

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**December 14, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the 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.

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

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to approve the minutes of the 11/9/11 meeting with an addition in the public comment segment: that it was Yvonne Podvin who asked C'man Battista for his resignation. 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 approve the minutes of a special meeting held on 11/22/11. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence received: Supervisor Scee received a notice from EFC that the Town of Hounsfield was not approved for any North Country Regional grant funds that were applied for Water District 5. The Board received a letter of resignation from the secretary of zoning and planning boards due to a family situation and Supervisor Scee received, since last meeting, a letter of resignation from Mark Farrington, Chairman of the Planning Board, effective at the end of the year.

The Supervisor's Report was read by the clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts were \$406,104.38, Total disbursements were \$354,287.99, Total in checking accounts \$441,914.54, and Total investments were \$501,903.89. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to approve the Supervisor's Report. 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 to pay bills in Abstract #12, vouchers #631-691: General Fund A \$29,176.90, Highway Fund A \$30,212.47, Highway Fund B \$55,643.75, Water District 2 \$5,174.90, Water District 1 \$3,457.07, Water District 4 \$2,725.58, Water District 3 \$78,917.47, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$120,727.13, Abstract Total \$326,035.27. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and there was a discussion on the possibility of installing a card swipe system at the District 2 tower that would cost approximately \$3500 and he would like the Board to consider this. He also reported that he met with Kevin Smith and Christine Eggleston on the proposed Comprehensive Plan and a suggestion was made that the Town have digital mapping of its infrastructure done and appoint a committee from the whole community to help the Town through this project.

C'man Cobb reported that he did not attend the Fire Dept. meeting. The Fowl Play fund raiser was held last month.

C'man Battista did not have a report but Beth Burdick announced a Patron Appreciation Day being held at the Hay Memorial Library.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended the Village Board meeting. The highway grant is still pending. The Highway Superintendent has received three quotes on a new recycling trailer: \$7300, \$8600, and \$6800 with prices increasing next year.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a 14 foot dump trailer for \$6800. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for November. He also alerted the Board that the State Bid prices for dump trucks will end on 12/31/11 and that will allow vendors to raise the prices of these trucks marginally and with new emissions that will be required on trucks in 2013, the prices will be driven up even more. Mr. Alcombrack proposed that the Board approve to order a dump truck by the end of this year instead of 2013 as planned to save money. He suggested using the \$50,000 that was budgeted for 2012 as a down payment when the truck arrives in July-September and pay it off in 2013 or take a two year payment plan. He also reminded the Board that the old dump truck could be sold for about \$15,000. The Board discussed payment plans. The Board decided to make a final decision on this at the year end meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for November, reported that she attended a Water Committee meeting and a Cemetery Committee meeting and also requested Board members to be more specific when wording resolutions or motions in the future because this will help with accuracy of the meeting minutes.

Kris Dimmick was present to update the Board on proposed Water District 6, which would connect other districts. He also spoke on Water District 5, which should be out to bid soon.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to refund \$11.25 to Paul Warneck because he was charged for photo copies of a preliminary budget. In discussion C'man Lee would like this issue stated very clearly in the January resolutions. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Christine Eggleston spoke on ways to go forward with the proposed Comprehensive Plan. C'man Lee added that there may be grants available for this.

Supervisor Scee mentioned new appointments that will need to be done in January.

Public Comment: Beth Burdick wanted to clarify that C'man Battista is always aware of what is discussed on the agenda of the Hay Memorial Library meetings but he is not always able to attend the meetings.

Supervisor Scee announced that the Town Board end of year meeting will be held on December 28, 2011 at 7PM.

C'man Lee announced that there will not be a Water Committee meeting this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

