

Town of North Hudson
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 15, 2026

Present:

Councilman DeZalia
Councilman Duntley Councilman King
Supervisor Clark
Councilman Koller: arrived at 5:35 pm
Town Clerk- Martha King

Guests:

Frank Darwak, Adam Venner, Frank Shaw

Meeting was held at 5:12 pm, immediately following the Organizational Meeting.
Salute to the Flag was done at 5pm

Minutes

Councilman King moved to accept minutes from the December 2025 Regular meeting.

Second Supervisor Clark

Councilman Koller absent

All in Favor

Financials

Arrow

General \$47,667

Highway \$165,248

Trust \$18,190

NY Class

General \$653,401

Highway \$301,670

Pavilion \$1,672

Youth \$1,597

Town News Highlights

Chips Money

Supervisor Clark announced we have gotten a check from CHIPS to pay for the Black toping on Elk Lake Rd, He noted we have not gotten any of these in many years. We have also reapplied for 2026 CHIPS funds.

Playground Equipment

On Monday of this week Supervisor Clark was asked if we would like \$7,000 for Inclusive playground equipment, he asked the Highway Superintendent if we had room and he said certainly, especially as we have a local person working on just this kind of a plan.

State Fuel Contract

We had some problems with the State Contracted Fuel Delivery on 12/31/25 the Highway shop ran out. Joan and Supervisor Clark worked on the phone for hours to find

out what happened and to get a delivery. No real explanation other than they had started with a different company, but no delivery. Supervisor Clark had the Highway crew put diesel in the tank but of course it would not pick up its prime and run, he called for a service call and with a new filter and nozzle we were going. After many calls and waiting for emails, we finally got a delivery on 1/2/26. Supervisor Clark came and showed the new driver where the 3 tanks are as we had about a quarter in each tank. With the problematic Pellet Boiler down again this could have been a real problem. Supervisor Clark has reached out to our Electrician and gotten an estimate to install Ceiling fans in the Highway shop to help with the consumption of fuel. He also has spoken to our Clean Energy Rep and asked if this project would have any funding. She stated that she was under the assumption fans had already been installed by previous administration, and anything to save fuel consumption is acceptable for funding.

Resolution # 11 of 2026

To contract with Amp Electric to wire up (properly to code) and install 8 recommended Ceiling fans in the Highway shop in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 as estimated. After we have a canceled check, it will be presented to NY Clean Energy reimbursement. (No Guarantee of the amount to be covered)

Moved by Councilman King
second by Supervisor Clark

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After the Ice Storm a few weeks ago the Highway Superintendent and Supervisor Clark were very pleased with the abilities from our mid-sized non CDL plow truck. We have had many people stating that the roads are much better than before, not all we have a few that complain but mostly positive. He added that finding a CDL driver in today's work force is close to impossible, and the cost of a new Class 8 tandem plow truck is at about \$340,000 now and in the 3 years it takes to order and get one delivered He personally doubts that cost will go down, more likely to increase by a significant amount. Both the Highway Superintendent and Supervisor feel that with a non CDL truck because of the lack of CDL drivers available this is a direction they wish to pursue. At this time there is no plan to get rid of tandem trucks but possibly go to 1 in the future. Supervisor Clark has done some calling around and found a very good deal for the town to purchase and have the plow, wing, box and sander for less than we paid for the last truck on State Contract Pricing.

The Midsize truck we ordered in 2023 was \$124,640 on State Contract, Supervisor Clark found the exact truck locally for \$57,175 from Home Town Chevrolet-Same Stainless Box and the same Plow for \$ 33,750 from Dejana. A 5 Yard stainless sander from Dejana, slightly bigger than before for \$9,250 and the same wing from JJAG Wing for \$9,857, all items installed to a total of \$110,032 a savings of \$14,608 for a newer truck and a bigger sander. (Quotes in your packets) This could acutely be paid for out of CHIPS funds, but with such a decent price he recommends we keep our CHIPS funds for road work.

Resolution # 12 of 2026

To Purchase a 6500 Chevy cab and Chassis from Home Town Chevrolet for \$57,175 and send to Dejana for Plow and Box installation.

Moved by Councilman DeZalia second Councilman King

Discussion:

Brief discussion on lack of CDL drivers and the ability of the midsize truck.

Roll call.

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Privilege of the Floor-

Comments regarding Blue Ridge Road and Ensign Pond Road.

Councilman King moved to adjourn.

Unanimous second

Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm

Respectfully submitted

Martha M. King

Town Clerk