

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2011

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.

Members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilmen: Stephen Lee, Todd Farrington, and Vincent Battista. Councilman David Cobb was absent.

Supervisor Scee reminded the public to offer comments only that are directed to the Board during the open floor and to refrain from talking during the rest of the meeting.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Scee received a letter from John Kenna who lives next to the Lakeside Cemetery and he reported some hazardous trees that need to be cut or trimmed. A thank you note was received from Seaway Trail for the Bed Tax funds received and a thank you from North Country Affordable Housing for the Town's support. The Annual Report of Hay Memorial Library was received and a letter from Irene Busler, secretary for Lakeside Cemetery for years, requesting \$8 per. hr. for consulting services. C'man Battista forwarded an email to Supervisor Scee from Jane Bardon requesting that the Town refrain from mowing the roadside in front of her home on the Military Road near the Hess Road intersection but Supervisor Scee reported that the intersections do need to be mowed for safety of motorists.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Total receipts were \$461,700.69, Total disbursements were \$373,376.82, Total in checking accounts \$159,848.99, and Total investments \$726,903.51. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in Abstract #5, vouchers #216-267: General Fund A \$12,830.25, General Fund B \$12.00, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$326.30, Highway Fund A \$10,992.55, Highway Fund B \$11,003.88, Water District 2 \$2,387.49, Water District 1 \$3,507.52, Water District 4 \$13.36, Water District 3 \$1,615.41, Water District 3 Capital Fund \$26,469.43, Totaling \$69,158.19. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Legislator Barry Ormsby was present to give an update on the Airport.

C'man Lee reported that he attended the Water Committee meeting and they are working on policies for hookups and other issues. Water District 5 update: There are just a few easements left to get and he met with DEC about the easements under the boat launch on NYS Rt. 180 and Dexter Marsh. The quality of the well water was reported very good, just a trace of sulphur that is treatable with a holding tank and chlorine treatment. The yield for both wells is about 119 gal. per minute and the hardness is a minimal level of calcium.

C'man Battista had no report but shared a report from C'man Cobb. On Friday, May 20th at 11 AM, Sackets Harbor Central and Belleville-Henderson Central along with the local Fire Depts. and Jefferson County Sheriff Dept. will hold an accident reenactment demonstration at SHC for the students. Also, at the Fire Dept. meeting the EMTs reviewed the call for coverage of the Evans Road area and decided that they want to cover it.

C'man Lee asked C'man Battista if he has priced air conditioners for the meeting room and clerk's office and the answer was no. The Highway Superintendent will get prices.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended the Cemetery Committee meeting on April 29th and a discussion was held on the possibility of a third entrance on the other side of the building. A review of the Outside Water User Agreement guidelines was conducted and suggestions were given to improve them. These suggestions will be sent to Attorney Renzi for review. C'man Farrington also reported that he attended an EFC conference on April 27th.

Since the closing on the B.A.N. (Bond Anticipation Note) for Water District 5 will be May 25, 2011, C'man Farrington made a motion and C'man Lee 2nd that a bid process begin to have sealed bids opened on June 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm on a used Gradall. C'man Farrington, C'man Lee and Supervisor Scee voted yes, C'man Battista voted no. Carried.

C'man Farrington also reported that he attended a Recreation Committee meeting and there was a work day for Stoodley Park held. Trustee Daly reported what was accomplished that day and that it should be completed by the end of summer.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for April.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to take ownership of two culvert pipes on Ridge Road, identified as #J32 and J38. All voted aye. Carried.

Quotes for mowing of Lakeside Cemetery were presented to the Board by the Highway Superintendent: one mow per week for 16 weeks : Pride Lawn Care \$16,800, Clement's Lawn Care \$11,200, Larry Jensen \$10,800, Yard by Yard \$6,192. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to accept the quote and hire Yard by Yard to mow and trim the cemetery this year starting June 1st. All voted yes, motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent would like the Board to think about purchasing a used flayal mower for roadsides if the gradall bids come in low and there is money left over.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to hire a college student at \$10.40 as a temporary laborer for mowing. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Kris Dimmick of Bernier, Carr Assoc. was present to give updates on Water Districts 3, 5, and 6. He also reported to C'man Farrington that the DOT Type 3 grants (roads) will be announced soon.

The Town Clerk gave a report for April collections.

Supervisor Scee reported that since a firm is being hired to maintain the lawn at Lakeside Cemetery, the laborer, Dale Bishop will be notified that his services are no longer needed and he will be thanked for his many years of service and knowledge of the cemetery.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay \$8.00 per hr to Irene Busler for consultations regarding Lakeside Cemetery. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that the closing on a Bond Anticipation Note for Water District 5 for \$600,000 will be next Wednesday, the 25th. The Board approved this loan to pay outstanding debt for Water District 5. The clerk to the Supervisor added that the B.A.N. will be with Watertown Savings Bank at a rate of 1.5% which can be paid off early when the Town receives grant funding.

Supervisor Scee received the proposed IMA for District 5 water from the City of Watertown today the board members and Attorney Renzi have copies to review. A special meeting will be called to act on this agreement.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Farrington to make an offer to the two neighbors of the Storrs Road property owned by the Town, to divide it in a manner which, when added to their existing lots, will create an acceptable new parcel. A reasonable price will be researched and offered in a letter. The Board will give each neighbor 90 days to respond. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Farrington for resolution 11-19, that the Town of Hounsfield Assessor is advised by the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield to grant the application for those residential lots in a subdivision which have made application in accordance with the statute, Real Property Law section 485g. All present voted yes in a roll call vote and the motion was carried.

A comprehensive plan was discussed and Christine Eggleston will try to set up a training session with Wendy Weber Salvati, Associate Principal at Wendel Planning Services.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for resolution 11-18, for purchase of water easement grant across land of the people of New York State for Water District 5. In a roll call vote, C'man Battista, Farrington, Lee and Supervisor Scee voted yes and the motion was carried.

A Hay Memorial Library report was given by Beth Burdick.

There was no public comment from the floor.

Supervisor Scee reported that the Town request to the Village Board for nine outside water users was granted with stipulation that the Town does not request more water users until the Village of Sackets Harbor receives funding for a new water plant or the Town has a signed IMA from the City of Watertown.

At this time this meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

