digital Sign board;

Wherefore the Town of North Hudson received estimates from 3 vendors and one declined to provide a proposal;

This being satisfactory to our obligation per or Procurement Policy;

Be it resolved that the above award was given and awarded for the following reason being a local in Town vendor.

Moved: Supervisor DeZalia second: Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

Councilman B. Caza- excused

B.- Share Shed-

No new information at this time.

C.-Speed Signs

The Underwood Community sent an email of thanks to Supervisor DeZalia. They stated early results are encouraging and how grateful they are for our commitment to the community.

D.- Lifeguard

A lifeguard has been hired and will start on Monday June 26. Her name is Vyllette Shaw.

E.-AFLAC

AFLAC will be meeting with Supervisor DeZalia and Cassandra D'Agostio on Friday June 16th in the morning. A date will be announced when employees can meet with the AFLAC representative.

F.- NYCLASS

The Town is all set up and a deposit of \$ 1,000,000 was made into the NYCLASS account. "let's watch our money grow"

G.-Municipal Records Project

Discussion on the Grant Funded Municipal Records Management Project.

Resolution # 42 of 2023

Resolution to proceed with contracting with Alden Stevens and Barbara Warren for a Grant Funded Municipal Records Management Project that will allow for us to apply for needed grant funds for municipal records management services.

Moved: Supervisor DeZalia second: Councilman Koller

Roll Call

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

Councilman B. Caza- excused

H.- DEC

The DEC has approved the revised landfill monitoring schedule. The Contract has been signed with Adirondack Landfill Services, LLC.

DEC came on Tuesday June 13th and did the fuel tank inspections and there are a few small items that need to be addressed such as a couple gauges needing replacement and some of the painting has come off.

I.- Hometown Heroes Banner Project-

Prior to the meeting Rhett Bessey requested to be placed on the agenda to speak about the Home Town Heroes Banner project. Rhett Bessey addressed the Board about the project, providing information on types and prices of the various banners and the cost of the brackets. It was explained to him this project has an existing committee of Mrs. Jan Herrick, Tim Herrick and Councilman Caza. Mr. Bessey could meet with them and request to be involved as a veteran. Rhett stated the banners could be ordered without a DD-214 all that would be required is a photo of the Veteran in uniform. There was discussion on this. He added he has already started collecting checks. He will contact Jan and Tim Herrick and share this information.

6.- New Business

Contents of Board Packets Supervisor financial report, Vendor payments report Revenue summary report, Expenditures Summary Report, the Monthly Justice report, the Town Clerks monthly report, the Towns monthly bank reconciliations and other informational items.

A. Department Reports

-Highway Department

The 2015 Chevy pickup has a rusted floorboard and the running boards have fallen off. Superintendent Foster was going to check to make sure the frame was good.

The latest update on the new Tandem is we should receive it sometime around July 1st. Payment of \$300,000.00 is due at the time of delivery. There was no update from the Highway Committee. No update on any paving.

-Transfer Station

Tony is set up and using the Smart Sheet program on his phone.

The Highway Department was given the specs they needed for the enclosure for E-waste.

The Highway Department was asked to assess the platform and make recommendations.

-Town Clerk

The Town Clerk Candy King hosted the quarterly meeting of the Essex-Clinton- Franklin County Town Clerks Association on June 14th. Supervisor DeZalia was invited to join the meeting and address the group of Town Clerks. Cassandra also attended as a deputy clerk.

Discussion on the State waiving their portion (\$22.50) of the marriage license for Active duty members of the Armed Forces. The Town can also waive their portion (\$7.50) of the fee by resolution. They still would be required to pay the \$10.00 to the State for the certificate.

Resolution # 43 of 2023

Resolution authorizing for the waiver of fee for the Towns portion of fees collected for a marriage license fee (\$7.50) to any active member of the Armed Forces as per DSL §14-

a, §15. The State portion, by statute is already waived this rendering of the marriage license at \$ 10.00 to Active members of the Armed Forces.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden second by Councilman Koller

Roll Call

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

Councilman B. Caza- excused

Court-

The public hearing was held for the new title to be added to the Essex County Civil Service Rules. Next is presentation of resolution before the Personnel Committee, Ways and Means Committee and then the Full Board of Supervisors. That will be put into the County Rules. It then goes to the State for approval for the “exempt” classification. In the meantime, it is treated as if of competitive class. Any Essex County town can start using this title as long as they follow all Civil Services requirements that pertain to it.

Assessor-

We received our 2023 Equalization Rate Status and the SNY has the Town at 87.10%. This is still a tentative rate for North Hudson. There is to be a hearing on Monday July 3rd at 10am for our Assessor to present reason this equalization rate is incorrect. Last month The Board received a sheet from Dave Wainwright at Real Property that explains what could happen if we did not get within 5% of 100% estimate full value. Supervisor to date has not seen Mike to speak to him about this.

Supervisor-

Supervisor DeZalia attended the AATV Annual Meeting in Lake Placid.

They had several speakers to present on various topics, but focused on the housing crisis. Mike also attended.

Position for temporary cleaner has been posted on Town website and social media.

B.- County

1- Tax Foreclosure

This foreclosure sale is scheduled for June 21st. Pamphlets are available on table in meeting room. Discussion on the foreclosure process and the new foreclosure legislation.

2.- Frontier Town Project update-

Supervisor gave an update on the Restore NY Grant that we received in the amount of \$1.9M for the restoration and rehabilitation of the old amusement park site. Brief discussion took place. The Northern Border Regional Commission 2023 Catalyst program application has been submitted.

3.-DEC

The DEC is going to use one of the Hiker Shuttles as a mobile Hiker Information Center that will move about to different locations.

C.-Hometown Fireman’s Retirement

Supervisor DeZalia was notified by Kevin from Hometown that the 2022 Fireman’s Points have not been submitted yet. The Board was informed in January that it was done. The Board will be kept apprised of the status of this.

D.-Main Street Revitalization

The board reviewed a copy of the Main Street Revitalization Grant Evaluation and Selection Worksheet that Supervisor DeZalia, Cassandra and Community Resources designed based on similar grants. A Grant Award Committee of 5 will be formed consisting of one Board member, one Planning Board member, 2 community members and possibly the code officer.

E.-Health Insurance

Supervisor DeZalia received an email about the tentative Health Insurance Premium for 2024. Excellus BCBS has submitted a 13.30% increase to the State. Typically, the amount requested is not approved and then it comes back with a little lower amount. With Budget season around the corner it is something to think about.

F.- July 4th Parade and Celebration

A request was received from the Schroon Lake Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship of the July 4th parade.

Resolution # 44 of 2023

Resolution allowing the Town Supervisor to expend \$1,000 in the form of Municipal Sponsor to the Schroon Lake 4th of July parade and festivities and to be listed as a Municipal Sponsor of such.

Moved by Supervisor DeZalia second Councilwoman Marsden

Roll Call

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

Councilman B. Caza- excused

G.- July Meeting and Workshop

Discussion on holding the employee handbook workshop on Wednesday July 19 at 4 pm to be followed immediately by the July Regular Board meeting.

Resolution #45 of 2023

Resolution scheduling an Employee Handbook workshop at 4pm July 19, 2023 and amending the date of the July 2023 meeting to be held immediately following said workshop on July 19, 2023 instead of the posted July 20, 2023 6pm.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden Second by Councilman Koller

All in favor – so moved.

Roll Call

Councilman L. Koller- Aye

Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye

Councilman B. DeZalia- excused

Councilman B. Caza- excused

6.-Privilege of the Floor

Discussion on Space Force being added to Veterans Memorial and obtaining a flag for same.

7.-Executive Session

Supervisor DeZalia moved to go into executive session at 7:03 pm for personnel item and possible litigation.

Second Councilwoman Marsden

All in favor- so moved

Councilman L. Koller- Aye
Supervisor S. DeZalia- Aye
Councilwoman M. Marsden- Aye
Councilman B. DeZalia- excused
Councilman B. Caza- excused
Motion to come out of executive session at 7:16pm.
No action taken.

Motion to adjourn 7:20pm by Supervisor DeZalia
Unanimous second
So moved

Respectfully Submitted

Martha M King
Town Clerk