

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**November 7, 2007**

A Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Jean H. Derouin at 6:30 PM for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2008 budget. Supervisor Derouin read budget highlights. Supervisor Derouin explained that there will be a new line item for Fire Protection outside the village on the January tax bill in 2008. The Clerk to the Supervisor explained some changes to the 2008 Preliminary Budget. In the open floor, Jay Rivest spoke for the East Hounsfield Library and Ed Mereand spoke for the Fire Department and the hearing was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

The regular monthly meeting 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, C' members Stephen Lee, David Cobb, Ken Lawrence Jr., and Yvonne Podvin.

A motion was made by C' man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C' man Lee to approve the minutes of 10/10/07. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C' man Cobb reviewed the bills in abstract # 11, vouchers # 601 – 659.

General Fund A	\$ 23,321.62
General Fund B	13,769.88
Highway Fund A	16,505.60
Highway Fund B	12,233.53
Water District 2	4,428.14
Water District 1	119.48
Public Health	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$ 70,878.25

A motion was made by C' man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C' man Lawrence to approve the bills in abstract # 11. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the floor was opened for public comment and topics discussed were: road salt, proposed purchase of wells on NYS Rt. 180 and quality testing, paving Lloyd Road next year, and water quality at the Town Barn.

A motion was made by C' man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C' man Lawrence to purchase and install a water storage tank to provide water to the restrooms at the Highway Building. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C' man Cobb reported that he has been working with the County and State on improving the safety of the intersection at Co. Rt. 62 and 66.

C' man Cobb reported that he has received complaints on the disrepair of the building at the Muskalonge Cemetery on the Evans Road. The Highway Superintendent told the Board that the building is not worth repairing and he will have it demolished when he can work it in the schedule.

C' man Lee reported that the Town should be notified any day that the Storrs Road water project can go out to bid. There is research being done on the Fields, Jericho and Parker Roads for water.

C' man Lawrence reported that the Fire Department would like a Certificate of Need for ambulance service in the Town of Hounsfield and a motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C' man Lawrence for a resolution to secure a Municipal CON. The Board voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

C'man Lawrence is concerned about the spending at the Court Building. He would like to see all bids or estimates of work be approved by the Board before the work begins. Supervisor Derouin agreed that the recent work that was done at the Court and authorized by him did not follow procedure and it will not happen like that again. He was expecting the grant funds to arrive in time to pay the construction bills and it did not happen.

C'woman Podvin reported on the last Planning Board Meeting.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for the month of October. He said that there have been problems at the landfill with people outside the Town bringing items in and/or residents bringing some things that are not permitted. Only yard waste and metals are permitted at our landfill for Town residents. The Highway Superintendent is asking Town residents to be aware of this when they are at the landfill.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to award a bid of \$152,214.95 to Beam Mack for a 2008 dump truck. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to give approval to the Highway Superintendent to add 13 sections to his CHIP inventory after a drive through of the Town this week. All members voted aye and the motion was carried.

A Water Report was given by Jeff Kenney.

A Zoning Officer's Report was given by Marlene Lennox. She brought copies of a 2007 update for the Property Maintenance Code for the Board. The Board will review it and Marlene will get legal feedback.

The Assessor's Report was given by Jean Rogers.

The Supervisor's Report was given:

Total Receipts	\$356,674.59
Total Disbursements	\$401,494.47
Bank Balances	\$33,102.69
Total Investments	\$437,898.09

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to accept Budget Transfers. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to relevel water account balances to the 2008 Town and County tax bills in January. The total for District 1 is \$5,035.18 and the total for District 2 is \$7,730.93. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin announced that a company named Upstate New York Power has talked to Town officials about a proposed wind farm project on Galoo Island. Wind monitors will be erected to collect data and the SEQR process will begin.

It has been announced that the Lakeside Cemetery's president and manager are stepping down and as yet they have not found anyone to take their places. If replacements are not found the Village Board will have an option to take over the cemetery. If that is not the case, by law it becomes the Town's responsibility.

After a discussion the Board decided to increase funds to the Fire Department for the 2008 Budget by \$4500 and with this change in mind a motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lawrence to accept the Town of Hounsfield 2008 Budget. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Chairperson of the Planning Board was present to ask the Board if there is a comprehensive plan for the Town in respect to Zoning and the Board is not aware of one. A work session will be planned after the Town Board has read proposed changes to the Zoning Law.

At 8:13 PM the Board went into executive session to discuss legal action.

The Board returned at 8:55 PM and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk