

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM and 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. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also present

No guests attended the meeting.

The Supervisor requested that anyone planning to attend the Association of Towns meeting in February, to let him know as soon as possible and also if they plan to go by bus.

Resolution # 79 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to attend the Association of Towns Meeting February 16-18 in New York City.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Robert Dobie. On role call:

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

Mr. Moore said that he spoke with Emmet Thompson as to the naming of the road on which he and Cecilia Sansone live. He said that he would speak with her regarding the name "Hatch Way".

The Municipal Energy Program, (a result of the Association of Towns trying to find a way to lower utility costs for municipalities) was something discussed at the November meeting. We are one of 140 towns who expressed interest. Requests for bids went out and are due December 16th. We will then be notified and will have to sign a letter of intent if we choose to go to the next step.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund: (Due to Fire Dist. \$18,914)	0.10%	\$ 609,704.26
Highway Dept:	0.10%	\$ 592,153.69
Total All Funds		\$1,201,857.95

The Highway Department has been very busy so far this winter. We need to start thinking about road repairs now and Mr. Moore said he thinks Greenough Road should be next.

The assessors' have begun meeting on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

The Essex County Budget has been adopted and there will an increase of approximately 7.5%, which will cause an increase to \$3.01 per \$1,000 assessment.

Mr. Moore said that he had spoken with Phil Wagscal of SLIC about broadband installation. Mr. Wagscal said that it would not begin until next summer and maybe not until 2016.

Mr. Moore received a call from Doug Arnold in regard to a Grace Peak celebration. He then emailed Mr. Moore and said that he would like to have it at the time of the Strawberry Festival and the Hudowalski Essay Awards. He also asked if a suitable location in North Hudson would be available in North Hudson and said that there could be as many as 400 to 500 attending the celebration.

The Town has received a total \$110,000 from two (2) grants to establish an equestrian facility in North Hudson. This is another project Mr. Moore said that he needs help with the planning and the implementation. Some of the money is available now but Mr. Moore wants to check to see if the plans fall within the grant guidelines. We need to find the best location and then design the most efficient operation.

The Town received a violation notice for the beach for failure to submit a water sample from the beach water for the 2014 season.

Resolution #80 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the contract with Standard Medical Testing Services for drug and alcohol testing.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

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

Resolution #81 of 2014

Resolved that the last Meeting of the Year will be held on Monday, December 29th at 6:30 PM.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Donald Dresser. All voted "Aye".

Resolution #82

Resolved that the Date for the Organizational Meeting and Regular Town Board Meeting is Thursday, January 8th, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted "Aye".

The memory tree ceremony will be held at 6:00 PM, Friday, December 19th and the Christmas party will be held at 6:30 PM.

Hepatitis C testing will be provided free at St. Joe's in Elizabethtown on December 15th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon and also at Essex County Mental Health from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This testing is recommended for those born from 1945 to 1965 or those who received donated blood or organ transplants before 1992.

The pay schedule for this year is such that the last pay for elected officials is December 15th and the next payday would normally be January 18th, making one month between paychecks. As a result we will schedule the first payday for elected officials to be January 8th and hourly workers will receive 1 weeks pay on that date.

Resolution #83 of 2014

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the Physical Examination Agreement Renewal with the Hudson Headwaters Health Network.

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

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

General Funds	\$31,698.36
Highways Funds	\$25,675.83
Total	\$57,374.19

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 Robert Dobie for the board to move into Executive Session at 7:15 PM for the George Moore and Bruce Caza matters. All voted "Aye".

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:46 PM. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak but there was no one.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:50PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

