

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilmen: Stephen Lee, Todd Farrington, and Richard Young. Councilman Vincent Battista was absent.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the 2/8/12 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Norm Hunneyman was present to ask the Board to declare the month of April 2012 Parkinsons Awareness Month in the Town of Hounsfield.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to declare the month of April 2012 Parkinsons Awareness Month in the Town of Hounsfield. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Patrick Currier of Aubertine and Currier, architect and engineering firm in Watertown, N.Y. gave a presentation to the Board of what services their firm offer municipalities.

Supervisor Scee received correspondence: a letter from Mr. Hess responding to the Town letter on the Storrs Road property, an invitation to the Town Board to march in the Can Am festival parade on 7/21 at 11 AM and Supervisor Scee added the Highway Dept. plans to have a 1986 refurbished Town plow in this parade and others, and a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brennan, Town Historians, was received in response to the question of replacing or repairing the fence around Lakeside Cemetery and they would like to see it repaired. He also received information on the Municipal Conference at Minnowbrook if any Town officials are interested.

The Supervisor's Report was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$162,006.14, Total Disbursements were \$727,534.10, Total cash in bank \$242,167.46, and Total investments \$751,904.09. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in Abstract #3, vouchers #112-187 Totaling \$117,143.69. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and Comprehensive Plan meeting, Water Dist. 5 bid openings will be held on 4/3/12 at 3 pm, and also he and Supervisor Scee spoke to the Lt. Governor when he was in Watertown about the proposed Galloo Island Wind Farm and retirement costs. He also talked to the Sackets Harbor mayor about the cost of fireworks on the 4th of July in the Village.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to offer \$2500 towards payment for fireworks on the 4th of July in the Village of Sackets Harbor to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Young attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting and reported on fund raising efforts, matching grants, bar coding, children and adult programs and announced an AARP safe driving course to be held. He will attend the meeting for East Hounsfield Library next month and report to the Board.

C'man Farrington offered a report from C'man Battista on Bed Tax recipients and the Fire Department.

C'man Farrington also reported that he met with the Highway Superintendent and Zoning Officer on road standards, and attended a Recreation Commission meeting.

C'man Farrington made a motion and C'man Young 2nd to approve the purchase of a pick up truck, 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 3500, 4 wheel drive, regular cab, for the Highway Department on the State Bid for \$26,613.47 and adding a plow package for a total of \$37000. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington stated that the Highway Superintendent has agreed to hold back on other purchases until the end of the year for an assessment of funds.

A work report was given by the Highway Superintendent.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to authorize the Highway Superintendent to construct a turn around for Town snowplows at the end of Lodi Road on land to be donated by Allen Todd. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Lee to authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$15,000 on a used bucket truck at auction to be shared with the Town of Adams, pending the approval of Adams Town Board. The Town of Adams will then reimburse Town of Hounsfield their share of the cost (\$10,000), with Hounsfield paying the first \$5,000 of any repairs on the truck. After discussion of usage of the truck, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to allow Jefferson County to take over the end of Floral Drive adjacent to NYS Rt. 12F in the Town of Hounsfield. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to allow the Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids on mowing of Lakeside Cemetery again this year. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for the purchase of two leaf blowers for approximately \$405 apiece for cemetery use. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town Clerk gave a monthly report.

A Planning Board report was presented by the Board Chair. A special meeting will be held on March 19, 2012 at 7 pm.

The Zoning Officer gave a report and asked the Board if there was support for her to address spring clean up and the answer was yes, the Zoning Law needs to be enforced.

Kris Dimmick, engineer, was present with an update for Water District 5.

Supervisor Scee announced that the April meeting of the Town Board is rescheduled to April 18, 2012.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Lee to set the date of April 18, 2012 at 7pm for a Public Hearing on the extension of the Marine District easterly from NYS Rt. 180 Hamlet District area along the Black River for almost 2 miles. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Dave Altieri was present to submit a proposal to the Town Board from the Economic Development and Marketing work group of Sackets Harbor. The plan is to hire a Town/Village Marketing Director to develop a marketing plan for businesses in the Town and Village. This discussion was tabled until next month by the Board.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to authorize Supervisor Scee to sign a municipal grant application for a developer who wants to build businesses at Purpura Corners as long as this is no cost to the Town. After discussion all voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the floor was opened for comments and comments ranged from the mentioned grant, hiring a Marketing Director, congratulations to the boys basketball team, and a meet and greet at the Bank for the Chamber of Commerce that is scheduled.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk