

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 6, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfeld Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 at 7PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of the 6/8/11 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the 5/26/11 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported on correspondence received: A letter from NYS DOT on a request for a speed reduction on Rt. 145 in the area of Old McDonald's Farm petting zoo. This request was denied. A copy of a letter from Attorney David Renzi to Anthony Biggs about delinquent payments for damage to the Town water tower was received and Mr. Biggs agreed to pay the past due amount (\$712.98) by the 15th of August. C'man Battista also added that the Board received a letter from Barbara Boulton asking them to consider her for appointment to the vacancy on the Planning Board.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Total receipts were \$137,855.56, total disbursements were \$613,849.05, total in checking accounts \$239,005.25, and total investments \$751,903.51. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington. 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 #7, vouchers #346-400: General Fund A \$11,103.50, Cemetery Fund \$1,800.42, Highway Fund A \$13,065.46, Highway Fund B \$13,285.33, Water Dist. 2 \$12,505.26, Water Dist. 1 \$365.85, Water Dist. 4 \$630.03, Water Dist. 3 \$7,188.68, Totaling \$59,944.53. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that the Water Committee is reviewing policies and the outside user agreement cover sheet.

C'man Cobb reported that he attended the Fire Dept. meeting and they have a full schedule of training and local events for this month. He also announced that on July 26th the new fire station on Fort Drum will be dedicated in memory of Garret Loomis.

C'man Battista asked Beth Burdick to report on upcoming events at Hay Memorial Library.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended a recreation commission meeting and there are new requirements for the summer rec program. Mayor Constance gave an update on dealing with those issues. C'man Farrington also reported that the outside user agreement is being reviewed by the attorney.

A work report for June was given by the Highway Superintendent.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for the month of June. She also reported that she attended the Lakeside Cemetery Committee meeting.

Supervisor Scee reported that two more checks were transferred to the Town with Lakeside Cemetery funds.

Christine Eggleston reported that the Board training for Zoning and Comprehensive Planning will take place on Wednesday, July 27 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the Town Hall and she asked if interested persons from the Town and Village would respond to the Town Clerk for preregistration.

Supervisor Scee announced that there were two applicants who showed interest in the Planning Board position in the two week time frame. A discussion was held and C'man Cobb told the Supervisor he didn't know anything about this but when he looked on the website today there was no time frame posted for applying. C'man Cobb feels that another ad should be posted with a time limit for interested persons to apply for the Planning Board vacancy in writing and the Board should hold interviews before the next meeting. C'man Battista agreed with C'man Cobb.

C'man Lee and Supervisor Scee agree that two very qualified people have applied and have already been interviewed in the past and C'man Lee made a motion and Supervisor Scee 2nd to appoint Marlene Lennox to the vacant position on the Planning Board with an unexpired term to December 31, 2011. In a roll call vote: C'man Farrington abstained because his brother is chair of the Planning Board, C'man Battista voted no, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Cobb voted no and Supervisor Scee voted yes. Motion was defeated.

A motion was made by C'man Cobb and 2nd by C'man Battista to repost an ad for applicants to apply in writing for the vacant Planning Board position with the term expiring 12/31/11. The applications will be accepted for two weeks. A roll call vote was taken and C'man Battista voted yes, C'man Farrington abstained, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Cobb voted yes, and Supervisor Scee voted no. Motion carried.

Supervisor Scee opened the floor to public comment and comments were made on: the new tax cap; how the Town should be saving money instead of buying a gradall; most companies keep job applications on file for a year and because of a personal vendetta against Marlene Lennox, she is not appointed to any job she applies for in this Town even though she is the most qualified; Town Planning Board members should live in the Town outside the Village; and a report of trash at Muskellunge boat launch. The floor was closed at this time.

C'man Farrington spoke about the three gradall machines that were bid at the opening last month. The Highway Superintendent was given a poor recommendation for the machine at Carter's Trucking and Blacktopping in Morrisonville from Town of Watertown. C'man Farrington reported that he and the Highway Superintendent looked at the remaining two at Yacano's Gradall Service in Norwich, NY and the only one that fit the specs was the one that was bid for \$94,000. A discussion was held.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to purchase the Gradall from Yacano's Gradall Service, Norwich, NY for \$94,000. In a roll call vote C'man Battista voted no, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Cobb voted no and Supervisor Scee voted yes. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by, Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

