

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**December 8, 2010**

A Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 6:50 PM at 18774 Co. Rt. 66 for the purpose of hearing comments on Local Law # 1 of 2010, The Town of Hounsfeld Dog Law. The Supervisor explained that it is necessary to have a Town law for regulations on licensing dogs because New York State will no longer be involved in licensing. The floor was opened for comments and there were none. The Board discussed if there is a need for enforcement portions of this law and decided that, since the Jefferson County Dog Warden will still be working with the Town, there is no need for restrictions, enforcement, and penalty portions of the law at this time. The PublicHearing was closed at 7:00 PM.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfeld Town Board was immediately called to order by Supervisor Scee and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to approve the minutes of the 11/3/10 meeting. In discussion, C'man Cobb asked why the statements from himself and C'man Battista were not in the minutes or attached. The Clerk stated that there needs to be a majority vote of the Board to enter something of that nature into the minutes and there was no motion or vote in this case. She also stated that these statements are filed in her office with other documents associated with the Town Board minutes of 11/3/10 which the public may view on request. When asked if these statements are on the website with the minutes she replied that they were not but she will add them to the posting. All voted aye to approve the minutes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of the special meeting held 12/2/10. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that he received a reminder that the applications for record management grants are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Total receipts were \$516,775.40, Total disbursements were \$762,560.47, Total in checking accounts was \$144,922.38, and Total investments were \$551,903.13

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 Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to pay bills in Abstract #12, vouchers #698 to 782: General Fund A \$31,419.18, General Fund B \$6,410.00, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$9.00, Highway Fund A \$47,586.76, Highway Fund B \$32,283.46, Water District 2 \$14,130.28, Water District 1 \$859.07, Water District 4 \$4,261.23, Water District 3 \$71,720.90, Water District 3 Capital Fund \$61,212.43, Totaling \$269,892.31. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a meeting with City of Watertown, Town of Watertown, Village of Sackets Harbor, and our own Water Operator to discuss having a trial run of transferring water using the interconnect between Town of Watertown and Town of Hounsfield. This would be done in the event of a water emergency.

Mr. Lee thanked Supervisor Scee for hosting a Christmas dinner for elected and appointed Town officials.

C'man Lee also reported that our engineer set a price of \$28,000 for the 380 ft. water main extension on District 3 on Co. Rt. 145 and C'man Lee made a motion to approve the construction of this extension with funds still in District 3 Capital Fund. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed that an outside user agreement will be drawn up for the possible three users on this extension.

C'man Cobb reported that he attended the Fire Dept. meeting. Their Fowl Play fund raiser was a success and training continues to be held. A discussion was held about the lack of ambulance service on the Dexter and Brownville side of town.

C'man Battista reported on grants received by Hay Memorial Library, an election day bake sale held and a possible tenant for the second story of the Library.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended a Recreation Commission meeting and there will be two extra ball fields available to use next year on Madison Barracks. He met with Christine Eggleston about a Town comprehensive plan, attended a Lakeside Cemetery meeting and will attend a wind law meeting on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Scee reported that the Highway Superintendent did not feel well enough to attend tonight's meeting but there are copies of his written report available.

The Town Clerk gave a collection report for November.

After a discussion was held a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb for resolution # 10-43, approval that water front property on Storrs Road, owned by the Town, will be listed for sale, subject to permissive referendum. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

There was a discussion held on Guilfoyle ambulance service taking over service of the Evans Road area. Supervisor Scee reported that the Town can just let Guilfoyle service the area and bill the patients or the Town could enter into a contract with them each year. C'man Cobb suggested that the Board wait on making a decision until the Sackets Harbor Fire Department decides what they would like to do.

Supervisor Scee reported that he received a sample outside user agreement that could possibly be used for the new users on the Water District 3 extension when finished. The Supervisor noted that an agreement will be adopted before the water is turned on to those users and he asked council members to review the sample agreement.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee agreeing to pass a local law to adopt the 485G Real Property Tax Law, which is a 3 year assessment exemption on vacant lots in new developments. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that Harold Cring has requested to hire the Town to bore under the road ( Co. Rt. 62 ) in order to access utilities for a new house in the Village limits his company is building. A discussion was held and the Board decided that since the Town boring machine was purchased with Town water district funds it should not be used for a project in the Village water district.

A discussion was held on whether to accept the State bid or receive local bids for a computer hard drive for the assessors office and a motion was made by C'man Battista to accept the State bid on a hard drive for the assessors office. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee. 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 for resolution #10-42, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Engineer to immediately submit a completed application for a water supply permit to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and obtain such a permit prior to the start of construction work on proposed Town of Hounsfield Water District # 5. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to adopt Local Law #1 of 2010, The Town of Hounsfield Dog Law, including Articles 1, 2, 3 (sections 1,2,& 3), and articles 4, 5 and 6. All voted aye and the motion was carried. This local law will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The floor was opened for comments and comments were made on Guilfloye ambulance service.

Supervisor Scee announced the year end Board meeting will be held on December 29, 2010 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to go into an executive session on a personnel matter at 8:23 PM. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town Board returned to the regular meeting at 8:56 PM and adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk

