

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Martin DelSignore at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor DelSignore, C'men Stephen Lee, David Cobb, Ken Lawrence Jr. and C'woman Yvonne Podvin.

The floor was opened for public comment and Gregory Marselis of Co. Rt. 75 and several neighbors were present to inquire about Water District 3 and what the price will be for them to hook up to the town water district, since they are village residents. Richard Peffer of Co. Rt. 145 and his neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher were also present to ask if they can be hooked up to Water District 3. The Supervisor arranged for these questions to be answered during the engineer's report and the privilege of the floor was closed.

After two corrections were made to the June 10, 2009 minutes, C'man Lee moved and C'man Lawrence 2nd to approve them. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Supervisor received a letter from Shirley Lloyd asking the Board's permission to use the parking lot at the Public Safety Building for motor homes of participants of a dog show at the Battlefield on August 22nd. The motor homes would be parked overnight on the 21st and during the day on the 22nd. The Supervisor added that there is no conflict and the Police Department should be notified. A motion was made by C'man Ken Lawrence Jr. and 2nd by C'man Lee to give permission. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Supervisor received a letter from NYS DOT Region 7 because they received a request for use of special dimension vehicles to access the PCA facility on Old Rome Road and would like a recommendation from the Town. The Supervisor asked the Highway Superintendent if he would approve this request and he said he would.

The Supervisor received a third letter from Paul Brown from the Storrs Road, who is on the Water Committee asking for an explanation of the \$15,000 payment to the City of Watertown for the emergency water interconnect with the Town of Watertown on NYS Rt. 3. The Supervisor sent a memo to Mr. Brown explaining that this is a one time stand pipe payment to the City of Watertown for the emergency water interconnect and will be paid through extra grant funds from Water District 4. Mr. Brown will provide a copy of the memo to all members of the committee at the next meeting.

A construction report was given by Rachel Barnet, Bernier, Carr Assoc., for Water District 3 and Kris Dimmick answered questions from village residents about hooking up to Water District 3. He did not know just how these residents will be included since this is a Town water district and they are Village residents. C'woman Podvin encouraged Mr. Dimmick to find a way to hook up these few Village residents to Water District 3.

Mr. Dimmick spoke of the proposed new water tank for the Village and also reported that he received a final draft of the engineers report for this tank to leave with the Town Board. There is no definite site for the proposed tank yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher and Mr. Peffer who live beyond the Robbins Farms, which is the end of the water line for District 3, were present to ask the Board if they would extend the water line to them. C'woman Podvin added that the Nier property, just past the end of the water line on NYS Rt. 3, also needs water. C'man Lee explained that the water district needs to be completed first to see what funds are remaining before anyone can be added and at that time, the Supervisor added, the Board will have that discussion.

Mr. Dimmick spoke about Water District 5 and he has not heard anything about stimulus money for it, but he encouraged the Board to approve that the mapping be done which will take 6-8 weeks.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve that the mapping be done on Water District 5. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Cobb reported that he attended the Fire Dept. meeting where the by laws were voted on and they did not pass. He also worked the Zoning Law amendment.

C'man Lee asked the Board to think about the Fire Dept. contract for next month, will the Town have Jeff Kenney do easements for Water District 5, and could the Town get a boring machine with water district funds. He also asked if the Town has been reimbursed for the easements that were done by Mr. Kenny on District 3 and the Clerk to the Supervisor said she has not applied for that yet.

C'man Lawrence reported that a drainage plan has been made for the East Hounsfield Library. He also reported that in the Fire Department, 4 members attended EMS classes and passed and there are 3 or 4 members attending classes now. He suggested that something needs to be in place for the direction of the Fire Department and the Supervisor said that is not the responsibility of the Town Board. The Town contracts with the Village for fire protection.

C'woman Podvin reported that she attended the Fire Dept. Board of Directors meeting and a meeting with the Town Board and the union negotiator. She also reported that town resident, Jane Jenkins, has been involved in Little Theater for years and has been selected to represent the United States at an International Film Festival in Montreal. She thinks a recognition should be given to her and the Supervisor suggested that the August meeting would be a good time for that and he will invite Mrs. Jenkins to attend.

The Supervisor gave his monthly report: Receipts \$652,423.45, Disbursements \$211,244.91, Bank Balances \$478,129.49, and Investments \$491,901.59.

The Supervisor added that he met with the Executive Director of Frontier Housing, Jill Evans, and they would like to expand their services to the Town of Hounsfield with no cost to the Town. She will come to the next meeting and explain. He also reported that he met with the Mayor and Library Boards, engineers at Bernier, Carr on Galloo Island project, and representatives from Jefferson County on the Galloo Island project. He also reported that he is working on a Fixed Asset Policy.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'man Cobb to approve a pay rate of \$12.50 per. hr. for construction work by Al Barnhardt at the Public Safety Building. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Council members received abstract #7, vouchers #353-414, including an addition which was made of \$306.25 to Al's Small Engine Repair for construction work done at the Public Safety Building. C'woman Podvin asked why there have been no legal bills recently and added that she would like to have a cap on the amount spent on the union negotiator and a discussion was held.

General Fund A	\$ 28,052.59
General Fund B	145.66
Highway Fund A	5,590.80
Highway Fund B	34,983.31
Water District 2	15,514.54
Water District 1	74.34
Water District 4	199.44
Water District 3 Capital Fund	<u>437,539.68</u>
Abstract Total	\$522,100.36

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution #09-80, to approve payment of bills in abstract #7, vouchers # 353-414. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution #09-81, to approve the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb for resolution #09-82, giving the Town's support of the proposed four lane highway project. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution #09-83, appointing Ginnie Savage to the Town of Hounsfield Water Committee. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'woman Podvin for resolution #09-84, authorizing participation in the Jefferson County multi-jurisdictional natural hazard mitigation plan, and designating the Highway Superintendent and Mark Farrington from the Planning Board to serve on the county-wide committee. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution #09-85, authorizing application for funding through the Justice Assistance Program. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lawrence for resolution #09-86, authorizing commencement of the SEQR process for the village water tank replacement. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

