

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2007

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

Members present were: Council members, Stephen Lee, David Cobb, Ken Lawrence Jr. and Yvonne Podvin. Supervisor Jean Derouin was absent.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Cobb to approve the minutes of 9/12/07. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Cobb reviewed the bills in abstract # 10, vouchers # 555 - # 600.

General Fund A	\$ 48,608.33
General Fund B	2,305.05
Highway Fund A	13,954.19
Highway Fund B	44,955.53
Water District 2	18,719.30
Water District 1	<u>10,108.71</u>
Total	\$138,651.11

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to approve the bills in abstract # 10. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'woman Podvin to approve a bill from Jeff Fields for concrete work at the Court Building for \$4,650.50. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Bids for the roof at the Court Building came in as: Charles Trump \$16,914.95, Burns Contracting \$12,956.91 and Boondock Builders \$18,200. Charles Trump was selected because it was a more complete bid, and a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to approve this bill also. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the floor was opened for comments and Ginny Savage of the Lee Road was present to inquire about the possibility of public water in her area. C'man Lee reported that there is a very good possibility that her area will be included in a water district because the Airport needs water and there are more funding sources available because the Airport has been designated a Public Regulated Water Source. When asked how long it will take, C'man Lee said that he hopes it will be 2-3 years away.

Sandy Farrington was present representing the East Hounsfield Library and gave a short report.

Steve Joels , EMS Captain for the Fire Dept., was present to ask the Town Board to pass a resolution to secure an Ambulance Certificate of Need (Operating Certificate) to have in the event that Fire Co. 2 is able to split from Sackets Harbor Fire Co. Charles Brennon, Jefferson County EMS Director, was also present to explain the need for such a certificate. The Board will review the sample resolutions that were provided.

C'man Cobb reported that he is still working on safety issues for Co. Rt. 62. He will work with the Zoning Officer to get signatures and resubmit a petition for a speed reduction on Co. Rt. 62 from Massey Street to NYS Rt. 3.

C'man Lawrence reported that he is still working on 911 postings in the Town.

C'woman Podvin reported that the Town Clerk has her resignation letter from ZBA and at this time she would like to make a motion to appoint Paul Locy as Chairperson of ZBA with a term expiring 12/31/10 and C'man Cobb 2nd the motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A letter was received from Kevin Oliver to inform the Board that he is interested in being involved with the ZBA, when and if an alternate position is created.

A Highway Superintendent's Report was given.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for a resolution to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order a new Mack dump truck and plow equipment at state contract price. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee asked the Highway Superintendent about marking town roads and he answered that it can be done but it is very expensive. The Board asked for some prices.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb to hire Steve Slate as a part time MEO at a rate of \$13.00 hr. from 10/15/07 to 1/1/08 as a probation period. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A Water Department was given by Jeff Kenney and he had some information on the Airport Water Project.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'woman Podvin to give a water credit of \$18.48 to account #587 because of mistaken readings. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the Zoning Officer's Report was given by Marlene Lennox.

The Assessor's Report was given by Jean Rogers.

The Supervisor's Report was given:

Total Receipts	\$153,180.25
Total Disbursements	\$115,311.32
Bank Balances	\$78,024.66
Total Investments	\$317,796.00

A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2nd by C'man Cobb to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee announced that the Village Board has not signed the RidgeviewTel contract to place a wireless internet antenna on the Village water tower. The Town is looking for other sites available for this project in case the Village decides not to be involved.

It was also announced that the Village notified the Town that effective in March 2008 the water rate will go from \$1.60 per K gal to \$2.00 per K gal.

The 2008 Budget Hearing will be held on 11/7/07 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall meeting room and the November Town Board Meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

There is a Land Use Planning Workshop at JCC on 10/17/07.

A letter of resignation was received from Roger Brunett resigning his seat and position as chairman of the Water Committee. C'man Lee thanked Roger for his work on the committee.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb for a resolution that the Town Attorney is authorized to settle a proceeding brought by Verizon against the Town. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'woman Podvin to pay a rate of \$12.50 per hr. for work done on a Records Retention Grant Project (\$1,806) at the Town of Hounsfield Court. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to pay for another 160 hrs. of records retention work at the court after the grant funds are used at a rate of \$10.50 per hr. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk