

## TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD

April 9, 2008

A Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Jean Derouin at 7:00 PM for the purpose of public comments on the proposed Local Law # 1 of 2008, which creates an alternate position for the Zoning Board of Appeals with a 5 year term. There were no comments and a motion to close the public hearing was made by C'woman Podvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lawrence. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board, Town of Hounsfield, N.Y. was called to order immediately following the Public Hearing by Supervisor Derouin at the Town Hall, Co. Rt. 66, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Jean Derouin, C'men Steve Lee, David Cobb, Ken Lawrence Jr., and C'woman Yvonne Podvin.

A motion was made by C'man Lawrence and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to approve minutes of the meeting held on 3/12/08. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The floor was opened to the public at this time and Beth Burdick gave a report from Hay Memorial Library. Nick Surdo was also present to report that Hay Memorial received a grant from New York State to install an emergency generator at the library. The grant is a 50/50 match and Mr. Surdo asked if the Town could match the \$3000 grant for the generator. C'men Lee and Cobb were glad that there would be another building in the community for people to go to in an emergency. C'man Lawrence and C'woman Podvin wondered if the Village would share the cost of this since this library is in the Village. Mr. Surdo will ask the mayor if this is possible.

Hale Smith and Irene Busler were present to discuss the Lakeside Cemetery and the dissolving of the Association. The Village Board voted not to assume responsibility of the cemetery and that means that the Town will be responsible for it now. Mrs. Busler offered to help out during the transfer.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'woman Podvin that the Town agrees to take possession of Lakeside Cemetery. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Cobb reported that he has been working on amendments to the Zoning Law with the Zoning Officer and C'woman Podvin. He is also glad to see more signage at the intersection of Co. Rt. 66 and 62.

C'man Lee reported that the Water Committee met. A discussion was held on the proposed water rate increase from the Village. A preconstruction meeting will be held for Water District 4 on Friday and C'man Lee reported that he has been working on other water projects.

C'man Lawrence reported that he worked more with the Highway Superintendent on road standards for private roads. C'man Lawrence will check with the County Coordinator for information that might help in doing this. Supervisor Derouin will write a letter to the different cottage associations notifying them that the Town, by law, can not work on their private roads anymore unless there is an emergency.

C'woman Podvin reported that she is working on the Zoning Law and attended the Planning Board Meeting and a planning seminar at JCC.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for March. The Highway Superintendent made a suggestion of installing a defibrillator (AED) in the meeting room.

There have been complaints of four wheelers driving recklessly on the Parker Road and the Supervisor suggested that the Town Constable write a letter to the Under Sheriff to get some help with this problem.

Supervisor Derouin announced that a special Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 3:00 PM to pay bills and any other business that comes to the Board.

The County Highway Superintendent asked if the Town would be interested in taking over Co. Rt. 62 from NYS Rt. 3 to the Village limits. This decision will be made at a later date.

The Highway Superintendent informed the Board of a flooding problem on NYS Rt. 180 near the Rob L'Hullier home and he thinks the water is coming from the trench of the water line.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lawrence to authorize the Highway Superintendent to fix the problem the way he thinks is best and have the L'Hullier's sign a statement that the Town is not responsible for future problems. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A Water report was given by Jeff Kenney. He announced that RidgeviewTel has installed wireless internet to the Highway Building, no word yet on when the public will begin to be installed. Mr. Kenney suggested trying to get a worker from the Green Thumb Program to work this summer painting hydrants ect. The Board agreed to that. Mr. Kenney also suggested that the Town contract with someone to work on the Town computers when it is needed and he has a company sending a quote and the Supervisor will get another quote.

The Zoning Officer's report was given by Marlene Lennox.

The Assessor's report was given by Jean Rogers. Mr. Rogers thinks that the County Real Property will begin the Town's revaluation soon.

The Supervisor's Report was presented: Total Receipts \$820,456.99, Total Disbursements \$846,075.38, Bank Balances \$23,630.16, Total Investments \$994,398.74. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to accept the Supervisor's report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Derouin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2008. All voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'woman Podvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Cobb to appoint Kevin Oliver as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a 5 year term expiring on 12/31/12. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent announced that he will have a bid opening at the May meeting for a grass cutter mower head for the roadside mower.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk