

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Together with the Supervisor were Board Members Stephanie DeZalia, Marshall Gero and Robert Dobie. Maureen Marsden was attending the Association of Towns Meeting in New York City. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also at the Board Meeting.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the January 17, 2017, Organizational and regular Town Board Meetings.

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to approve the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of January 31, 2017, is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:	0.10%	\$ 586,990.82
General Fund	\$559,003.82	
Fire Dist..	\$ 27,087.00	
Highway Fund	0.10%	\$ 557,530.27
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,14,521.09

Mr. Moore stated that the Town received two (2) insurance checks in the amounts of \$18,000 and \$4,000 for the claim submitted for the wood boiler in the Highway Department garage. Jeff Rushby had submitted an estimate of \$22,000 which did not include the removal of the old furnace and placement of the new one.

After discussion with the Board Members, during which a resolution to advertise for bid proposals for the purchase and installation of a new boiler and the removal of the old boiler was put forth and voted upon, another discussion developed in which the resolution was rescinded and it was decided that Mr. Moore would ask Dan Palmer, the County Manager for Essex County, what would be the best course to follow, such as going to bids.

Mike Mascarenas of the Essex County Community Resources Department has submitted a grant application in our behalf in the amount of \$125,000 and is to obtain final plans and specifications Frontier Town project and includes parcels, one owned by the Town and the other by the County.

On February 22nd a seniors' luncheon will be held at the firehouse.

Essex County Soil and Water is having their annual tree and shrub sale. The last day to order is March 21.

There will be a workshop on the Town website on March 15th at 6:00 PM with the Town Board and Tom Williams.

Brian Caza of the North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department has sent word that there are about ten members of the Department that would like to take a First Responders Course and asked if the Town could help with the payment for these courses. He mentioned that the reason was that when they respond to alert of someone ill or injured they cannot really help or give oxygen. There was some discussion during which the Town Clerk mentioned that when she was on a call she was informed that First Responders could no longer carry or administer oxygen. The Supervisor said that he would look into it further and get back to the Board with his findings.

Mr. Moore said that the Essex County ice and snow removal contract had come in and there was discussion about the cost of salt already used this season. It was decided that Mr. Dobie and Mr. Gero meet with the Highway Superintendent and discuss this matter with him.

Mr. Moore went over the contents of the Board Members packets.

The next item was the Highway Department and that there have been some costly repairs to the trucks and that a large portion of money allocated for snow and ice removal and salt has been spent. This could mean that work on town roads would be curtailed. Also the Highway Superintendent said that the bed of the 2003 truck needed to be replaced.

Emmet Thompson will stay on the Highway as a laborer. He did pass the written portion of the CDL test and must pass the driving test by Labor Day.

There is going to be a new area code, 838, added to the 518 code. This will be given to new numbers. If you already use the 518 number, you will continue to use that. This will be effective March 18, 2017.

The Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) is holding its second annual Adirondack Destination Marketing Summit at the Conference Center in Lake Placid from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on March 14th, 2017. Cost is \$20.00 per person in advance or \$25.00 at the door.

There are applications for ACAP, Inc. Weatherization Assistance Program for anyone interested.

Resolution #28 of 2017

RESOLUTION URGING THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY TO EXTEND THEIR SUMMER HOURS ON THEIR FERRY DEPARTURE AT

THE ESSEX, NEW YORK TO CHARLOTTE, VERMONT CROSSING BY ONE HOUR FROM 9:30 PM TO 10:30 PM.

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman DeZalia, who moved the adoption.

WHEREAS, Lake Champlain Transportation Company, otherwise, known as LCT Ferries has been providing much needed transportation service across Lake Champlain since 1824; and

WHEREAS, this service allows safe and reliable access to Vermont from New York and back and LCT Ferries has been an integral part of the Town of Essex since inception; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Essex, and other towns in the County of Essex, would benefit by the addition of one extra hour to the last departure time from the Town of Essex, from 9:30 PM to 10:30 PM, during the Summer session; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Essex, the County of Essex and their constituents would benefit greatly from LCT Ferries consideration of extending their departure hours on the Charlotte, VT to Essex, NY route across Lake Champlain.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby urges the Lake Champlain Transportation Company to extend their summer hours of their ferry departure at the Essex, New York to Charlotte, Vermont ferry crossing by one hour from 9:30 PM to 10:30 PM.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Gero and adopted.

Resolution #29 of 2017

Resolved that the Supervisor and members of the Town Board are hereby authorized to attend the Adirondack Destination Marketing Summit in Lake Placid on March 14, 2017

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Stephanie DeZalia. On roll call vote: 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstentions,1-Absent.

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

General Fund.....	\$157,416.08
Highway Fund.....	\$ 79,711.18
Total.....	\$237,127.26

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to approve the corrected Judge's January report. All voted "Aye". All voted "Aye". The report for February would be audited with the March's report.

Mr. Moore said that he was contacted by a veteran in regards to the Cold War Veterans' Tax Exemption. It seems that those who fought in the "Cold War"

were not covered by the Alternative Veterans' Exemption. There was some discussion and it was decided that the board would discuss a proposed local law adopting the Cold War Veterans' Exemption.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to adjourn the Meeting at 7:28 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk