

TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, who led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Laureen DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Donald Dresser. Sarah Vinskus, the Town Clerk, was also present.

There were no guests present.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the September 11th Meeting.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser to accept the Minutes as read. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor went over the contents of the Board Members' packets.

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of September 30th is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund (due to Fire Dist. \$18,914, Comptroller \$10,202)	0.10%	\$ 652,947.95
Highway Fund		\$ 638,885.87
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,291,833.82

Approximately 20 Grafton Horse Trail Riders attended the barbecue sponsored by the Fire Department and purchased approximately half of the meals served.

In response to the ad for a substitute Dog Control Officer the Supervisor received an email from Angela Nolan, a phone call from Kevin O'Neill from Schroon Lake and a letter from Rachel Tupper of Port Henry. Mr. Moore had already spoken with Laurie Bruce of Schroon Lake, who is also Dog Control Officer for Schroon Lake.

The first of several Destination Planning Meetings was held in Minerva on October 3rd. Jim McKenna of Roost, Minerva Supervisor Steve McNally, some Minerva residents and Mr. Moore attended. The goal is to appraise our current tourism situation and discuss tourism potential in our areas. More meetings are planned for October 17th and 24th.

The Supervisor stated that he had received information from the Schroon lake Emergency Squad with their proposed plan – to hire an AEMT and driver 7 days a week / 12 hours per day. The total cost for both Schroon Lake and North Hudson would be \$247,435.37. A meeting at 9:00 AM on October 16th will be held in the Schroon Lake Fire House with Dr. Desiderio and Travis Howe.

The Highway Department has been able to market some of the wood that has been cut for \$3,288.66. The paving on Wonderview was completed on October 2nd. An excavator will be rented to complete the work on Wonderview and to make repairs on Elk Lake Road.

The County awarded a 5 year contract to Serkil for Solid Waste Disposal. The 2015 budget process has begun with department head meetings. The Essex county Tax Foreclosure Auction is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22nd at 11:00 AM at the Best Western in Ticonderoga.

Resolution #69 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the Life Flight Contract for the budget year 2015 in the amount of \$1,000.00

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Donald Dresser	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Aye

Resolution #70 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the SPCA Contract for the budget year 2015 in the amount of \$360.00.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #71 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the contract with the Adirondack Service Pest Reduction Programs for the Black Fly Control Program (BTI) in the year 2015 in the amount of \$9,999.00.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Donald Dresser	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Aye

Resolution #72 of 2014

Resolved to amend Resolution #57 of 2014 raising the amount to be expended for repairs to Wonderview Road from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Laureen DeZalia. On roll call:

Donald Dresser	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Aye

Resolution #73 of 2014

Resolved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to rent an excavator at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Donald Dresser	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye

Laureen DeZalia

Aye

Resolution #74 of 2014

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2014 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C"

The following resolution was offered by Donald Dresser, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Hudson Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2014 entitled "A LOCAL LAS TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C" reading and provided as follows:

TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C

BE IT ENACTED, by the North Hudson Town Board as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of North Hudson pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and to allow the Town of North Hudson to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2015 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law 3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override – Budget Authorization

The Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of North Hudson for 2015 and authorizes the Town of North Hudson, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2015 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2015 pursuant to 3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 6th day of November, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the evening of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Town Clerk of North Hudson will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five (5) days prior to said hearing.

This resolution was duly seconded by Laureen DeZalia, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5 VOTES
NOES: 0 VOTES
ABSENT: 0 VOTES

Mr. Moore scheduled a Budget Workshop for Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 PM. He also scheduled a Public Hearing in regards to Local Law #1 of 2015 on Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 PM and at 6:45 PM on that same date a Public Hearing in regards to the Town Budget for 2015.

Mr. Dresser, Mr. Gero, Mrs. McKee and Mr. Moore met with Tish Biesemeyer of Burnham Associates regarding our employee and retiree health care plan. The present plan will see an approximately 12% increase for active employees under 65 and 40.9% increase for Medicare eligible.

The court hours have changed to 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday – Thursday. Time of Court will be 10:00 AM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Essex County Transportation has begun a new trial route with stops at the Schroon lake Town Hall, Tops Market, North Hudson Town Hall, and in Elizabethtown, Mental Health, Stewarts and Public Health. Bus leaves Schroon Lake Town Hall at 7:03 AM and returns at 4:48 PM.

Mr. Moore received an email from the County Board of Elections stating a need for Republican Election Inspectors. Training will be held November 1st and they would work November 4th.

Mr. Moore had a visit from the workers at the Clothing Warehouse. They accept donations at several locations and provide clothing to those in need. They are in need of school- aged children’s clothing.

The Association of Towns proposed a program called the Municipal Energy Program, which could reduce utility costs 10% to 14%. The concept is that by pooling municipalities’ energy costs, these costs could be driven down. Mr. Moore said that he would like to fill out the application and see what is offered.

For fiscal years beginning in 2015 there is a property tax freeze established. Taxpayers who reside within a “freeze compliant” jurisdiction will receive a credit to offset any increase in their property taxes. To be compliant the Chief Executive Officer or Budget Officer, must certify to the Comptroller’s Office that the adopted budget is within the levy limit and that any override law or resolution has been repealed. The certification is due by the 21st day of the local government’s fiscal year.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to pay the audited vouchers. All voted “Aye”.

General Fund	\$ 7,705.67
Highway Fund	\$ 6,760.40
TOTAL	\$ 14,466.07

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser to accept the Judge’s report as audited. All voted “Aye”.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:12 PM, for the George Moore matter and personnel. All voted “Aye”.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:34 PM. All voted “Aye”.

Mr. Moore then opened the Privilege of the Floor but there no comments.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk