

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2009

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

Board members present were: Supervisor DelSignore, C'men Stephen Lee, David Cobb, Ken Lawrence Jr. and C'woman Yvonne Podvin.

The floor was opened for comments from the public and Sharry Rogers asked a question on water district 3 and Nancy Robbins commented on the road conditions this winter.

Supervisor DelSignore announced that he had correspondence from the Sackets Harbor Senior Citizens, thanking the Board for its support and a notice from Bernier, Carr Group that the specifications for Water District 3 are in place and the project should move forward on time.

The Supervisor also announced that there are copies of the staff reports and judges' reports available for the public.

The Supervisor reported that he attended the Town Hall Meeting with Governor Patterson on his visit to Watertown.

The Supervisor also reported that he has analyzed the Town finances for 2008 and has concerns going into 2009. He suggested that the Board be very careful of spending this year.

A joint Village-Town work session will be held on 1/21/09 at 3:30 PM at the Justice Building.

A Local Government Day will be held at JCC on March 26, 2009 for local government officials.

Board assignments were given as follows: C'woman Podvin has Planning and Zoning and Fire Dept., C'man Lee has Water and Bed Tax, C'man Cobb has Highway and Fire Dept., C'man Lawrence has Library, Cemetery, and Recreation. Finance is a shared assignment of the Board.

The Supervisor announced that the Bed Tax applications are due 2/27/09.

The Supervisor let the Board know that the Town Clerk's financial book is present for audit and signatures.

C'man Lawrence reported that he has received pricing on an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and there may be a grant that the Town could apply for funding.

Supervisor DelSignore gave his financial report: Receipts - \$718,632.24, Disbursements - \$642,728.66, Bank Balances - \$201,811.35, Investments - \$207,901.12.

A discussion was held on the closing of the water wells on NYS Rt.180, Water District 5, and Wind Farm negotiations for the Pilot Program. C'man Lee suggested that the Town hire a professional negotiator to help us with the pilot program.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution 09-01, establishing date and time for Board meetings. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution 09-02, adopting policies and designations. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution 09-03, authorizing signatory and payment duties. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution 09-04, approving appointments for 2009. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution 09-05, establishing salaries and wage rates for 2009. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution 09-06, establishing Highway Department wage rates. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution 09-07, authorizing professional development and staff training. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C' Lee for resolution 09-08, authorizing health insurance and vision care premiums. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution 09-09, authorizing Town Highway Department uniform agreement. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by Supervisor DelSignore for resolution 09-10, authorizing purchases by Highway Department in 2009 under \$1000 without Board approval. C'man Lee, C'man Lawrence, and C'woman Podvin voted no and C'man Cobb and Supervisor DelSignore voted yes. The motion was not carried.

After a discussion a motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution 09-10A, authorizing purchases by Highway Department in 2009 under \$3000 without Board approval. C'man Lee, C'man Lawrence, and C'woman Podvin voted aye. C'man Cobb and Supervisor DelSignore voted no. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Cobb for resolution 09-11, establishing fees for services. After discussion of the \$.25 copy charge, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution 09-12 approving membership renewal to Association of Towns. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor DelSignore and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution 09-13, introduction of Local Law #1 of 2009, amending the Town of Hounsfield Zoning Law. Copies are available at the Town Clerk's office. All voted aye and the motion was carried. The amendment will be sent to Jefferson County Planning for their comments and then a Public Hearing will be set.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'woman Podvin to approve the bills in abstract # 1, vouchers #1-45, resolution 09-14.

General Fund A	\$ 25,424.57
General Fund B	3,608.44
Highway Fund A	51,455.83
Highway Fund B	12,987.77
Water District 2	1,038.12
Water District 1	2,959.68
Water District 4	<u>3,938.24</u>
Total	\$ 101,412.65

All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution 09-15, to approve the Supervisor's report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution 09-16, to revise resolution 08-12 from December meeting, authorizing hiring of part-time personnel in the Highway Department. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution 09-17, authorizing the Supervisor to execute water supply agreement, grant of temporary easement, and grant of easement with New York State Office of Parks and Recreation. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution 09-18, authorizing the Supervisor to execute agreement with Ticor Title Insurance Company on behalf of Town of Hounsfield Water District #3. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb for resolution 09-19, authorizing the Supervisor to execute agreements with Village of Sackets Harbor, National Grid, Verizon, and Sackets Harbor Central School on behalf of the Town of Hounsfield Water District # 3. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution 09-20, for approval to apply for grant funding to purchase an AED for the Town Office Building or allocate local funds, not to exceed \$1600, to purchase the AED. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The next Town Board meeting is February 11, 2009. This meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier

