

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2014

Immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance was said, a Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of hearing any public comment regarding renewal of the cable television franchise agreement by and between the Town of Hounsfield and Time Warner Cable. There were no comments and the hearing was declared closed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Scee. Board members present were: Councilman Stephen Lee, Councilman Todd Farrington, Councilman Richard Young, and Councilman Carson Lennox.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the minutes of the 7/16/14 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

In correspondence, Supervisor Scee received a letter from National Grid and NYS Department of Transportation, regarding the repair of the bridge on NYS Rt. 180 over the Black River and into the Village of Dexter which will take place next year. There will be a reduction of lamp posts on the bridge from three to two, one at each end.

C'man Young reported that residents have commented to him about the repair of the water hydrant on Storrs Rd. and the status of possible water for Storrs Rd. extension. A discussion was held on proposed ways to get municipal water to Storrs Rd. extension.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for the month of July: Total receipts \$187,316.50, Total disbursements \$121,424.69, Total cash in bank \$374,828.26, Total investments \$600,000.00. The clerk added that the amount received for sales tax last quarter was down 2.2%. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the Supervisor's Report as read. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #8, vouchers #454-527 was presented: General Fund A \$12,886.78, General Fund B \$666.03, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,800.00, Highway Fund A \$13,417.33, Highway Fund B \$18,123.50, Water District 2 \$1,831.37, Water District 5 \$1,958.92, Water District 1 \$20,689.73, Water District 4 \$142.04, Water District 3 \$626.84 and Abstract Total \$72,142.54.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay the bills presented in abstract #8. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he met with Christine Eggleston, Yan Maas, and Supervisor Scee about the interest in identifying the former schoolhouses in the Town. Grants for this will be researched.

C'man Young gave a report of the East Hounsfield Library meeting and Hay Memorial Library meeting.

A letter was read from Senator Patty Ritchie to encourage the Town to pass a resolution to stand up for Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox for resolution # 14-12 to encourage our military leaders to reject any reductions in troop strength or operation at Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington reported that the bids for the zero turn mower were opened on August 1st and they were: Andy Kirch \$511, Bob Bendwell \$750, Alfred Filley \$989, and Steven Slate \$1401. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to accept the high bid of \$1401 for the sale of the zero turn mower. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held on the issue of hiring a new court clerk and a motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to hire Susan Horr as Court Clerk at a salary of \$12,480 per year beginning 7/21/14. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held on bonding of the new Court Clerk.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to approve The East Hounsfield Library starting the process of applying for a grant to build a 60' X 100' parking lot at the library to cost \$10,500 to \$11,000. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington also reported that he attended the Village Board meeting last night.

C'man Lennox reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting, Recreation Commission meeting, Water Committee meeting and the Can Am soap box derby.

A work report for July was given by the Highway Superintendent. He reported that the new trailer is here and asked the Board what they want to do with the old trailer.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to sell the used utility trailer at sealed bids to be opened September 10, 2014 at 7 pm. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to authorize the Highway Superintendent to use \$10,000 from CHIPS fund to pave the parking lot of the Highway Building. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held on the Sackets Harbor Fire Department in regard to the upkeep of the Sulphur Springs station building and the lost of members at that station.

Supervisor Scee gave an update on the appeal of the lawsuit brought by Schwerzman & Wise. A brief has been filed with the appellate court for the Town and a January hearing is scheduled.

A discussion was held on moving the Town Court out here to the Highway Building.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #14-11, to renew the cable franchise held by Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC.

A discussion was held about a proposed new Assessor's program introduced by the County to help the assessors with gathering information out in the Town with a tablet. A cost of \$750 a year for a license and the cost of the tablet would be the Town's responsibility. This will be tabled at this time for more information.

At this time the floor was opened for public comment and a question was asked about the Incredible Man Triathlon.

The Highway Superintendent reported that an employee was in a bad truck accident today but was not hurt and he wanted to make the Board aware that it will be turned into the insurance company.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to reimburse Town of Henderson \$522 for a seminar that the Assessor will be attending representing Henderson and Hounsfeld. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town has an eleven year old computer to be sold and the Board decided to receive bids on this to be in by September 2, 2014 at 1 pm.

A budget work session was set for September 15, 2014 at 7pm.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to go into executive session at 9:07 pm and returned at 9:26 pm.

This meeting was adjourned at this time.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk