

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, 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.

The Supervisor reported that he received a letter from the DEC to let the Town know that the funding applied for through the regional development was denied. He also received notification that the Tug Hill Commission will hold it's annual Local Government Conference in March and all Town officials should let the Clerk know if they would like to attend.

The Supervisor's Report for December was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$512,906.79, Total disbursements \$1,156,132.96, Total checking act.\$89,471.31, Total investments \$501,384.42. A comparative bank balance page was also provided for each fund for year 2012.

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

Abstract # 1, vouchers #1-22 was presented: General Fund A \$27,428.23, General Fund B \$744, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,266, Highway Fund A \$32,151, Highway Fund B \$26,263, Water District 2 \$6,862.20, Water District 5 \$2,805.84, Water District 1 \$867, Water District 4 \$619, Water District 3 \$8,893.52, Abstract Total \$107,899.79.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in abstract #1, vouchers #1-22. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended an EDR meeting in December, there was no Water Committee meeting in December and the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting is tomorrow night to review returned surveys. He also mentioned that Water District 5 is moving along well.

C'man Young reported that he also attended the EDR meeting and the next one is on Friday. There was no meeting for East Hounsfield Library and the Hay Memorial Library meeting was canceled for December.

C'man Battista reported on the Fire Department. He attended their meeting and last month there were seven EMS calls and one fire call. A \$1000 donation was sent to the Webster Fire Dept. for their fallen firefighters. The scholarship fund raising made \$12,000. Randy Cloe resigned as chief and Ken Lawrence Jr. was temporarily appointed until elections in April.

C'man Farrington reported on Recreation Commission's plans for the sewer treatment plant grounds and he had a site plan map on that.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to spend up to \$3000 from the recreation budget to start frames for community gardens. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington also stated that at the Village Board meeting the night before, the Mayor talked about more ways of the Town and Village sharing services to save money, (D.P.W., Clerks) , but C'man Farrington would like to see it go further and combine the Village and Town Boards also. He asked the Town Board to agree to meet with the Village for a joint meeting to discuss the possibility of that happening. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to meet with the Village and Supervisor Scee agreed to set it up with the Mayor.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for December. He also brought up that Jefferson County would like a resolution for the transfer of the end of Floral Drive that is adjacent to NYS Rt. 12F to them from the Town of Hounsfield. A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Battista for resolution #13-21 to approve this transfer of 0.33 miles of Floral Drive to Jefferson County. In a roll call vote all voted yes and the motion was carried.

At this time Supervisor Scee shared that the Superintendent of the school called him to ask if the Town would sand their parking lot because of the ice problem and because the Village DPW refused to do it. Supervisor Scee asked the Highway Superintendent to sand it and although he was hesitant to do the job without Board approval, it was done this morning before arrival of students, teachers and staff.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to sand the school parking lot when warranted in the future. C'man Lee stated that this is a good shared services opportunity with the school. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Town Clerk said she is very busy collecting taxes & will have a double report next time.

An Economic Development report was given by Dave Altieri.

Corey Reid was present to give a Water Dist. 5 progress report from Bernier, Carr.

Supervisor Scee reported that a corrected bill will be sent from the Village for Water Dist. 5 and the Clerk to the Supervisor was instructed to pay Water Dist. 2 bills as they appear. Supervisor Scee also mentioned that the flushing agreement will be terminated with the Village of Sackets Harbor because the flushing has ended.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to get a membership and place an advertisement in the Sackets Harbor Visitors Guide for 2013 at a cost of \$315. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee suggested reviewing Justice and Planning Board funding of salaries. The Supervisor agreed since one Justice is away for three months a year.

The annual resolutions were read by the Clerk to the Supervisor:

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #13-1 to establish date and time for Board meetings for 2013. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young for resolution #13-2 to adopt policies and designations for 2013. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Farrington for resolution #13-3 authorizing signatory and payment duties for 2013. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young for resolution #13-4, approving appointments for 2013. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #13-5, for appointments for Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals members.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution # 13-6, to establish salaries and wage rates. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Young for resolution #13-7, to appoint secretary for Planning and Zoning Boards and establish a wage for the position.. Gertrude Karris was appointed at \$30 per meeting. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Farrington for resolution #13-8 to establish wages for the Planning Board for 2013. Planning Board Chair is set at \$1250 yr. and members is set at \$1000 yr. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Young for resolution #13-9, to establish Highway Dept. wage rates for 2013. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #13-10, authorizing professional development and training for Town staff, elected officials and boards/committees. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista for resolution #13-11, to authorizing purchases by Highway Department for 2013. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #13-12, authorizing health insurance/vision care premiums for 2013. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for resolution #13-13, authorizing Town Highway Dept. uniform agreement for 2013. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista for resolution #13-14, establishing fees for services. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for resolution #13-15, to establish a mileage rate of \$.55 per mile for official Town business. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young for resolution #13-16, to appoint Attorney David Renzi as Town attorney. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Farrington for resolution #13-17, to establish a change in water rates for Water Dist. 2 as stated at the Public Hearing on October 24, 2012 and adopted with 2013 Budget. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Battista for resolution #13-18, to establish a change in water rates for Water Dist. 3 as stated at the Public Hearing on October 24, 2012 and adopted with 2013 Budget. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for resolution #13-19, to establish a change in water rates for Water Dist. 4 as stated at the Public Hearing on October 24, 2012 and adopted with 2013 Budget. All voted aye and it was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee for resolution #13-20, to establish a change in water rents for Water Dist. 5 as stated at the Public Hearing on October 24, 2012 and adopted with 2013 Budget. All voted aye and it was carried.

Public comments were heard on the District 2 water billing by the Village, and requests to revisit the Rt. 3 corridor overlay in the Zoning Law.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Submitted By,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk