

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2007

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

Members present were: Supervisor Derouin, Councilmen Steve Lee, David Cobb and Ken Lawrence Jr. Councilman Rocco Crescenzi was absent.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to approve the minutes of the 3/14/07 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lawrence reviewed the bills in abstract # 4, vouchers # 184 – 245.

General Fund A	\$ 10,464.84
General Fund B	340.88
Highway Fund A	23,992.13
Highway Fund B	6,732.38
Water District 2	7,084.84
Water District 1	<u>2,641.64</u>
Total	\$ 51,256.71

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the bills in abstract #4. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin made a motion to appoint Jeannie McKay to chair the Town of Hounsfield Bed Tax Committee. C'man Lee 2nd the motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Ms McKay said she was ready to start. She added that the deadline for applications is Friday, 4/13/07 and Monday the 16th the committee will meet.

Kieth Doney presented Sergeant Major Martin of 10th Mountain Div. at Fort Drum who thanked the Town for adopting his unit when they were deployed to Afghanistan last year. He said the men and women enjoyed the cards, letters, packages and phone cards that were sent to them. Sergeant Major presented Supervisor Derouin with a certificate of appreciation and a flag that was flown at their base in Afghanistan for 9 hours and 11 minutes. Supervisor Derouin thanked Sergeant Major and his unit for their service to our country and told him that the Town will display these gifts in the meeting room.

Also from the floor, Mrs. DeClerk read a report of Welcome Neighbor for the last year and two residents spoke about the Highway Dept. tour and told the Board they were in favor of the Town purchasing a track hoe.

C'man Cobb gave a report on the Planning Board and reported that two duck crossing and one horse crossing signs are missing from the Parker Road. He asked for their return if anyone finds them.

C'man Lee reported that the Town received a letter of commitment from EFC for funding for Water District 3. He also reported that he has met with the Water Committee and has attended two meetings about documents that are due for Storrs Road Water District. He also spoke about a five year plan for the Highway Dept. and the Highway Tour that was held.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb to appoint Robert VanBrocklin to the Water

Committee. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lawrence reported that the Emergency Plan Meeting was canceled again. He has been working with the Highway Superintendent on Road Standards.

C'man Lawrence made a motion and C'man Lee 2nd to authorize C'man Lawrence to talk to legal council about the Road Standards to make sure everything that is needed is included. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee suggested that the Town sent a letter of appreciation to Travis Alcombrack who just left the Highway Dept. after seven years to work for the County as a deputy sheriff. Supervisor Derouin will send the letter.

A Highway Superintendent's Report was given.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for a Pay Rate Scale for Highway Dept. Employees to take effect immediately: Part time MEO, \$13.00 per hr. – Temp. MEO, \$12.00 per hr. – Part time Laborer, \$10.00 per hr. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lee to move Dustin Amo to a part time laborer in the Highway Dept. until he acquires his CDL license and then to the full time position that is available. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin reported that the Town received a letter from Jefferson County Emergency Management concerning snowfall in February. The Highway Superintendent has sent in expenses for a 48 hr. period for possible reimbursement.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning leasing a track hoe at this time.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to lease a track hoe at a cost of \$33,000 a year. C'man Lee and Lawrence voted yes and C'man Cobb and Supervisor Derouin voted no and this motion was not carried.

A Water Department report was given. Mr. Kenney reported that on May 7th a three week project will begin to steam treat and air dry the inside of the water tower which will cost approximately \$11,650. District 2 will be temporarily connected to Town of Watertown for residential water. The hydrants will not be available for fire protection.

Supervisor Derouin made a motion and C'man Lee 2nd to have Churchill & Son perform the steam treatment on the inside of the water tower, starting about May 7th at a cost of \$11,650. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Zoning Officer's Report was given by Marlene Lennox.

An Assessor's Report was given by Jean Rogers.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Abstract # 4, vouchers # 184 – 245 \$51,256.71

Total Receipts \$160,955.16
Total Disbursements \$198,999.21
Bank Balances \$82,014.92
Total Investments \$407,796.00

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to accept the Supervisor's report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lee for a resolution stating that Town of Hounsfield Water District # 4 will have no negative impact on civil rights. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lee for a resolution stating that Town of Hounsfield Water District # 2 Water Law and Billing Structure will be adopted for Water District # 4, Storrs Road. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by Supervisor Derouin that the Highway Superintendent send the grade all to auction in June. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Supervisor reported that he now has three quotes for a heat system at the Public Safety Building but he would like to get more quotes before a decision is made by the Board.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk