

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**February 9, 2011**

A Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of hearing comments on a proposed Zoning Law amendment providing regulations for residential alternative energy. Board members discussed the proposed law, but there were no comments from the public. C'men Lee and Cobb moved to send the proposed law to the Jefferson County Planning Board for their input and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:55 PM.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were; Supervisor Scee, Councilmen, Steve Lee, David Cobb, Todd Farrington, and Vincent Battista.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve minutes of the 1/12/11 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that he had correspondence from the Can Am Festival Committee asking the Town Board to participate in the annual parade in July and a notice of the upcoming Local Government conference on March 31.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Total receipts were \$851,022.14, Total disbursements were \$128,913.90, Total in checking accounts \$811,225.99, and Total investments \$301,903.32.

A motion to accept the Supervisor's Report was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb. All voted ayes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to pay bills in Abstract #2, vouchers #33-90: General Fund A \$36,213.32, Cemetery Fund \$1,178.00, Highway Fund A \$46,404.60, Highway Fund B \$70.20, Water District 2 \$79,262.72, Water District 1 \$3,421.42, Water District 4 \$361.26, Water District 3 \$1,264.48, Abstract Total \$168,176.00. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended an IMA meeting with Trustee Daly, the engineer, the Town and Village water operators, and Councilman Battista. The Village still has issues with the agreement and there will be another meeting.

C'man Cobb reported that he met with the Fire Department Board of Directors. He also reported that he received a letter from Mary Pennock siting a high water usage and she would like her meter checked. The Water Operator will run a history of her usage and call her to set up a time to check for leaks. There was a discussion about Robbins Farms high water usage due to a faulty meter.

C'man Battista reported that Bed Tax applications will be accepted until 2/25/11.

C'man Farrington reported that the Town was denied the application for the highway grant.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for January.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for clerk's fees, dog licenses, water payments, and Town and County taxes. She also reminded the Board that the Justice books and Town Clerk's book are available tonight for review and signing.

The Supervisor reported that he has met with Watertown City Manager about the possibility of purchasing water from the City and there was a discussion held.

Supervisor Scee gave an update on the Storrs Road property. He met with Mr. Hess and Mr. Branche to discuss the parcel between them, that the Town has for sale. Attorney Dave Renzi will determined the actual property lines and there will be another meeting with the neighboring property owners.

The Supervisor gave an update on outstanding legal bills from Attorney Dennis Whelpley. A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista for resolution # 11-15, to pay the firm of Schwerzmann & Wise outstanding legal bills from Attorney Dennis Whelpley, excluding planning bills for Blue Heron Landing. C'man Cobb suggested bonding for Water District 5 bills. C'man Farrington voted

no, C'man Cobb, Battista, and Lee voted yes. Supervisor Scee also voted yes and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held about wind power bills and the payment policy that changed late in 2009. The Supervisor stated that there was a resolution passed to set up a payment policy for wind power bills for Galloo Island but there was no resolution passed to change that policy. Supervisor Scee will send a letter to Robert Burgdorf, attorney for Upstate Power, stating that the original payment policy needs to be reinstated.

Supervisor Scee reported that he received a letter from Rusty Williams resigning his appointment to the Recreation Commission as a representative from the Town. C'man Cobb suggested sending Rusty a letter thanking him for his service to the Town. C'man Farrington was asked to talk to Dale Phillips about the vacancy on the commission because he has shown interest.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to have the Town participate again this year in the Sackets Harbor Visitors Guide for a fee of \$250. All voted yes and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Battista for resolution #11-14, the Town of Hounsfield Board does hereby support the Cooperation Agreement with Jefferson County, pursuant to the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee for a letter of support to Frontier Housing Corporation in their efforts to obtain grant funds to help low income Town of Hounsfield applicants repair or improve their homes. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Comments from the floor concerned Town resolutions and air conditioning units.

This meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

