**Town of North Hudson**

**Regular Town Board Meeting**

**Thursday January 16, 2025**

**6:00 pm**

Present:

Supervisor Clark

Councilman DeZalia

Councilman King

Councilman Koller

Town Clerk Martha M. King

Councilman Duntley excused

Guests:

Frank Darwak, Veronica Anderson, Brandon Potter, Tracee and Jake Parent

**Minutes**

Supervisor Clark called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Councilman DeZalia moved to accept the minutes form the December 19, 2024 meeting and the January 2, 2025 Organizational meeting.

Second Councilman King

Councilman DeZalia - Aye

Councilman King-Aye

Councilman Koller - Aye

Supervisor Clark – Aye

Councilman Duntley- excused

**Financials**

**Glens Falls National**

General $509,511

Highway $58,029

Trust $ 2,591

**NYCLASS**

General $509,511

Highway $ 530,404

Pavilion $ 46,356

**Town Hall**

Supervisor Clark reported a problem at the Town Hall with water in the backroom. The valve on the hot water tank had come unscrewed and was easily fixed. The cleaner cleaned up from the water.

**Youth Program**

The Town has received again an Essex County Youth Bureau Grant for $6,000 for youth sports and infrastructure improvements. The Town will also be getting $1,600 from the State Youth Development Program

**5 Towns**

Supervisor Clark attended a meeting With the DEC January 13 th with the DEC in Warrensburg regarding the easement for the connector trail system. He stated there was discussion on the $1.5 million set aside for the Cedar River Bridge that never happened. A letter was sent to the Governor’s office with hopes each of the 5 Towns receive $ 300,000 to be dispersed to each of the Towns for use in their own projects.

Supervisor Clark asked about there being any progress on the Frontier Town Campsite land easement. He stated it got their attention, he was waiting on a date for another meeting date with the DEC and attorneys present to discuss the next steps.

**Main Street Revitalization**

The Town has received another and disbursed to the Main Street Revitalization Grant recipients.

**Midsize Plow truck**

The truck was delivered with a flatbed on it for now.

The NYS Comptroller has requested we pay all but $10,000.00 as truck was purchased under NYS contract. The box will be placed on the truck in the spring when it comes in.

After looking at the 9’ plow, it was decided that a 10-foot plow would be better. The dealer was contacted and offered to change it over at a cost of $750.00. Highway Superintendent Caza and the Supervisor Clark took the 9’ plow on a trailer back to the dealer, Robert Green, in Monticello and returned with the 10’ plow.

**Bobcat Tractor**

The side mower and new broom have arrived for the Bobcat. The County stated that they would give the Highway Department as much work for this unit as we want.

**Live Cutting Edge**

The Live Cutting Edge has arrived. Supervisor Clark stated it is very impressive as to how much better it cleans the roads.

Supervisor Clark explained the Essex County Soil and Water reimbursement program.

They will give the Town a $2,500 towards the cost of the Live Cutting Edge blades.

He explained that the Town would need to buy the blades for $3,000 and will be reimbursed $2,500 costing the Town only $500.

**Resolution #20 of 2025**

To purchase a second set of Live Edge Cutting Edges for big plow truck art the cost of $3,000.00 with hopes of getting a second reimbursement from Essex County Soil and Water.

Moved Councilman King Second Supervisor Clark

Discussion on reimbursement processRoll Call:

Councilman DeZalia - Aye

Councilman King-Aye

Councilman Koller - Aye

Supervisor Clark – Aye

Councilman Duntley- excused

Essex County Soil & Water is willing to give the Town funding, ($70,000), and Hydro Seed the bank on completion of project. Supervisor Clark explained there is much site work to do on the park project and ditching that will require an excavator to be rented or borrowed. Taylor Rental has one (1) excavator at State Contract price of $79,322.00. The size would be useful to the Town with the many projects. Supervisor Clark proposed the Town take advantage of the price rather than rent one. Ditching bucket is not listed on the State Contract.

He also stated this is the last one available at this price.

**Excavator**

**Resolution # 21 of 2025**

To purchase the Excavator from Taylor Equipment at State Contract Price of $79,322.00.

Moved Supervisor Clark Second Councilman King

Lengthy Discussion took place on need, cost, need for commitment to do the ditching for ECDPW to help recoup some of the money.

Pros and cons of purchase. Ditching bucket estimated at $3,500. Questions on absence of Highway Superintendent to answer the Boards questions.

Roll Call:

Councilman DeZalia - Aye

Councilman King-Aye

Councilman Koller - Aye

Supervisor Clark – Aye

Councilman Duntley- excused

**Resolution # 22 of 2025**

To accept the donation of Frank Darwalk’s donation of $300.00 for the North Hudson Youth Fund.

Moved Supervisor Clark second Councilman Koller

Councilman DeZalia - Aye

Councilman King-Aye

Councilman Koller - Aye

Supervisor Clark – Aye

Councilman Duntley- excused

**Executive Session**

Supervisor Clark moved to go into a brief executive session at 6:38 for personnel.

Second Councilman King

All in favor

Motion to return from executive session at 6:44 by Supervisor Clark second Councilman DeZalia

All in Favor

Action taken by the Board was decision not to hold executive session.

Discussion from floor on the road conditions on Town roads.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Clark

Unanimous second.

Respectfully Submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk