

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2006

Supervisor Jean H. Derouin asked everyone to stand in a moment of silence for Zoning Officer, Wes Alcombrack.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board, Town of Hounsfield, N. Y. was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, by Supervisor Derouin and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Derouin, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Rocco Crescenzi, C'man David Cobb, and C'man Ken Lawrence Jr.

A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Cobb to approve minutes of 8/9/06 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lawrence reviewed bills in abstract # 9, vouchers# 523 – 585.

General Fund A	\$ 26,097.14
General Fund B	7,447.90
Highway Fund A	14,836.06
Highway Fund B	20,873.52
Water District 2	18,083.51
Water District 1	24,027.32
Water District 1 Capital Fund	<u>5,440.39</u>
Total	\$116,805.84

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in abstract # 9. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time, Supervisor Derouin opened the floor for public comments and Marlene Lennox presented the board with a letter and a petition of 31 signatures from Sulphur Springs residents to request a speed reduction through this hamlet on Co. Rt. 62. They are requesting a reduction from 55 MPH to 45 MPH because of many accidents that have occurred. A motion was made by C'man Cobb and C'man Crescenzi 2nd to accept this petition. It will go to the County Highway Superintendent and on to the State Highway Dept. for review. There was also a discussion about the length of the double lines just before the intersections on Co. Rt. 62 and the Highway Superintendent will contact the County Engineer to see if anything can be done about that.

Kathy Mereand was present to speak about the Rt. 3 Overlay Zoning District and the fact that nothing has been done to change it. A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by Supervisor Derouin to hold a Public Hearing to hear comments about changing the Arterial Corridor Zoning District, on 10/11/06 at 6:30 PM. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Maryann DeClerk was present and asked about the next phase after the Public Hearing and the Supervisor told her that all the steps to pass an amendment to a local law would need to be done.

Sergeant Keith Doney was present to tell the Board that 1st Sergeant Martin of the 10th Mountain Unit that the Town adopted has expressed his gratitude for the phone cards, letters and packages that the soldiers have received from the Town and he will be attending a Town meeting when he returns. C'man Crescenzi asked residents to continue to give more phone cards for our adopted unit.

Sharry Rogers was present to ask about the problem with Amish furniture signs on Rt. 3 that was in the Zoning Officer's Report at the last Planning Board Meeting. The Supervisor said that this is still being researched with our present Zoning Law and the outcome will be announced at the next Town Board meeting.

C'man Cobb reported that he attended a Masonic Lodge meeting representing the Town and was presented with an American Flag to commemorate the World Trade Center Disaster. He made a motion that the Town starts a flag project for the Public Safety Building and at the Town Hall. This motion was 2nd by C'man Crescenzi and all voted aye to carry the motion.

C'man Lee asked Roger Brunet to report on the Water Committee and Roger announced that the next meeting is 9/20/06 to discuss EDU's.

C'man Lawrence spoke about continuing to work on an emergency plan for the Town. He also mentioned that the County is changing to a more enhanced dispatch system for 911 emergency calls and there have been a few problems with that. C'man Lawrence would also like to look into putting Sackets Fire Dept. on initial dispatch with Dexter and Brownville, town wide and the Board gave their approval to do some research on this subject. He also added that residents have asked how soon the lower Rt. 3 water project might begin and Supervisor Derouin said he hopes to receive bids on it early next year.

C'man Crescenzi reported that he attended a meeting concerning repairs to the Public Safety Building and it was decided that the costs will be shared between the Village and the Town. There is a possibility that the Village will cut the position of a Village Justice and he mentioned that another shared service that is being discussed is a town wide police patrol and Chief Coseo was present to talk about that. Supervisor Derouin wants the community to give feedback on these issues to the Town Board.

C'man Crescenzi mentioned that the process was started last month to move on the Property Maintenance Code and Supervisor Derouin added that after a legal opinion from the county attorney, it was said that the Town and Village will be able to enforce this code ourselves.

C'man Crescenzi talked about how much Wes Alcombrack meant to this Town and how he always went the extra mile to help people with their zoning issues. C'man Crescenzi made a motion to name the meeting room at the Highway Building, The Wesley Alcombrack Town Hall. The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Derouin and all voted aye to carry the motion.

A discussion was held about the Town maintenance of the water shed pond at Blue Heron Landing development.

The Highway Superintendent's Report was given. A discussion was held about purchasing a new pick up on the State Bid. The truck would need to be ordered before October in order to save about \$4,000. The truck would be delivered in January and paid for in January. C'man Lee made a motion to purchase a pick up on the State Bid and C'man Crescenzi 2nd this motion. All voted aye and this motion was carried.

The Water Department Report was given. A request was received from Vance Shores for municipal water. A survey will be sent to all land owners at Vance Shores to see if they all want water at the estimated cost.

A Zoning Officer's Report was given by Marlene Lennox, Deputy Zoning Officer.

An Assessor's Report was given. He also reported that the "Choice One" customer service for the Town phone at his house is not very efficient. It took almost a week to have it repaired.

Supervisor Derouin would like to see what the Town could get for pricing with a different provider. Jeff Kenney will research that.

The Supervisor's Report was given:	Total Receipts	\$ 127,449.72
	Total Disbursements	\$ 121,392.75
	Bank Balance	\$ 46,591.56
	Total Investments	\$ 337,604.66

Supervisor Derouin made a motion to appoint Marlene Lennox Zoning Officer for the remainder of the year at \$750 per month and C'man Cobb 2nd the motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin announced that he just received a letter offering State grants available for combined services of Towns, Villages and Schools. The applications need to be in by October 23rd. The Board encouraged him to apply.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin for a SEQR resolution and a negative declaration for the Property Maintenance Law and C'man Crescenzi 2nd the motion. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Crescenzi to adopt Local Law #3 of 2006, to be known as "The Town of Hounsfield Property Maintenance Law". All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Cobb that the Town of Hounsfield enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Jefferson County Board of Legislators and the Jefferson County Highway Superintendent to transfer ownership of culverts J-028 and J-030 to the Town of Hounsfield. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held on the 2007 Tentative Budget. Board members will send any changes they have in mind to the Clerk to Supervisor.

A discussion was held on response time of the ambulance crew. It was discussed that the Town might want to have a paid EMT on duty during the daytime hours. C'man Lawrence will get more information for the Board on this subject.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk