

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 6, 2013

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said, Supervisor Timothy Scee called a public hearing to order at 7 pm at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, to hear comments on proposed 2014 Town Budget and Water District rates. Supervisor Scee read highlights for the 2014 Budget.

A question was asked about the increase of \$5,000 to repair FD station 2 and the answer was that a committee has been formed to work on that project. Another question was asked about water district rates and the water district rates and EDU charges, they were then read by the Clerk to the Supervisor:

District 1, \$100 per quarter and \$7.84 per 1,000 gals of water used

District 2, EDU annual charge \$346 and \$85 per quarter(0-10,000 gals used), \$5 per 1,000 gals over 10,000 gals.

District 3, EDU annual charge \$384 and \$85 per quarter(0-10,000 gals used), \$5 per 1,000 gals over 10,000 gals.

District 4, EDU annual charge \$576 and \$80 per quarter(0-10,000 gals used), \$5 per 1,000 gals over 10,000 gals.

District 5, EDU annual charge \$500 and \$85 per quarter(0-10,000 gals used), \$5 per 1,000 gals over 10,000 gals.

With no more questions or comments this hearing was declared closed at 7:13 pm.

Supervisor Scee immediately open the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfeld Town Board.

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

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the minutes of the 10/9/13 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: A notice was received from DEC on a flood plain meeting for local officials to be held on 11/14/13 in Watertown. A certified letter was received from a water customer on Military Road, who have had a water leak for several months, notifying the Town that they are asking to be reimbursed for expenses for detecting the leak and repairing the water line and also asking credit on their water bill for excessive usage. Attorney Dave Renzi has responded to the water customer of the Town's responsibility according to the Town Water Law.

The Supervisor's Report for October was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$594,561.11, Total disbursements \$162,114.66, Total in checking account \$576,391.48, Total investments \$550,000.00.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to approve the Supervisor's report for October. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #11, vouchers #638-696 were presented: General Fund A \$38,849.97, General Fund B \$1,250.00, Highway Fund A \$22,503.10, Highway Fund B \$57,376.20, Water District 2 \$1,198.07, Water District 5 \$1,630.84, Water District 1 \$6,863.84, Water District 4 \$380.05, Water District 3 \$728.62, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$341,441.66, Abstract Total \$472,222.35.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in abstract #11, vouchers #638-696. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista for Resolution #13-33 to approve budget transfers. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended the Economic Development meeting, Airport Development meeting, and a Water Committee meeting.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to accept a used 60 ft. tower, from the local HAM radio club, to be installed at the Burton Road Town water facility to improve reception of the SCADA system and in return the radio club will have permission from the Town to place an antenna on its water tower. C'men Lee, Young, and Battista voted aye, Supervisor Scee did not vote as he is a member of the club.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Economic Development meeting, Open House at East Hounsfield Library and the Hay Memorial Library meeting.

C'man Battista reported that he attended a Fire Dept. meeting.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for the month of October.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for the month of October.

The Zoning Officer gave a report for October.

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The new Assessor, Jim Rounds reported that he has office hours on Wednesday afternoons here at the town barn and everything is going well.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the 2014 Town Budget as submitted. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee announced that an informational meeting for proposed water district 6 will be held here at the Town Hall tomorrow, 11/7/13, at 7pm to answer questions about the project. It will also be streaming live on the internet to accommodate seasonal residents who can not be here. Post cards were mailed to seasonal residents about this.

Supervisor Scee reported that the Clerk/Collector asked to opt/out of the credit and debit card option for paying taxes. After a discussion, the Board agreed to stay with it for now and will revisit next year.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to reappoint Eldon Frechette to a term of 5 yrs to the Board of Assessment Review. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A letter of resignation was read by C'man Battista to take effect 11/30/13 and C'man Lee made a motion to accept the resignation, 2nd by C'man Young. All ayes. Carried.

Public comment was opened and Jean Rogers spoke about a few members of the Board of Assessment Review that rarely attend grievance day meetings. Supervisor Scee will talk with those members before next Board meeting.

C'man Lee reported that he and C'man Farrington have met with the Highway Supt. and discussed a schedule for equipment replacement and the possibility of selling the bulldozer at sealed bid.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

