

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2009

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

Members present were: Supervisor DelSignore, Councilmen, Stephen Lee, David Cobb, Ken Lawrence Jr. and Councilwoman Yvonne Podvin.

The Supervisor opened the floor for public comment and Sharry Rogers asked the status of the Zoning Law Amendments. The Supervisor answered that he just received the last written comment today and now needs to have them reviewed by the Planning Board for their response. Beth Burdick was present for Hay Memorial Library to thank the Town for its continued support and to share two projects of the library and one is the merger talks with East Hounsfeld Library. Kathy Mereand was present to speak about the burn ban, zoning and library finances. Steve Sullivan spoke on behalf of the Fire Department to tell the Board that the Fire Dept. sent a letter of support for the Galloo Island Wind Farm to the Board of Legislators. Mayor Eric Constance was present to speak about the wind farm PILOT program and how important it is that the County Board of Legislators approves this agreement. A discussion was held. At this time the floor was closed.

A motion was made by C' man Lee and 2nd by C' man Cobb to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on 11/4/09. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C' man Lawrence and 2nd by C' man Lee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 11/12/09. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C' man Lee and 2nd by C' man Lawrence to accept the resignation letter of Kevin Oliver, ZBA alternate. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Supervisor announced that the departmental reports are available tonight.

C' man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and that he called Barry Ormsby, our County Legislator, with support for the proposed wind farm. He also reported that Westcott Beach is preparing to install their water.

C' man Cobb reported that he attended a Fire Dept. meeting and he has seen the new fire truck on the road and congratulated Co. 2 on that. He reported that the new burn ban is being enforced and on the topic of the wind farm, he thinks the legislators will do the right thing in the end.

C' man Lawrence reported that this is his last meeting and he recalled a number of events that happened in the Town in the past four years.

C' woman Podvin also noted that this is her last meeting on the Board. She thanked her supporters and wished the new members good luck.

The Supervisor's report was given: Receipts were \$566,005.26, Disbursements were \$573,761.21, Bank balances were: \$51,896.90, Investments were \$341,902.37. An overview of revenue and expenses for 2009 was given.

Abstract #12, vouchers # 710-769, was reviewed by the Board.

General Fund A	\$ 16,528.89
General Fund B	6,690.15
Highway Fund A	25,228.75
Highway Fund B	3,239.06
Water District 2	7,599.03
Water District 1	1,601.00
Water District 4	53.21
Water District 3	173.70
Wind Power Fund	<u>10,280.42</u>
Abstract Total	\$ 71,394.21

A question was asked by C'woman Podvin about the bill for Couch, White, consultant for wind project, which was over \$10,280. She asked if there was a report sent to the Town because she did not see one. The Supervisor replied that a report from them probably went to legal.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution #09-122, approval of abstract #12, vouchers # 710-769. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #09-123, approval of the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor DelSignore and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution #09-124, establishing a rate of \$20 per hr. for bookkeeping and records management services for Hounsfield Water District #3 Capital Project. All voted aye in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution #09-125, approval to grant an easement to the Village of Sackets Harbor for the construction of the new pump station. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor DelSignore and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution #09-126, to amend the Water Services Agreement with Sackets Harbor for District 2 to read the same as the agreement for Water District 3 in Sec. 403 in regard to capital improvements. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A year end Town Board meeting was set for 12/30/09 at 1 PM.

The Supervisor announced that the Town and Village will submit a joint Records Management Grant Application which is due February 1st and Dave Altieri will help with this effort.

The Supervisor also announced that the Village has a water meter project that will be funded through the water sewer project. The new meters do not require reading and will detect leaks. This would save time and cut down on staffing.

This meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Submitted by Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

