

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee, at 7 pm at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, Council members Todd Farrington, Carson Lennox, Corry Lawler, and Victoria Pritty-Pitcher.

A motion was made by C'member Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'member Farrington to approve the regular meeting minutes of 7/13/16. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'member Lawler to approve the special meeting minutes of 7/18/16. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2nd by C'member Pritty-Pitcher to approve the special meeting minutes of 8/4/16 at 6pm. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2nd by C'member Pritty-Pitcher to approve the special joint Village, Town meeting minutes of 8/4/16 at 7pm. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence received: A letter from DANC informing municipalities that the dumping fees have been reduced for demolition materials of abandoned houses that do not contain asbestos. A letter was received from Sackets Harbor School, thanking the Town for their help with the work done on the parking lot next to the sport fields. A letter was received from the Village of Sackets Harbor, informing the Town that the rate of the water purchased by the Town will increase by \$.50 K gal. (to \$4.00 K gal) next year.

At this time, the Clerk to the Supervisor read the monthly statement of the Supervisor: Total receipts \$324,672.40, Total disbursements \$192,376.51, Total cash in bank \$415,9085.25, Total investments \$645,538.39. A motion was made by C'member Farrington and 2nd by C'member Lennox to accept the Supervisor's Report for July 2016. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Lennox and 2nd by C'member Farrington to approve payment of bills in abstract #8, vouchers #100432-100491: General Fund A \$10,131.63, General Fund B \$7.022, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,000.00, Highway Fund A \$7,624.09, Highway Fund B \$91,019.45, Water Dist. 2 \$8,096.67, Water Dist. 5 \$817.46, Water Dist. 1 \$13,855.18, Water Dist. 4 \$120.16, Water Dist. 3 \$650.74, Abstract total \$133,385.60. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'member Farrington to approve Resolution #16-14, budget transfers and amendments. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held about finding a realtor for the Town parcel for sale in the Village and Supervisor Scee immediately recused himself from the discussion because a member of his family may be interested in the property. A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2nd by C'member Pritty-Pitcher to authorize C'member Farrington to call Lake Ontario Realty and possibly sign them to sell the building lot the Town owns on Washington Street, Sackets Harbor. Supervisor Scee abstained and

there were four ayes. This motion was carried.

Discussion was held about the Joint Recreation Commission and the Village's involvement. Someone on the Town Board will bring this up to the Village Board at the next meeting.

The Highway Superintendent was not present but gave a written work report to Board members.

The Water Operator gave a report about the proposed water district 6 and district 7. He also announced that the State awarded the Town with a grant of \$123,000 for the water tower project. He gave a report of general operations as well.

A discussion was held on where the salaries of the Water Operator and the trainee are taken from. The Board members that were involved in the creation of the 2016 Budget were under the impression that the Water Operator's salary would come 100% from the water districts this year and the trainee's salary would be 20% water districts and 80% highway dept. The new Clerk to the Supervisor was unaware of this because she was misinformed by the previous Clerk to the Supervisor.

The Board also discussed with the Water Operator their concerns that the trainee have enough training time with him.

Supervisor Scee reported that a F.O.I.L. Request was received from the attorney of the Nelsons who had a water leak and do not want to pay the outstanding water bill created by the leak. The water department is gathering documents for this.

A follow up discussion on the Romeo water credit request of \$1,264.50 was held with the Water Operator and the Board. The Board would like to see documentation of how Mr. Romeo came up with this amount.

A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2nd by C'member Farrington to purchase backup for the Clerk to the Supervisor's BAS software for \$275 with an annual cost of \$180. All ayes. Carried.

A motion was made by C'member Farrington and 2nd by C'member Lawler for Resolution 16-15 to authorize the Town Justice Court to apply for funding through the Justice Court Assistance Program. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2nd by C'member Pritty-Pitcher to hire Saratoga Associates to preform a study for a visual impact of the proposed wind towers on Galloo Island from the Village of Sackets Harbor and to utilize data already gathered for the previously proposed wind farm. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee opened the floor for comments at this time and there were comments on the Village Democrat Caucus, a Hay Memorial Library update, the Water Committee, and Lakeside Cemetery.

Next meeting is 9-14-16 and this meeting was adjourned at 8:52.

Submitted by, Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk