

## TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD

November 5, 2008

A Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Jean H. Derouin at 6:30 PM for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2009 Town Budget. Supervisor Derouin read a summary of the Budget and Water Districts. The Benefit Assessment on Water District 1 is \$100 per quarter, District 2 is \$346 annually and District 4 is \$566 annually. At this time the floor was opened for comments. Martin DelSignore was present and asked the Board to consider making the tentative Budget more accessible to residents before and at the budget hearing. He thinks that \$.25 per page for copies of the Budget is cost prohibitive to many residents and suggested that the Budget be posted on the Town website. He also asked questions about the 2009 Budget. There were no more questions or comments from the public and the public hearing was closed at 6:42 PM.

A second Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Derouin at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing comments on a contract with the Village of Sackets Harbor for fire protection and emergency service. The revised contract was read by Supervisor Derouin. Councilmembers did not have a revised copy of this contract and C'woman Podvin asked for clarification on the dates. The floor was opened for comments and Vonnice Joels asked that more time be taken to review this contract before approving since some Board members do not have a revised copy. This hearing was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order immediately after the second Public Hearing by Supervisor Derouin and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Derouin, Councilmen; Steve Lee, David Cobb, and Ken Lawrence Jr.; and Councilwoman Yvonne Podvin.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of the 10/8/08 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The floor was opened for comment: Marlene Lennox asked what right Steve Sullivan has to cancel the Co. 2 ambulance from answering calls in the village. Mr. Sullivan replied that Co. 1 has calls in the village under control and does not want to tie up a second ambulance. A discussion followed.

C'man Cobb reported that he has worked on the zoning amendment with the Zoning Officer, C'woman Podvin and attorney Slye and he thanked the Zoning Officer and Highway Superintendent on designing and installing a sign on Co. Rt. 66 designating where the Highway Building is located.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting to establish the EDUs to turn in to the County for placement of charges on tax bills.

C'man Lawrence reported that he attended a Jefferson County and Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization seminar.

C'woman Podvin reported that she also attended the same zoning work session as C'man Cobb.

C'man Lawrence reviewed the bills in Abstract # 11, vouchers # 660 – 730 and made a motion to approve them with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from C'woman Podvin.

General Fund A	\$ 60,410.37
General Fund B	97.72
Highway Fund A	23,078.20
Highway Fund B	65,163.11
Water District 2	6,775.45

Water District 1	3,508.54
Water District 2 Capital Fund	2,512.99
Fire Protection	<u>27,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 189,046.38

All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave his work report for October.

The Water Superintendent gave a work report for October.

The Zoning Officer also gave a report.

The Assessor gave his monthly report.

The Supervisor's Report was presented: Total Receipts - \$605,985.70, Total Disbursements - \$738,593.88, Total Cash in Checking Account - \$56,404.92, Total Investments - \$508,400.54. A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Report by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lawrence. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion to adopt the 2009 Town of Hounsfield Budget was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb. All voted aye and this motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin made a motion to approve the Fire protection and Emergency Service Agreement with the Village of Sackets Harbor and C'man Cobb made a 2<sup>nd</sup>. C'man Lee and C'man Cobb voted yes. C'man Lawrence and C'woman Podvin voted no and Supervisor Derouin voted yes. The motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin read letters from Christine Eggleston, ZBA Chairperson to ask clarification of terms that are not defined in the Zoning Law and she also encouraged the Board to develop regulations for forms of alternative energy such as solar panels and wind turbines for personal use.

A request was read from the Sackets Harbor Chamber of Commerce requesting an extra \$500 from the Town for Christmas advertising. This request was denied.

A letter was received requesting use of the Public Safety Building and grounds for an RV rally on July 16-19, 2009. This request was approved.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane N. Nier  
Town Clerk

