

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 18, 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, Rocco Crescenzi, David Cobb, and Ken Lawrence Jr.

A motion to approve the minutes of 6/13/07 was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Lee. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reviewed the bills in abstract # 7, vouchers # 389 – 447.

General Fund A	\$ 8,590.77
General Fund B	3,671.69
Highway Fund A	12,319.75
Highway Fund B	40,365.10
Water District 2	7,438.57
Water District 1	3,367.02
Water District 1 Capital Fund	<u>1,938.79</u>
Total	\$ 77,691.69

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence to approve the bills in abstract # 7. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the floor was opened for comments and Jay Rivest was present on behalf of the East Hounsfield Library and he thanked the Town for the funds to purchase the new furnace. It is installed and the Library is enjoying air conditioning.

Sharry Rogers was present and asked if there was anything she could do about a land locked parcel off the Martin Road. Supervisor Derouin answered that deeds and abstracts were researched and nothing was found that would help her. The Highway Superintendent offered that there is a law that he will research that might help.

Councilmen's Reports:

C'man Cobb: He wanted to thank the Town Offices and the Highway Dept. for the nice flowers that were sent for his mother's funeral last month. Doris Cobb served the Town as a clerk to her husband, Ed Cobb, who was Supervisor for 30 yrs.

C'man Lee: The Storrs Road Water Project is on schedule. He attended a meeting for Water District 3 (Beach project) to see how to better serve the State Park. A Water Committee is scheduled for tomorrow. Roger Brunet gave a report of the Water Committee.

C'man Crescenzi: Still talking with Time Warner to convince them to provide cable service to more parts of the Town. Mark Farrington gave a Planning Board Report. C'man Crescenzi announced that he will submit his resignation as councilman and August 8th will be his last meeting.

C'man Lawrence: He reported that he and the Highway Superintendent are researching different private road laws. A discussion was held about the Fire Dept. Company 2 wants to separate from Sackets Harbor Fire Company 1 and Company 1 is not in favor of this. A discussion was held about funding issues. When asked, the Board agreed that the Town would be in favor of supporting both stations if they split.

The Highway Superintendent's Report was given. He also announced that two "Stop Ahead" signs will be installed at the end of Military Road by NYS Rt. 180. The mower tractor was sold at an auction for \$7900 but the Gradall has not been sold yet.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Lee to hire John Madlin to fill in as needed at the recycling center at \$16.50 per hr. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee to move the part time highway employee to full time at \$13.50 per hr. and C'man Lawrence 2nd the motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Lee to authorize the Highway Superintendent to hire one more full time employee since two full time employees have recently left. C'man Lee and C'man Lawrence will work with Bruce in reviewing the applications. C'man Cobb would like to see someone with mechanical experience. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent also reported that the Slater Road project has been stopped by the DEC for a storm water permit and an engineer needs to be hired for this.

In regard to the Slater Road, a town resident stated that according to NYS Highway Law, section 205, if a road has not been passable or maintained in six years it is considered abandoned but the Highway Superintendent says that it is not abandoned.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2nd by C'man Crescenzi to get a legal opinion on this law and this situation with the Slater Road. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the Zoning Officer's Report was given by Marlene Lennox.

The Assessor's Report was given by Jean Rogers.

The Supervisor's Report was given:

Abstract # 7, vouchers # 389 – 447 total	\$77,691.69
Total Receipts	\$143,497.73
Total Disbursements	\$117,431.71
Bank Balances	\$46,399.06
Total Investments	\$427,796.00

A motion was made by C'man Crescenzi and 2nd by C'man Lee 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 Cobb to urge the immediate passage and chaptering of the "New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act" (Assembly Bill 8775). 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 for a resolution that the Town opposes any requirement by the State that Town Justices 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 for a resolution that the Town Board has examined the court records and dockets for the Town Justices and finds their records to be in compliance with sec. 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin report that the Sackets Harbor Village Board would like to renegotiate the Service Agreement for Water District 2 that will not expire until 2041 because of a proposed rate increase to the Town.

Supervisor Derouin will also meet with the Village about the matter of how to serve the village residents on Co. Rt. 75 that are included in Water District 3.

Supervisor Derouin reported that RidgeviewTel LLC would like to construct antenna equipment on the Town water tower and in return will provide the Town Government with internet service. The contract is being reviewed by legal at this time. A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee to pursue this franchise agreement with approval of legal dept. and authorized the Supervisor to sign a contract. All voted aye and this motion was carried.

A Village committee and a Town committee will be form to see what services if any could be consolidated to prevent duplicating services. If anyone from the Town would be interested in serving contact the Supervisor.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Crescenzi to appoint Paul Locy Sr. from Water District 1 to the Water Committee. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At 8:53 PM the Board went into executive session on a personnel matter and returned at 9:52 PM.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

