

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 13, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 at 7 PM and before the Pledge of Allegiance was said, he gave thanks to all the help that went into the rescue of the trapped miners in Chile.

Members present were: Supervisor Scee, and Councilmen, Stephen Lee, David Cobb, Todd Farrington and Vincent Battista.

Supervisor Scee reminded the public of meeting procedures and common courtesy to use during the meeting.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence included a notice of a work session on 12/7 for records management grant application, a letter from Seaway Trails in which they are asking for maritime stories and/or pictures of this area to include in a book they are working on. Supervisor Scee also received an email on old Board business that has been acted on and a phone call asking about a Town leash law.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Total receipts were \$420,067.73, Total Disbursements were \$143,495.39, Total in checking accounts was \$601,215.16, and Total investments were \$301,902.94.

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

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to pay bills in Abstract #10, vouchers #584-652: General Fund A \$23,861.12, General Fund B \$20.00, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$34.92, Highway Fund A \$21,659.43, Highway Fund B \$19,761.32, Water District 2 \$10,789.35, Water District 1 \$4,035.80, Water District 4 \$1,851.06, Water District 3 \$13,177.14, Water District 3 Capital Fund \$12,020.99, Totaling \$107,211.13. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that two water credit requests were received. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to credit a \$15 late fee because of a transfer of ownership. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to credit a \$7.50 late fee because a leak detection test needed to be preformed. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee also reported that Ron Robbins at Robbins Farms on Co. Rt. 145 in Water District 3, requested another lateral to the farm. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb for a proposal that the Town tap the district 3 main water line, construct a 2" lateral through the foundation of his house that supplies water to much of the farm complex, install pipe ( provided by owner) and curb stop, set a meter pit if necessary (provided by owner), provide and install a 2" meter and accessories and waive a \$1200 hookup fee, since district 3 is still in the construction phase. Mr. Robbins agreed to preform digging on his property and it was suggested by the Town Water Operator that he only dig to the curb stop. All voted aye and the motion was carried. C'man Lee will offer this proposal to Mr. Robbins for his approval.

C'man Lee then reported that he had a proposal to help the next residents on Co. Rt 145 hook up to water district 3. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to propose a plan to hook up the Pitcher family at 14741 Co. Rt. 145 to Water District 3 as an outside user. In this proposal the Town will waive the hook up fee of \$1200, tap the main line, provide and install a curb stop, set a meter pit (provided by the customer), and provide a meter and accessories. The Pitchers will be responsible for providing and installing pipe from the meter pit through the foundation, internal hook ups and a permit to dig and the digging in the County right of way. A one time \$800 fee will also be charged to the Pitchers as a security deposit and later would be used to add them into Water District 3. C'man Cobb asked that the taxable owners of this house sign an agreement that states the terms of this proposal. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to set a fee of \$1000 per bore for the use of the Town boring machine. After some discussion all voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee also reported that he talked to Mr. Derouin about the furnace installation here at the highway building and was told that the installation will take place very soon.

C'man Cobb reported that he attended the Fire Dept. meeting and they have purchased a new jaws of life for engine #1 instead of the heavy rescue truck.

C'man Battista reported that the Hay Memorial Library has received a matching grant of \$350. The matching funds are being raised. Another grant was received that is non-matching for \$350. The library is now working on becoming automated.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended a Joint Recreation Commission meeting and they are moving forward with the by laws.

The Highway Superintendent gave a monthly work report.

The Town Clerk gave a collection report and reported that she and Supervisor Scee attended a dog licensing meeting where a discussion was held on the transition for license sales from the State to the Towns in January. She also noted that the new bulletin board has been installed and Kathy Mereand will be posting positive pictures and articles on the Town and our residents.

Kris Dimmick was present from Bernier Carr with an update of Water District 3 and Water District 5. He informed the Board that the funding agency for District 5 needs the Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town and the Village as soon as possible.

Supervisor Scee reported on unfinished business: There is now an appeal to the Henderson law suit on the proposed Galloo Island wind farm, the Cring assessment case has been settled and there is a proposal for the Board to consider on the F&L assessment case.

Supervisor Scee made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a litigation proposal for the F&L assessment case at 7:34PM and there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee. All voted aye.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:58PM.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to accept the proposal of settlement for the F&L assessment case. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor gave an update on the Town owned parcel on the Storrs Road and the possibility of putting it up for sale. He said that Attorney Renzi and a surveyor, Mike Battista are working on that.

C'man Cobb had a call from Dennis Dame on the Burton Road about abnormal readings on his water meter and asked the Water Operator, Jeff Kenney about it. Mr. Kenney stated that he did not know anything about it but he will run a history on that account and review it and will check the meter.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista for an agreement with the Village of Sackets Harbor to jointly maintain the Public Safety Building, due to expire in 2012 and will be reviewed at that time. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that a speed limit request was presented to the Board with 15 signatures. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to accept a petition of 15 signatures from Chestnut Ridge Road residents requesting a speed limit change to 25MPH and to have the Town Highway Superintendent submit it to Jefferson County Highway Superintendent for review. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

As mentioned earlier, Supervisor Scee explained that the Town will need to pass a Local Law for Dog Licensing by January 1, 2011. The Supervisor has given a sample law to the Board to review and comment on. A dog law for Town of Hounsfield will be introduced at the next regular meeting and a Public Hearing will be set up for December.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to reappoint David W. Anderson to a five year term on the Board of Assessment Review. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington for resolution # 10-39, authorizing application for funding through the Justice Court Assistance Program. 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 for resolution # 10-40, authorizing budget transfers. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported to the Board that Mr. Biggs has not made a reduced payment of \$500 to the Town for damages made to the Water District 2 tower last year. Mr. Biggs verbally agreed to pay the reduced sum of \$500 in 15 days at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting and Supervisor Scee feels that the contract has been broken and payment should revert back to the full amount of \$1012. C'man Battista suggested that Mr. Biggs be given until Friday at noon with a reminding phone call and C'man Cobb agreed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to request the full amount of \$1012 from Tony Biggs for damages done to the Water District 2 water tower. In a roll call vote: C'man Battista voted yes, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Cobb voted no and Supervisor Scee voted yes and the motion was carried. A certified letter will be sent to Mr. Biggs.

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At this time the floor was opened to comments and a thank you was made for approval of the Water District 3 main line extension on Co. Rt. 145. A request was made for residents to bring in pictures and articles for the Hounsfield Pride bulletin board. Comments were made about unsigned letters that have circulated since last year.

Announcements were: An open house will be held at the new water tower in the Village tomorrow, 10/14 from 11AM to 3PM. The final budget work session will be held on 10/22/10 at 6PM.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk

