

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7PM, 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 by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the 2/13/13 Town Board meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

For correspondence, Supervisor Scee received a letter from JCIDA saying that their Comprehensive Plan has been updated for 2012. He also received a request from JCIDA that the Town complete a survey about it's work force and that has been done.

A letter was received from the Attorney General's office, in regard to a complaint made by a resident of Black River Estates on NYS Rt 180 who does not want to pay for water usage. This mobile home park is in the newly constructed water district 5. Attorney Renzi notified the Attorney General that the Town responsibility in this case stops at the master water meter for the mobile home park.

The Supervisor's Report for February was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$382,189.60, Total disbursements \$712,421.61, Total in checking account \$666,283.94, Total investments \$401,384.42.

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

Abstract # 3, vouchers # 107-185 was presented: General Fund A \$57,064.65, General Fund B \$7,735.42, Highway Fund A \$49,370.53, Highway Fund B \$5,232.27, Water District 2 \$13,750.36, Water District 5 \$3,227.84, Water District 1 \$139.70, Water District 4 \$17,500.99, Water District 3 \$11,201.74, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$450.00, Fire Protection \$67,500.00, Abstract Total \$233,173.50.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to pay the bills in Abstract #3, vouchers #107-185. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that a water credit request was received for \$56.66 in district 5 because their installation was done one month before this billing.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Young to give water account # 3037 a credit of \$56.66 because as a new customer in a new district, he was only hooked up one month before the billing. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee also reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and he would like to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, establishing rules, regulations and water rents for Town of Hounsfield water districts #1,2,3,4, and 5 for April 10, 2013 at 7PM at the Town Hall.

C'man Lee also reported that he attended a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting and two open meetings are planned for May 1st from 6-8PM and May 4th from 10AM to noon. Fliers will be sent out to residents to notify them of the meetings.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting and he spoke about the adult and children programs and fund raising events that will be coming up. He also attended the East Hounsfield Library meeting and they are planning a 100 year anniversary celebration. He also added that the lease agreement with the Town should be signed soon.

C'man Battista reported that a Fire Dept. meeting was held and there were twelve ambulance calls and the new website is up and running at sacketsfire.com. He also attended the Bed Tax Committee meeting and allocations were given as follows: Can-Am Festival Committee \$2500, Sackets Harbor Historical Society \$1000, Hay Memorial Library \$500, The Greater Sackets Harbor Chamber of Commerce \$1750, Sackets Harbor Battlefield Alliance \$500, Seaway Trail foundation Inc. \$500, Arts Assoc. of NNY \$750.

C'man Farrington had no report.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for February. He checked with the Department of Soil and Water to see if there are any grants for a dry hydrant and there are none. He also reported that the waste oil furnace has holes in the burner and will need to be replaced in the fall.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for February.

The Zoning Officer gave a report and she asked the Board about getting a used laptop for the Planning and Zoning secretary to use for minutes. She had a quote for \$259.

The Board asked for two more quotes to be considered in purchasing a used laptop.

The Economic Development Director gave a report.

Corey Reid of Bernier, Carr was present with an update on Water District 5 construction.

C'man Farrington made a motion and C'man Lee 2nd that the Town share a bigger ad in the Sackets Harbor visitor's guide this year as suggested by the Village. This would cost an extra \$175. C'man Farrington, C'man Lee, C'man Battista and C'man Young voted yes and Supervisor Scee voted no. The motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that he has written a second speed reduction request to the Jefferson County Highway Superintendent for County Route 145 in front of Old McDonald's Farm and petting zoo.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution # 13-24, to request for the 2nd time a speed reduction on Co. Rt. 145 between Co. Rt. 75 and Co. Rt. 66 because of the visitors and farm vehicles crossing the highway at Old McDonald's Farm. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to go into executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss litigation and an employee history. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:48 PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk