

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD

March 12, 2008

A Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Jean Derouin at 7:00 PM for the purpose of public comments on the proposed establishment of the Town of Hounsfield Water District 3 which is planned to service residents from the village tower to NYS Rt. 3, Chestnut Ridge Road, a southern portion of Co. Rt. 75 and a small portion of Co. Rt. 145. After a few questions the hearing was declared closed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board, Town of Hounsfield, N.Y. was called to order immediately following the Public Hearing by Supervisor Derouin at the Town Hall, Co. Rt. 66, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Supervisor Derouin read a Proclamation that will be presented to the Sackets Harbor Central boys and girl's basketball teams tomorrow before they travel to play in their state championship games.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Cobb to approve the minutes of the 2/13/08 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of the 2/20/08 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of the 2/27/08 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Hale Smith, President of the Lakeside Cemetery Corporation, was present to explain that the cemetery corporation voted to dissolve and offer the cemetery and assets to the Village of Sackets Harbor. If the village does not accept, it would revert to the Town of Hounsfield. The Supervisor and Highway Superintendent will visit other towns in the area that have recently assumed ownership of cemeteries to see how they are dealing with it and will report back at next meeting.

Judge Gary Loomis was present to report that the Town Justice Court has been awarded grants to install a security and fire alarm system, windows and security doors. There were three bids for the alarm system, STAT, Watertown, NY was \$2595 with \$222 per year for monitoring and Creg Systems, Watertown, NY was \$ 2399 with \$420 per year for monitoring and NCC Systems, Potsdam, NY was \$5892.66 and \$240 per yr. for monitoring. The Board approved STAT because the monitoring price was lower.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to approve the STAT bid for an alarm system for the Court Building. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Jay Rivest was present to report on the East Hounsfield Library.

Beth Burdick was present to report on the Hay Memorial Library. They have received a grant for a generator.

Mayor Michael Kinnie was present to report that the school day will end tomorrow at 1:00 PM and there will be a parade from the school to the village gazebo in honor of the basketball teams. The Board decided that C'woman Podvin will purchase maroon and white carnations to present to the players.

C'man Cobb reported that he has worked with the Zoning Officer and C'woman Podvin on the Zoning Amendments. He also announced that another meeting about the transmission lines from Galloo Island will be held in Oswego on 3/18/08 from 7-9 PM.

C'man Lee reported that he met with the attorney and engineer on water districts 3&4. He also reported that the Committee for the Advancement of Tourism met on 2/18/08 and awarded the following grants: Can-Am Festival Committee received \$4400, Sackets Harbor Historical Society received \$1500, Hay Memorial Library received \$1300, Sackets Harbor Chamber received \$3500, Sackets Harbor Battlefield Alliance received \$1750, Seaway Trail Foundation received \$500, East Hounsfield Library received \$500, and AANNY received 1500. The Town Board gave it's thanks to the committee.

C'man Lawrence reported that he met with the Zoning Officer and the Highway Superintendent on road standards.

C'woman Podvin reported that she attended a ZBA meeting in February and a Planning Board meeting this month and discussed an issue with the attorney that came before the ZBA. She is also working on the zoning amendments.

C'man Lawrence reviewed the bills in abstract # 3, vouchers # 119 – 188.

General Fund A	\$ 39,865.05
General Fund B	545.61
Highway Fund A	188,464.09
Highway Fund B	193.50
Water District #2	9,967.14
Water District #1	213.31
Fire Protection	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 242,798.70

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the bills in abstract # 3. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin asked C'woman Podvin to review the bills for the next three months.

A work report was given by the Highway Superintendent.

A water report was given by Jeff Kenney.

A Zoning Officer's report was given by Marlene Lennox.

At this time an Assessor's report was given by Jean Rogers.

The Supervisor's Report was presented: Total Receipts \$617,051.92, Total Disbursements \$709,333.48, Bank Balances \$49,248.55, Total Investments \$755,398.74. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for a correction to abstract # 1. Voucher # 11, \$198.00, needs to be subtracted from the Highway Fund A total because it had already been paid. This changes the abstract total to \$19689.22. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for a resolution to increase water rates in Water District 2. The quarterly minimum rate will be \$70.00 up to 10,000 gallons and \$2.80 per 1000 gallons over 10,000 gallons. The hook up fee will increase to \$1,200. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

The financial records and Year End Report of the Supervisor for 2007 were reviewed by the Board and a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb that they are in balance and to accept them. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A RidgeviewTel update was given. The general public hookups for wireless internet should begin very soon.

Supervisor Derouin announced that project maps for the Galloo Island Wind Farm are on display here at the Town Hall for the public to view.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lee for a SEQR Resolution for Water District 3. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Cobb for a Resolution to Establish & Construct Water District 3. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lee to accept an Infrastructure Agreement with Blue Heron Landing Development. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for a resolution to introduce Local Law #1 of 2008 which will create the office of an alternate member for the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voted aye in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A Public Hearing for comments on Local Law #1 of 2008 is set for April 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall immediately before the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Cobb for a resolution to cooperate with Jefferson County in order to participate in the North Country HOME Consortium comprised of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties in order to receive funding under the HOME program. All members voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held to decide how to contract with Sackets Harbor Fire Dept. for fire protection since Fire Co. 2 has petitioned Jefferson County Court for the disillusionment of the Department in order for Co. 2 to break away to become the Town of Hounsfield Fire Department.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Cobb to have the Village Attorney prepare a six month Fire Protection Contract for half the payment that is designated for the year. All members voted aye and the motion was carried.

Mayor Kinnie expressed to the Board that he was disappointed because it sounds like the Board is in favor of the Fire Department splitting apart and he thought the Town and Village would continue to work to find a way

to keep that from happening. C'woman Podvin reminded Mayor Kinnie that it was he that canceled the last work session of the two Boards because of the Court Petition of Fire Co. 2.

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C'woman Podvin has volunteered to apply to the Jefferson County Board of Legislators to serve on the Jefferson County Fish Advisory Board. Supervisor Derouin will send a letter.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk