

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**February 13, 2008**

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

Members present were: C'men, Steve Lee, David Cobb, and Ken Lawrence Jr., and C'woman Yvonne Podvin.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to approve minutes for 1/9/08. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lawrence to approve minutes for a special meeting on 12/21/07. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin to approve minutes for end of year meeting on 12/27/07. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Cobb reported that the renovations on the back office at the court building will be stopped for now until the Board knows if the Town can rent an office to a private company. He also wants to work with the rest of the Board to try and reduce the Town tax rate the \$.63 that was added for the Fire Protection line item this year.

C'man Lawrence spoke about the legibility of signatures on bills and exactly who should be signing bills.

C'woman Podvin reported that she has been working with the Planning Board and she reported on their meeting last night. Mrs. Podvin and Mr. Cobb met with the Planning Board Chair to make suggestions of how the Board could run more smoothly. Mrs. Podvin also met with the new Chair of the ZBA for training.

C'woman Podvin made a motion and C'man Lee made a motion to appoint Mel Castor to the ZBA for a term of 5 years, expiring 12/31/12. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he met with the engineer and signed a Notice of Award for the bid on the construction of Water District 4. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin to award that bid to Adhan Piping Co., Cortland, NY for \$514,125. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee announced that a special Town Board meeting will be held on 2/20/08 at 3:00 PM to form Water District 3.

A Water Dept. report was given by Jeff Kenney.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lawrence to authorize Jeff Kenney to purchase equipment for Water District 2 not to exceed \$19,000 which is remaining Capital Funds. The equipment includes: radio reads, lap top to operate radio reads, upgrade office computer for SCADA system, and security cameras with software to be installed at the water tower. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Mr. Kenney expressed his concerns on the time restriction for completing Water District 3 and C'man Lawrence asked if the Town might hire another attorney to research deeds in preparation so Mr. Kenney is able to meet with residents and get signatures for easements.

Bruce Alcombrack gave a work report for the Highway Dept. for January. He also reported that he is having more problems with the glass door in the meeting room when the wind blows and estimates were given to the Board on replacing the door or building a breeze way around it.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to order a new glass door with a latch and install a motion light above it. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to allow the Highway Superintendent to transfer the last man hired from part time to full time status at a rate of \$14 per hr. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Mr. Alcombrack announced that someone wants to open another recycling business at the former Reason's building on Rome St. Road. He said that it would be convenient for the residents of the Town to have another site to take their recyclables.

Residents at Hy Noll have asked the Highway Superintendent for an estimate for the Town rebuilding their road to standards and he said he will have that ready for them by next week.

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 by C'man Lee; Abstract # 2 Total \$158,962.69; Total Receipts \$221,680.27; Total Disbursements \$166,748.66; Bank Balances \$141,860.91; Total Investments \$277,398.74. A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lawrence reviewed the bills this month and one bill for the courthouse was not included to get more information. Abstract # 2, vouchers # 42 – 118.

General Fund A	\$ 18,549.41
General Fund B	6,181.06
Highway Fund A	50,593.47
Highway Fund B	420.02
Water District 2	76,447.60
Water District 1	3,221.13
Fire Protection	<u>3,550.00</u>
Total	\$158,962.69

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

Jeff Kenney reported that RidgeviewTel is still planning on installing equipment for the wireless internet this month. March 1<sup>st</sup> is a target date for installations for the public to begin.

Regarding a recent article in the newspaper on the Galloo Island Wind Farm project, C'man Lee announced that the Town of Hounsfield would not support the use of emanate domain to obtain property to build power lines on.

An informational meeting with the fireman and Village and Town Boards was scheduled for 2/28/08 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Public Comments were taken from the floor and Jay Rivest was present to report on the East Hounsfield Library, they have hired two new librarians and have extended their hours to five days a week.

Sharry Rogers mentioned that an informational meeting on the wind farm project power line route will be held at Henderson on 2/14/08.

Mayor Kinnie was present and reported that the Village Board is talking about needing more office space and would like to talk to the Town about space at the court building. He also mentioned that a Green Community Meeting will take place on Friday 2/15/08 with a tour of the village beginning at about 8:30 PM and C'woman Podvin and C'man Lawrence would like to attend the meeting for the Town.

A discussion was held about operation of the Lakeside Cemetery if it comes to the Village and Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk