

HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board, Town of Hounsfield, N. Y. 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, Councilmen Steve Lee, David Cobb, Rocco Crescenzi and Ken Lawrence Jr.

A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of the 4/11/07 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lawrence reviewed the bills in abstract #5, vouchers # 246 – 311.

General Fund A	\$ 21,170.71
General Fund B	215.87
Highway Fund A	18,591.08
Highway Fund B	6,901.18
Water District 2	2,246.50
Water District 1	767.14
Total	<u>\$ 49,892.48</u>

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the bills in abstract # 5. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the floor was opened for comments and Jay Rivest from the East Hounsfield Library was present with a report. The Library received a grant for half the cost of a new furnace and asked the Town for \$3600 for the remainder. A Market Day will be held at the Library on June 16th from 11AM to 5PM with vendors. Call 782-8180 if you would like to be a vendor.

C'man Lee reported that the approval from the New York State Comptroller for Water District 4 (Storrs Road). Because of frequent water rate increases from the Village, the Water Committee would like to request a report of operating and maintenance costs. Supervisor Derouin will send a letter for this to the Village.

C'man Crescenzi reported that Time Warner said that they are doing a survey in the Town for cable TV. C'man Crescenzi had Dave Altieri report on the progress of proposed zoning changes to Rt. 3. The goal is to have recommendations from the Planning Board to the Town Board by next month's meeting.

Kathy Snyder was asked to report on the Planning Board Meeting and there was a land division application on the portion of the Slater Road that is not passable. The Highway Superintendent spoke about his plans to build on to the Slater Road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lee to authorize the Highway Superintendent to clean up and restore the Slater Road to Lot # 1 of Ronald Brimmer's land division application (case # 54). All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held on the dead end Youngs road and abandoned portion of Martin Road, where a resident wants to build. A question was asked about a land locked parcel in this area also. Supervisor Derouin made a motion to research the deeds involved in this case and it was 2nd by C'man Cobb. All voted aye and it carried.

C'man Lawrence reported that he has been in contact with the Association of Towns legal department about abandoned roads and has sent them a copy of our road standards. As soon as he hears back about the road standards, the Town Board and Planning Board should review them and possibly make them a part of our Zoning Law for developments.

The Highway Superintendent gave his report for April.

A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve hiring a college student through the Summer Youth Program to work with the Highway Dept. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Cobb for repairs and a cold storage addition on one side to the salt barn. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A Water Dept. work report was given by Jeff Kenney and he let the Board know that the process of drying and curing the inside of the water tower started on the 7th. The district is running on an emergency hook up from Town of Watertown while this process is ongoing.

A Zoning Officer's report was given.

The Assessors report was given. A Board of Assessment Review meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2007 from 4-8 PM.

The Supervisor's Report was given:

Abstract # 5, vouchers # 246-311	\$49,892.48
Total Receipts	\$182,776.64
Total Disbursements	\$240,751.31
Bank Balances	\$23,992.75
Total Investments	\$557,796.00

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 Crescenzi for a resolution that the Town of Hounsfield Board opposes any requirement that town justices must be attorneys. 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 to adopt a Final Order Establishing Water District 4 (Storrs Road). 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 Lawrence for a Bond and Authorization Resolution for Water District 4. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

Supervisor reported that on 5/14/07 at 3:30 PM there will be a meeting with the New York State Courts officials at our court house to discuss our grant application. Supervisor Derouin and the Highway Superintendent will attend this meeting.

The Bed Tax Committee met on 4/16/07 and decided how to divide up available funds to applicants. Results are: Can Am Committee \$2500, Sackets Harbor Historical Committee \$1500, Hay Memorial Library \$875,

Sackets Harbor Fire Dept. \$1500, Sackets Harbor Jazz Festival \$1000, Sackets Harbor Chamber of Commerce \$2725, Sackets Harbor Battlefield Alliance \$1250, Christ Episcopal Church \$500, and East Hounsfield Library \$150.

The Board signed the Memorandum of Understanding that was passed at the last meeting. This is an agreement between the Village and the Town of Hounsfield consenting to supply water from Water Dist 2 to Water District 4.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Crescenzi for a Home Rule Request in relation to permitting Bruce W. Alcombrack to be reclassified as a tier 1 member of the New York State and local employees' retirement system. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Crescenzi to purchase a Ricoh Aficio MP 2000 copier for the Town Clerk's office from Office Systems, Watertown. This will be on State Contract at a cost of \$2,608. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Justice Gary Loomis was present to ask about the status of the new heat system for the Court House. A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Cobb to authorize Supervisor Derouin to accept a reasonable bid for a heating system at the Court House. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier