

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2015

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

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilman Stephen Lee, Councilman Todd Farrington, Councilman Richard Young, and Councilman Carson Lennox.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the revised minutes of the meeting held on 1/14/15. All voted aye and motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on 1/28/15. All voted aye and motion was carried.

In correspondence, the Supervisor received an invitation from the Town bonding attorneys for a cocktail party the same week as the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in New York City. He also received a letter from the Village of Brownville to thank the Highway Department for their help with a water line break recently. At the Sackets Harbor Board meeting last evening, the Mayor gave Supervisor Scee information on a law which took effect on February 2, 2015 about board agendas and board minutes that are posted on a website. The agendas must be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting and the minutes must be posted no more than two weeks after the meeting.

The Supervisor's report for January was read by the clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$1,052,671.10, Total disbursements \$250,105.75, Total cash in bank \$1,012,130.94, Total investments \$350,000.00 and a motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lennox to accept the Supervisor's report for January. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in abstract #2, vouchers #33-105 as presented: General Fund A \$45,849.82, General Fund B \$452.29, Highway Fund A \$78,007.86, Highway Fund B \$224.54, Water Dist. 2 \$2,237.27, Water Dist. \$20,265.60, Water Dist. 1 \$225.26, Water Dist. 4 \$164.21, Water Dist. 3 \$621.75, Abstract total \$148,048.60. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he met with reps of Barton & Loguidice, JCIDA and City of Watertown about the proposed industrial park at the Airport. He met again today with B&L about proposed sewer district, Water Dist.6 funding & Dist.2 water tests problems.

C'man Young reported that he attended an Economic Development Committee meeting and a Hay Memorial Library Board meeting.

C'man Lennox reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and a Recreation Commission meeting.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended Fire Department meetings and on February 18, 2015 a meeting with Tiers ambulance service will be held.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for the month of January. He also reported that he has attended meetings with FEMA and the Town can apply for emergency fund for the November 2014 storm.

The Zoning Officer was present and gave a brief report of planning and zoning applications.

Supervisor Scee reported that the Highway Superintendent and crew assessed the repairs needed to the building at Lakeside Cemetery and it was determined that the highway crew could do the repairs needed in the spring.

New Business: A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Young that the Supervisor will send a letter to Wayne Vanderpool, the organizer of the Incredible Race, to inform him that the Town will not approve the use of Town roads for this event. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Water Operator was present to report to the Board of a notice of violation received recently from the NYS Department of Health due to four consecutive quarters of exceeding NYS maximum levels for disinfection byproducts for Water District No. 2 distribution system and storage tank. Barton & Loguidice are recommending to the Town installing an aeration system in the storage tank estimated at \$75,000.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve a cost analysis by Barton & Loguidice for a water tower aeration system to reduce the levels of disinfection byproducts in Water District #2. The cost for the report is \$3800. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that proposed Water District 6 scored well below the funding line when submitted to EFC last year and did not qualify for hardship financing.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to authorize Barton & Loguidice to update the application to EFC for funding of proposed Water District 6 with key project changes for a fee of \$2500. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Farrington that since the Town has received a grant of \$30,000 for preliminary engineering services for a sewer district, Barton & Loguidice is authorized to develop preliminary planning for a sewer district to serve the Route 12F corridor in the Town of Hounsfield for \$37,500. The Town is required to provide a local match of \$7,500, which can be provided as in-kind services or monetary. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to authorize Barton & Loguidice, P.C. to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report necessary to obtain a Preliminary Estimate of Funding from USDA Rural Development for proposed Water District 7. The fee for these services is \$18,500. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to allocate \$5,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for an administrative assistant on the condition that they return \$3,000 leftover from Economic Dev. Director position to use for a business trip to China

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to postpone the scheduled revaluation of assessments for 2017 until 2021. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town Clerk reported that residents are asking when the Town water tower will be reopening and the Board response was that it will reopen when it warms up. A discussion was held on possible ways to heat the tower and on the different ways of payment, the card system versus the coin system. It was suggested that a "Closed" sign be posted at the entrance of Tower Road for now and posted on the Town website.

C'man Young asked the Highway Superintendent about the fire hydrants that are buried in snow and the response was that the highway crew will start to clear them tomorrow.

A discussion was held on the proposed Town audit and the meeting was adjourned-9:14.

Submitted by,
Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

