

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2013

The regular 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.

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 to approve minutes of the 12/31/12 end of year meeting by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made to approve minutes of the 1/9/13 meeting by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

In correspondence, Supervisor Scee received a letter from Assemblyman Michael Kerns of the 145th District which will be addressed later in the meeting. He also received an annual report from JCIDA. C'man Farrington added that he received an email from the Supervisor of Caroline, NY about the Town Board signing up on a website to urge the governor to continue the moratorium on hydrofracking. He will give each Board member a copy.

The Supervisor's Report for January was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$1,055,985.94, Total disbursements \$148,856.52, Total in checking account \$996,500.73, Total investments \$401,384.42.

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

Abstract #2, vouchers #23-106 was presented: General Fund A \$94,209.31, General Fund B \$49.84, Highway Fund A \$113,478.53, Highway Fund B \$2,568.20, Water District 2 \$109,544.05, Water District 5 \$3,378.06, Water District 1 \$6,026.11, Water District 4 \$2,633.69, Water District 3 \$1,102.55, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$324,580.84, Water District 3 Capital Fund \$275.40, Abstract Total \$657,846.58.

After a few questions from C'man Farrington, he made a motion to pay the bills in abstract #2 and C'man Lee 2nd the motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting and there are two public meetings scheduled for May 1st at 6-8 PM and May 4th at 10AM to noon for residents to come and gather information on the plan and give comments. He also reported that he attended an Economic Development Committee meeting and a Water Committee meeting. C'man Lee made the Board aware that the water tower freezes up whenever the temperature drops below zero for more that a day at a time and asked them if this is something they'd like to prevent or deal with it every winter. He also informed the Board that there were two mistakes in charging EDUs for district 5 this year and they should be corrected.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #13-23, to change EDU charges on parcel 72.19-1-34.2 and parcel 72.19-1-17.21 by reducing them each by ½ EDU (\$250). All voted aye and the motion was carried. A letter will be sent to Jefferson Co. Real Property with a copy of this resolution.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Economic Development Committee meeting and the Village Board meeting. He also attended the East Hounsfield Library meeting where C'man Farrington submitted the lease agreement for ball fields to their Board for review. C'man Young reported that the EH Library will be celebrating 100 years of continuous service to the Town on July 8, 2013. He also reported that the Hay Memorial Library will have two upcoming programs for adults and two for children.

C'man Battista reported that the Fire Department did not have enough members attend to have a regular meeting but training was held. They raised \$1000 at the wild game feed that was held last week.

C'man Farrington reported that the lease agreement he gave to EH Library will be brought in to the Town Clerk when they approve it. He reported that he attended the Village Board meeting and they announced that the lease agreements are ready for anyone who would like to rent a garden spot this summer.

A work report was given by the Highway Superintendent for the month of January.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for the month of January and also reported that she attended a Water Committee meeting.

Peter Bryant, Economic Development Director gave a report.

Kris Dimmick gave a Water District 5 update report with a change order to deduct rock digging. He also reported that the Watertown area is now considered an urban area and a MS4 classification for storm water with new standards to follow.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and second by C'man Young to appoint Kelly Harringer to a five year term on the Planning Board ending 12/31/2017. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to accept the resignation of Planning and Zoning secretary, Gert Karris. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to appoint Eileen Townsend to the position of Planning and Zoning secretary. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to reappoint Chris Allen to the Recreation Commission. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee explained to the Board that the letter he received from Assemblyman Michael Kerns asked for a letter of support from our Town for proposed legislation requiring lending institutions to provide municipalities with contact information of owners of vacant structures. After a discussion, a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #13-22 to wait for more information on the proposed legislation which would mandate that lending institutions give owner contact information to municipalities for vacant structures. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to release \$10,000 from the 2013 Budget to Jefferson County for expansion planning costs at the airport. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Zoning Officer asked if the Town could purchase a used laptop for the Zoning and Planning secretary to use. The Board would like to see quotes for that next month.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Submitted by, Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

