

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

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

Guests: Tony Venner, Adam Venner, Tracee Parent, Jake Parent, Ken Hedden, Geri Hedden, Amy Garcia and Tim Herrick.

1-Call to Order

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

2-Accept the minutes

-Motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Town Board Meeting as amended by Supervisor DeZalia Second: Councilwoman Marsden

All in Favor Ayes-5 Opposed-0 - So moved

3-Supervisor's Financial Report

As of May 31, 2023

Glens Falls National Bank

Checking Accounts

Town of North Hudson Checking	0.10%	\$ 252,723.73
General Fund	\$ 174,322.75	
ARPA	\$ 42,885.42	
Fire District	\$ 35,515.56	
Highway Fund Checking	0.10%	\$ 549,309.15
	<u>Total All Funds</u>	<u>\$ 802,032.88</u>

NYCLASS

General Fund	4.92%	\$ 501,946.02
Highway Fund	4.92%	\$ 501,946.02
	<u>Total All Funds</u>	<u>\$1,003,892.04</u>
	<u>Total from all Accounts</u>	<u>\$ 1,805,942.92</u>

A. General Fund and Highway Fund Abstracts

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

Roll Call:

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

b. Judges Financial Report

-Motion to approve the June Judges Financial report from by Councilman DeZalia, second by Councilman Caza.

All in favor. Ayes- 5 Opposed: 0 - So moved.

-Motion to approve Judges Financial report from July by Councilman Caza second by Councilman DeZalia.

All in favor:Ayes- 5 Opposed: 0 - So moved.

4. Old Business

A. Led Digital Sign-

The electrical line has been installed and the sign is scheduled to be installed on Friday July 21st.

B. Share Shed-

Councilman Caza stated the shed should be delivered to the Landfill area before the end of the July.

C. Hometown Length of Service Award Program-

Councilman Caza stated he sent the 2022 points to Kevin from Hometown. He will give Supervisor DeZalia a copy for the Town records and will follow up with Hometown to make sure they were received.

D. AFLAC-

AFLAC met with employees July 6 and they are reaching out to individual employees who did not attend the meeting.

E. NYCLASS

The Town Board was informed of the interest of funds deposited. The June interest was \$3,892.04.

F. National Fitness Campaign-

Discussion on the material and short video presented to the Board last month. The Board was asked to watch the short presentation and review material provided to discuss at the next meeting.

G. Main Street Revitalization Grant Committee –

The Board was asked for their recommendations. Supervisor DeZalia offered her recommendations for this Committee consisting of a planning board member, code officer, a business owner with experience in this field, community members, a business outside main street and a resident inside the main street area.

Brief discussion followed. The Board reviewed the recommendations stating it would be a good blend of residents.

Discussion followed on the process and time line.

H.-Hometown Heroes Banner Project

Tim Herrick addressed the Board on the progress made so far on the Hometown Heroes project. He presented the Board with a brief overview of the project, the application process and a sample of a banner. He did confirm that an application was being made, and a DD214 and completed application would need to be submitted to the committee.

6. New Business-

Contents of the Board packets were discussed.

1. Highway Dept.-

The new truck will be delivered in the few weeks.

Discussion on the 2015 Chevy has some clicking in the front end and will be taken to Adirondack Chevy.

Data is being collected to submit to Department Homeland Security and Emergency Service for possible FEMA reimbursement.

2. Transfer Station-

Repairs to the platform were discussed. Discussion on the work that was just done not being satisfactory and are a safety hazard. Tony asked where the plans were for this and who made this design. Supervisor DeZalia explained this was not what was to be built. The Board inquired about the millings being used.

Resolution # 45 of 2023

The Town Board hereby resolves to purchase from Carrara Concrete 22 2'x2'x6' and 2-2'x2'x3' concrete blocks for the purpose of creating a permanent platform for the transfer station; for a total cost of \$ 2,980.00.

Moved by Councilman Caza and second by Councilwoman Marsden

Discussion: it was noted this is a little under the quoted amount of \$ 3,338.40.

Roll Call

Councilman B Caza- Aye

Councilman L Koller- Aye

Supervisor S DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M Marsden-Aye

Councilman B DeZalia-Aye

No update on E-waste enclosure.

Court-

New ceiling lights were installed at the court house. The Board verbally agreed to accept the proposal. A formal resolution is required.

Resolution #46 of 2023

Resolution is hereby made to accept the proposal submitted by Blue Ridge Electrical Contracting Inc. for the replacement of 11 LED overhead ceiling light fixtures in the Courthouse building.

Moved by Councilwoman Marsden with second by Councilman DeZalia

Roll Call

Councilman B Caza- Aye

Councilman L Koller- Aye

Supervisor S DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M Marsden-Aye

Councilman B DeZalia-Aye

Temp. Cleaner-

Two applications have been received for the position temporary cleaner.

The Personal Committee was asked to review both applications and hire from them.

B. County Reports-

Resolution # 47 of 2023

Supervisor DeZalia offered the following resolution.

Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto A.04282B/S.3505B to Move Certain Local Elections to Even-Numbered Years

Whereas, the Town of North Hudson believes that increasing participation in the election process and reducing costs of government operations is good for our republic; and

Whereas, Assembly Member Amy Paulin and State Senator James Skoufis reintroduced legislation that would move local elections to even-number years during the 2023 legislative session; and

Whereas, versions of this legislation were introduced in previous years and failed to reach the floor for a vote due to lack of support; and

Whereas, after the 2022 session concluded, the bill sponsor indicated that hearings would be held on the proposal through the Election Committee process; however, there were no hearings held; and

Whereas, the legislation passed in the middle of the night on the last days of the legislative session which is counter to the idea of an open and transparent government; and

Whereas, the Town of North Hudson has several concerns with this bill; and

Whereas, this legislation usurps the Home Rule powers reserved by local governments and protected by the Constitution of the State of New York, raising questions of legality and constitutional authority; and

Whereas, local municipalities have had the ability to change their elections to even-number years for decades, and chose not to do so; and

Whereas, we believe that establishing the schedule of local elections is the right of the local government, and has been for more than 100 years; and

Whereas, The Assembly Bill sponsor indicated that she had not received any messages of support for this proposal from any of the 57 Counties and 933 Towns across New York State impacted by this legislation and

Whereas, this legislation excludes more than half of all New Yorkers who vote in cities and villages from the changes to election law, creating an inequity among New York voters; and

Whereas, this legislation unfairly excludes the elections to offices in New York City and all other cities and villages in New York State, as well as certain offices within all counties and towns; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation circumvented the legislative committee process during this session, limiting public input and understanding of the impacts; and

Whereas, there has been no financial analysis or operational analysis of the impacts on local Boards of Elections; and

Whereas, there are concerns that the current election and ballot counting technology would not be able to adequately meet the demands of the significantly increased ballot size; and

Whereas, this will create confusion amongst voters in towns and counties across New York State; and

Whereas, separating the elections affords voters more time and focus to better understand important local issues and provides candidates the appropriate platforms to explain their stance on issues without having to compete against national and state level campaigns; and **Whereas**, moving local elections to even-numbered years would increase the cost of campaigns for local office, reducing the number of candidates willing to invest funds into their own campaign, because the cost of media will increase to compete with national and state level campaign advertisements, and

Whereas, there are significant legal and constitutional questions regarding the legality of this measure that have not been adequately addressed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Board of North Hudson urges the Governor to oppose this legislation and utilize her veto authority to reject this proposal; and

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be distributed by the Town Clerk to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Minority Leader Robert Ort, Assembly Minority Leader William

Barclay, Assembly Bill Sponsor Amy Paulin, Senate Bill Sponsor James Skoufis, Senator James Tedisco, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblymember John McDonald, Assemblymember Mary Beth Walsh, Assemblymember Carrie Woerner, and Assemblymember Matthew Simpson.

Unanimous second

C. Handbook

A handbook workshop was held at 4pm prior to this regular Board meeting.

An annual review is required of all policies. The Board discussed necessary changes and inclusions.

Resolution # 48 of 2023

Resolution is hereby made to contract with Public Sector HR to make the needed updated and inclusions within our Employee Handbook to be effective August 1, 2023.

Move by Councilwoman Marsden second by Councilman Caza

Roll Call

Councilman B Caza- Aye

Councilman L Koller- Aye

Supervisor S DeZalia- Aye

Councilwoman M Marsden-Aye

Councilman B DeZalia-Aye

D.- August meeting

Resolution #49 of 2023

Resolution is hereby offered by Councilwoman Marsden and seconded by Councilman Caza to amend the date of said August Regular Board Meeting from August 17, 2023 at 6pm to August 24, 2023 at 6pm.

All in Favor Ayes -5, Noes-0

So moved.

Privilege of the Floor

Discussions on landfill, utility pole replacement.

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter

Second by Councilwoman Marsden.

Adam Venner was asked to join the board.

All in Favor

Ayes-5, Noes-0 so moved.

Supervisor DeZalia motioned to come out of executive session at 7:30.

Second Councilman DeZalia

All in favor. Ayes-5, Noes-0

So moved.

The Board discussed a personnel issue with the person involved.

No action taken.

Councilman Caza initiated a discussion on the Hometown Heroes banners program.

Meeting adjourned 7:47 pm

Respectfully submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk

