

# TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD

May 14, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Jean Derouin at the Town Hall, Co. Rt. 66, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Derouin, C'man Steve Lee, C'man David Cobb, and C'woman Podvin. C'man Ken Lawrence Jr. was absent.

A bid was opened for a 1993 Tandem Truck for sale by the Town. The sole bid from Robert Bendwell, Parker Road, Watertown, NY was for \$14,000

A bid was opened for a new 63" boom fail mower head that the Town Highway Dept. would like to purchase. The sole bid from Walldroff Farm Equipment Inc., Watertown, NY was for \$9,000.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to approve minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. 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 to approve minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting with an amendment of increasing the fee of Water District 1 and not 2 in paragraph eleven. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin to authorize the Highway Department to provide labor to correct the drainage problem at East Hounsfield Library. 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 to match a \$3,000 grant for the Hay Memorial Library to purchase a new generator. All voted aye and the motion was carried. This will be a budget transfer.

A comment was made from the floor by Sharry Rogers that a new requirement was announced at the last Planning Board meeting that in order to divide any parcels; a complete survey of the entire original lot is needed. She thinks that the way divisions were done in the past worked very well and the new requirement adds unnecessary costs and time spent to the landowner. It is especially hard when the original lot is a large farm. Supervisor Derouin has been in touch with attorney Whelpley to have this resolved. It seems to be an incorrect interpretation of the Town Land Division Law.

C'woman Podvin reported that she attended the Planning Board meeting and a ZBA hearing for the Gallingers and their request for a variance was approved.

C'woman Podvin and C'man Lee reviewed the bills in abstract # 5, vouchers # 269-344.

General Fund A	\$ 14,867.49
General Fund B	303.46
Lakeside Cemetery Fund	41.24
Highway Fund A	10,642.75
Highway Fund B	11,083.36
Water District 2	4,110.56
Water District 1	1,324.71
Water System Improvements	<u>37,922.96</u>
Total	\$ 80,296.53

C'woman Podvin made a motion and C'man Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> to pay the bills in Abstract # 5. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin to release a payment of \$27,500 to The Sackets Harbor Fire Department for a six month Fire Protection Contract which has been signed by the Mayor, the Supervisor and the Fire Department representative. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A work report for April was given by the Highway Superintendent.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to authorize the Highway Superintendent to hire RJ Filley for the summer at \$9.50 hr. 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 to sell the 1993 Tandem truck to Robert Bendwell, Parker Road, Watertown, NY for \$14,000. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to accept the mower head bid of \$9,000 from Walldroff Farm Equipment Inc. and authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase it. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin to authorize a budget transfer for Storrs Road Water District Project as follows: Decrease contingency line item by \$50,000 to allocate an increase to legal line item from \$25,000 to \$75,000. All present voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Contractor Payment Application for the Storrs Road Water District Project. All present voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

The Water Superintendent's Report was given by Jeff Kenney.

The Board agreed to pay a bill for installation of security at the courthouse before the next meeting. The bill of \$3,265 which includes 1 yr. monitoring will mostly be covered by grant funds. Installation of new doors and windows will be paid as soon as the grant money is in place after review by C'man Cobb.

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

The Assessor's Report was given by Jean Rogers. He announced that Grievance Day is May 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM at the Town Hall.

The Supervisor's Report was presented: Total Receipts - \$1,118,553.51, Total Disbursements - \$1,125,702.61, Bank Balances - \$16,481.06, Total Investments - \$952,898.74. A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to appoint Sharry Rogers, Connie Barone, and Karen Fields to the Lakeside Cemetery Committee. C'man Lee and Supervisor Derouin will represent the Town Board. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to adopt rates and prices associated with Lakeside Cemetery (laborer, lots and burials). All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A meeting of the Lakeside Cemetery Committee is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin to approve the purchase of water wells at Red Maple Mobile Home Park on NYS Rt. 180 for \$45,000. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to set a Public Hearing for June 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM for a new Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Memorial Day Observances are posted at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to allow the Sackets Harbor Fire Department to use the Public Safety Building to hold the 1812 Beer & Wine Festival on June 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00 PM. All vote aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin announced that the Village and the Town are discussing a possible transfer of the Public Safety Building.

Supervisor Derouin announced that there is a committee to review the idea of more shared services with the Village of Sackets Harbor and the Town. Supervisor Derouin and C'woman Podvin agreed to serve on this committee.

A motion was made that the Board will go into executive session on a personnel matter at 8:15 PM and they returned at 8:42 PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk