

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**September 12, 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, Councilmembers Steve Lee, David Cobb, and Ken Lawrence Jr.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin to appoint Yvonne Podvin to the Town Board to fill the vacancy left by Rocco Crescenzi. This appointment will expire 12/31/07. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

After taking her oath of office, C'woman Podvin took her seat on the Board and C'man Lee mentioned that the Town of Hounsfield is making history tonight with our first woman council member.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of 8/8/07. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reviewed the bills in abstract # 9, vouchers # 491 – 554.

General Fund A	\$ 17,456.55
General Fund B	178.10
Highway Fund A	17,081.89
Highway Fund B	20,368.78
Water District 2	11,719.63
Water District 1	44.92
Water District 1 Capital Fund	<u>9,973.92</u>
Total	\$ 76,823.79

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to approve the bills in abstract # 9. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin asked C'man Cobb to review the bills in October, November and December.

At this time the floor was opened for comments and Maryann DeClerk was present to invite everyone to the Sackets Family Fun Day on 9/22 and the Annual Welcome Neighbor Meeting at the American Legion on 10/17.

C'man Cobb reported that he is going to start working on the safety of our town roads and intersections through speed reductions and/or changes in passing lines for problem areas.

C'man Lee reported that the Storrs Road water project, District 4, is moving along and hopefully will be out for bids later this month. C'man Lee also attended the Planning Board Meeting this month.

C'man Lawrence reported that he and the Highway Superintendent are still working on road standards. He asked if the Town would be interested in mandatory visible 911 numbering to help emergency personnel. Supervisor Derouin suggested that C'man Lawrence get advice from the county on ways to implement this and bring it back to the Board.

C'woman Podvin thanked the Board for her appointment and their support and she told them that she will work hard for the benefit of the Town.

A report was given by the Highway Superintendent. Since it is in the Highway 5 year plan to purchase a new dump truck and plow for 2008, Mr. Alcombrack suggested to the Board that they get started on this because it takes a while for delivery. He also talked to the Board about getting a flail mower. The Board told him to get some prices. An announcement was made that the Highway Dept. is taking applications for a new employee. There has been a request that the Town clean out the old canal from the Jericho Road toward the swamp and the Board did not have a problem with that being done.

A discussion was held about an old farm house on Rt. 3 that might be rented and the neighbors are afraid that it is not safe. The Zoning Officer is working on the situation.

A Water Dept. Report was given by Jeff Kenney. He also reported that testing has shown a violation in the level of xylene in District 2 water and a letter will be sent to customers in that district. The Slater Road water extension will be started soon.

Nicole Simmons was present with a petition for municipal water for Jericho, Fields and Parker Roads. The Highway Superintendent suggested trying to tie into Co. Rt. 62 for the Grange, Church and Fire Dept. and at the other end of Parker Road to tie into the Highway Building to score more points for funding of this project.

A report was given by the Zoning Officer.

An Assessor report was given.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to reappoint Jean Rogers as Town Assessor with a term of 6 years beginning on 10/1/07 and ending on 9/30/13. 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 reappoint Edward Mereand to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of 5 years beginning on 10/1/07 and ending on 9/30/12. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Abstract # 9, vouchers # 491-554, Total \$76,823.79

Total Receipts - \$124,195.01

Total Disbursements - \$111,710.65

Bank Balances - \$40,155.73

Total Investments - \$402,796.00

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Derouin reported that the Village of Sackets Harbor Board has approved the RidgeviewTel antenna being added to their water tower to coordinate with the antenna to be placed on the Town tower and provide wireless internet and telephone service to the Town.

Consolidation for Towns and Villages Grant applications are due 12/14/07 and Supervisor Derouin reported that an application will be sent in requesting funds for the Court Building.

Supervisor Derouin reminded the Village that they need to resolve the issue of a rate increase for Water Dist. 2 because of the terms of the contract; they cannot change rates without negotiation. The Town also needs to negotiate with the Village on the homes in the Village that are included in Water District 3.

Supervisor Derouin reported that a grant application was submitted for the Public Safety Building in August and the Town Court received a Records Grant for \$1806.00.

The Board will hold a 2008 Budget work session on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 3-5 PM.

On behalf of Sackets Harbor Fire Co. # 2, attorney Brad Pinsky was present to speak to the Board about Co. 2 splitting from the Sackets Harbor Fire Co. and having their own corporation under the control of the Town of Hounsfield. Mr. Pinsky explained that if the Town signs an approval of a formation of the corporation known as Town of Hounsfield Fire Company, it will go before a judge to have the present corporation dissolved and create two new and separate corporations and the judge will then divide the equipment.

After many questions were asked by the Board and the public and much discussion was held a motion was made by C'woman Podvin that the Town consent to the formation of the Corporation of the Town of Hounsfield Fire Department and the filing of the certificate of incorporation of the same and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee. A roll call vote was taken: C'woman Podvin, C'man Lee and Cobb voted yes. C'man Lawrence abstained and Supervisor Derouin abstained. This motion was carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier