

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**February 11, 2009**

A Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Martin DelSignore at the Town Hall for the purpose of hearing public comments on the establishment of proposed Water District # 5, NYS Route 180, NYS Route 12F, Foster Park, Lee, and Lodi Roads. Residents asked questions and commented on surveys, costs to the residents in the district, legal costs for the district, a special meeting to prepare for District 5, an extension from the airport to Paddy Hill Water District 1, and if this is an appropriate time to incur cost to prepare for another water district. This Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

At that time the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor DelSignore and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

The floor was opened for comments and Michelle Avery was present to comment on the good job the Highway crew has done this winter and that they could not accomplish that if the overtime hours were cut back. Supervisor DelSignore replied that any personnel issues are discussed in executive session and her comments would be considered. Sherry Herman was also present to ask for any support the Town Board could give to a program called "Rachel's Challenge" that is scheduled to come to the school on April 29<sup>th</sup>. She has applied to the Bed Tax Committee also. The Board will consider this request.

County Legislator, Barry Ormsby was present and answered questions from the residents on the snow and salt contracts, and airline carriers at the airport. The privilege of the floor was closed at this time.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor DelSignore to accept the minutes of the 12/30/08 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

When Supervisor DelSignore asked for a motion to accept the revised minutes of the 1/14/09 minutes, C'woman Podvin asked what the revisions were and who asked for them to be changed. Supervisor DelSignore replied that the deadline for the Bed Tax Applications was incorrect and he felt that the figures for the financial deficits that were discussed should be added. C'woman Podvin felt that when the Town Clerk presents the Board minutes to its members, it should be a Board decision to revise them if needed, and not just one member of the Board. A motion was made by C'woman Podvin to approve the minutes of the 1/14/09 meeting with the correction of the application deadline date and C'man Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion. Voting aye was C'woman Podvin and C'man Lee. Voting nay was C'man Cobb and Supervisor DelSignore. The motion was not carried and is tabled until next month.

Supervisor DelSignore announced that there are copies of the department reports here tonight. C'man Lee commented on the Highway Superintendent's report, where it was noted that he would like to go out to bid for a new pick up truck. C'man Lee feels that the Highway Department should hold off on a new pick up until later in the year to see if there are enough funds left.

A letter came to the Supervisor from Ron Robbins and was read with reservations he has on purchasing a loader in the Highway Department that was ordered in October when the Highway Superintendent was given a verbal approval by the Board at a budget work session. A discussion was held and Supervisor DelSignore noted that the proper procedure was not followed to purchase the loader.

Board members gave reports.

The Supervisor announced that a Residential Energy Development Committee will be formed with Christine Eggleston acting as a facilitator and the committee will gather ideas that might be useful in the future writing of Zoning Laws for wind and solar power for residential areas.

Supervisor DelSignore presented his monthly financial report: Total Receipts..\$726,116.64, Total Disbursements...\$151,655.54, Total Cash in Bank...\$776,272.45, and Total Investments...\$207,901.12. He also presented the Board with an analysis of overtime hours used in the Highway Department to date which is 43.6% of budgeted hours.

The Supervisor suggested that the Board decide about hiring a consultant for the wind farm pilot agreement soon.

A discussion was held about moving forward with preparation for Water District 5 and a proposed extension from the airport to Paddy Hill.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin for resolution #09-23, approval of Town Board procedures for review of bills to be paid. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor DelSignore and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb for resolution #09-24, approving SEQR and declaring negative declaration for the proposed Town of Hounsfield Water District # 5. After a discussion to proceed or not, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin for resolution #09-25, approving the establishment of Town of Hounsfield Water District # 5, subject to permissive referendum. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb for resolution # 09-26, authorizing Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to sign 2009 ice and snow agreement with Jefferson County. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb for resolution # 09-27, establishing a change in water rates for Town of Hounsfield Water District #2 effective 1/1/09 . Minimum usage will change to \$75 with \$3 per 1000 gals over 10,000 gals used. All voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin for resolution # 09-28, establishing a change in water rates for Town of Hounsfield Water District #4 effective 1/1/09. Minimum usage will change to \$75 with \$3 per 1000 gals over 10,000 gals used. All voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb for resolution # 09-29, recognizing retirement system participation by Town of Hounsfield employees. All voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin for resolution # 09-30, approving the Supervisor's Report. All voted yes and the motion was carried.

Abstract # 2, vouchers # 46-102 was presented:

General Fund A	\$ 80,942.75
General Fund B	371.10
Unemployment Insurance	508.00
Highway Fund A	50,590.20
Water District 2	76,986.48
Water District 1	116.18
Water District 4	88.84
Water System Improvements	<u>13,562.58</u>
Abstract Total	\$ 223,166.13

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee for resolution # 09-31, to approve payments of bills in abstract #2, vouchers # 46-102. Questions were asked about the legal services in voucher #88 and about signatures on invoices for the highway department. All voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Podvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee for resolution # 09-32, authorizing the purchase of a new Case loader for the Highway Department. During discussion, C'man Lee asked the Supervisor if he had obtained legal advise on the purchase of this loader and he answered no, but then C'man Lee turned to the Town Attorney and asked the same question and the answer was yes. C'woman Podvin withdrew the motion and moved to table this resolution. All voted yes to table the motion.

The Supervisor announced that the Town and Village Boards will have another joint meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM at the court building and the Town Board will have a special meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at the court building.

The Judges books for 2008 were signed by the Board members.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk