

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 8, 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 proposed Local Law #3 of 2014, to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law #3-c. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was declared closed.

Supervisor Scee announced that former Supervisor, Jean Derouin is in hospital following a difficult open heart surgery and asked everyone to keep him and his family in our thoughts for a speedy recovery because he has been a very important part of our Town's development.

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 Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the 9/10/14 meeting of the Town Board. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported correspondence he received: A Thank You card was received from the Henderson Historical Society for our Town's contribution to the cable carry reenactment event that was held this summer. A documentary was filmed of the event and will air on PBS. A notice was received from the Watertown Daily Times informing the Town that the rate charged for legal notices published has increased. The Sackets Harbor Seaway Trails sent a reminder of the Town membership fee that is due.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lennox to pay the Town membership dues for Seaway Trails. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for the month of September: Total receipts \$222,035.98, Total disbursements \$224,412.43, Total cash in bank \$78,252.07, Total investments \$600,000.00. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve the Supervisor's Report for September. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee for Resolution # 14-12, to approve budget transfers submitted by the Clerk to the Supervisor. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #10, vouchers #587-639 was presented: General Fund A \$18,578.69, General Fund B \$71.70, Lakeside Cemetery \$1,817.72, Highway Fund A \$29,444.23, Highway Fund B \$14,200.72, Water Dist. 2 \$12,853.74, Water Dist. 5 \$2,427.90, Water Dist. 1 \$504.24, Water Dist. 4 \$828.60, Water Dist. 3 \$24,322.31, Consolidated Health \$520.00, Abstract total \$105,569.85.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to pay the bills presented in abstract #10. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilman Stephen Lee reported that he attended the Water Committee meeting where proposed water district 6 was discussed. He attended a meeting with Rural Development and discussed proposed water district 7. He also reported that he attended a meeting with Sackets Harbor and Henderson Fire chiefs and the Jefferson County EMS Director about Sackets Harbor's ambulance calls.

C'man Richard Young reported that he attended the Fire Dept. EMS meeting and the Hay Memorial Library meeting.

C'man Todd Farrington had no report

C'man Carson Lennox reported that he attended the Water Committee meeting and the Fire Dept. EMS meeting.

The Zoning Officer gave a report for August and September and asked the Board for guidance on a sign violation. The Board discussed the violation and urged the Zoning Officer to follow the Zoning Law on this matter and require that the sign be removed.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for September and he requested that the July minutes be corrected to include that the Highway Superintendent does have on file a list of Town equipment that has been sold.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young for a correction in Town Board minutes for July 2014: When asked by C'man Young, the Highway Superintendent replied that he has a list on file of Town equipment that has been sold. All ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held about a inoperable water hydrant at NYS Rt. 3 and Youngs Road. The Water Operator reported that he has tried to repair this hydrant but it will need to be replaced. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve the replacement of the water hydrant at NYS Rt. 3 and Youngs Road in Water District 2. All ayes. Carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young for adoption of Local Law #3 of 2014, to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law #3-c, in 2015 Town of Hounsfield Budget if necessary. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held by the Board on the Dog Control fees that are due to increase by about 100% to Towns in Jefferson County for 2015.

The Town Board agreed to join the Town Supervisors in an effort to renegotiate the contract with Jefferson County for Dog Control fees for 2015 and hiring an attorney if needed. Supervisor Scee will report to the other Supervisors of the Board's decision and inquire on the cost to the Town if an attorney is needed.

A discussion was held on proposed zoning changes to the Town of Hounsfield Zoning Law in the Arterial Corridor along NYS Rt. 3. and NYS Rt. 180.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to introduce proposed changes to the Town of Hounsfield Zoning Law for the Arterial Corridor along NYS Rt. 3 and NYS Rt. 180, and to send these proposed changes to Jefferson County Planning Board for their review. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee opened the floor for public comment to the Board. There was no public comment and the floor was then closed.

C'man Young asked if the Comprehensive Plan has been posted on the Town website yet and Supervisor Scee replied that he will have the chair of that committee send a copy of the approved plan to the webmaster to be posted.

Supervisor Scee announced that the Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2015 Town Budget will be held on November 5, 2014 at 7 pm. and the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Scee also announced that the Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Arterial Corridor section of the Zoning Law will be held at 7 pm on December 10, 2014.

Another announcement was that the Town Board will hold another workshop on the 2015 Town Budget on October 15, 2014 at 7 pm.

C'man Young made a motion and C'man Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> to go into executive session about a personnel matter at 8:26 pm. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:49 pm. and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk

