

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2013

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said Supervisor Scee called a public hearing to order at 7pm, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, to hear comments on proposed Local Law # 2 of 2013, which authorizes the Town Board to override the tax limit of 2% in order to adopt a Budget for 2014 if necessary. There were no comments from the public and this public hearing was declared closed by Supervisor Scee.

Immediately after the public hearing, the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfeld was called to order by Supervisor Scee.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista, and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 9/11/13. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

In correspondence, Supervisor Scee mentioned that a letter from Board of Elections went out to candidates running for office to invite them to inspect the voting machines that will be used on Election Day this year. Another letter came from Beverly Sterling, Harborside Services, to notify the Town that she will be moving later this year but she will still be able to work on the Town website. As Beverly is Vice President of the local Daughters of the War of 1812 chapter, she and Anne Davis have been researching and recording who is buried in the Muskallonge Cemetery on the Evans Road. They have also created a map and DVD for the Town records. Beverly and Anne have also been behind the repairs done to monuments and improvements at the cemetery.

The Supervisor's Report for September was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$279,758.28, Total disbursements \$342,437.82, Total in checking account \$143,945.02, Total investments \$650,000.00.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to accept the Supervisor's Report for September. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #10, vouchers #568-637 were presented: General Fund A \$18,088.87, General Fund B \$38.30, Lakeside Cemetery \$1,409.85, Highway Fund A \$17,449.50, Highway Fund B \$19,370.73, Water District 2 \$9,662.08, Water District 5 \$1,543.78, Water District 1 \$2,446.46, Water District 4 \$1,149.87, Water District 3 \$ 19,535.16, Consolidated Health \$520.00, Abstract Total \$91,214.60.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to pay bills in abstract #10, vouchers #568-637. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

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Councilman Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and surveys were sent out to property owners in a proposed water district 6. He also attended an Economic Development Committee meeting and a Jefferson County Airport Committee meeting.

Councilman Young reported that he attended the Economic Development Committee meeting, Hay Memorial Library meeting, and the East Hounsfield Library meeting who are planning the 100 year celebration for November 2nd at 1-4 pm.

Councilman Battista reported that a Fire Dept. meeting was scheduled for last week at Station 1 but there were not enough in attendance to hold a meeting so the members that were present held training and tested equipment.

Councilman Farrington reported that the concrete has been poured behind the Municipal building for the roller park.

Supervisor Scee talked to Corey Reid, of Bernier, Carr and there was no report on construction of Water District 5 but the sequestering project for hardness of the water is ongoing.

Peter Bryant , Economic Development Director, was present and gave a report.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for September.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for September and added that she attended the Lakeside Cemetery Committee meeting and the Water Committee meeting.

The Zoning Officer gave a report for September.

Work sessions for the 2014 Budget were set for 10/16 and 10/23 at 6:30pm here at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Scee reported that he has been approached again to have permission to located a part of the Village walking trail through part of Lakeside Cemetery. The Lakeside Cemetery Committee recommended to the Town Board that this is not appropriate and after discussion, a motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to reject the request to have a portion of the Village walking trail go through Lakeside Cemetery. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista for Resolution #13-31 that the Town Justices are authorized to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program and submit to the Town Supervisor for approval. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for Resolution #13-32, recognizing Town employees who belong to the NYS Retirement System, their retirement numbers and the number of days worked during a month period. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to adopt Local Law #2 of 2013, authorizing the Town Board to override the tax cap of 2%, if necessary, in order to adopt a 2014 Budget. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to set the Public Hearing for 2014 Budget and the November regular meeting for November 6, 2013. The Public Hearing will be at 7pm and the meeting following the hearing.

At this time Supervisor Scee opened the floor for public comments, reminding everyone to address the Board and no one else.

Yvonne Podvin from Parker Road, made a comment to C'man Battista that he is still performing unethical acts and even though he told the Ethics Committee that he resigned from the Fire Dept. Board of Directors, he is now still sitting on that Board. She also commented that she is proud of being involved with the Ad Hoc committee that encourages residents to run for Town and Village offices and she does not hate the Village, just the way the Village is being run. C'man Battista replied that he has resigned from the FD Board of Directors but there has not been a meeting yet where the members can act on his resignation.

Betsy Stoker, of Hounsfield Street, spoke about how she does not like the way the Town is being run and how people from the Town are always putting down the Village and doing underhanded things.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk